

# Reauthorization to exercise the trade

If you have been officially banned from practicing your trade, you can apply for re-authorization.

## Competent Department

- [5.02 Gewerbeangelegenheiten - Die Senatorin für Wirtschaft, Häfen und Transformation](#)

## Basic information

If it has been established in the past that you were unreliable under trade law and you were banned from carrying on a trade, you have the right to apply for permission to carry on a trade again. As a rule, this is possible after one year, or earlier if there are special reasons.

## Requirements

The applicant's reliability must be established in order to be able to exercise the trade again. In particular, the reasons that originally led to the prohibition of the trade should have been eliminated.

The trade authority in whose area the applicant wishes to become self-employed again is responsible for the reinstatement procedure. If a future place of business is not yet known, the trade authority of the place of residence is responsible.

## What documents do I need?

- Certificate of good conduct in document type OG (for submission to an authority)  
(to be applied for at the local registration office responsible for your residence)
- Information from the central trade register in document type 9

This can be applied for via the trade registration office. The Senator for Economics, Ports and Transformation -Commercial Affairs-, Katharinenklosterhof 3, 28195 Bremen should be specified as the recipient when applying.

If a legal entity is planned as the operator, information for this legal entity and the entire management is required.

- Certificate in tax matters of the tax office

(to be applied for at the tax office of the place of residence)

- Extract from the list of debtors of the enforcement court

The debtors' register can only be inspected online at [www.vollstreckungsportal.de](http://www.vollstreckungsportal.de). Registration is necessary here. You will then receive a PIN by post, which you can use to start your search. The result of your query must be printed out and enclosed with your application.

- Information from the insolvency court as to whether proceedings have been opened

(to be applied for at the district court of the place of residence)

## Procedure

Once you have submitted a written application for re-authorization, your reliability under trade law will be checked on the basis of your details and other official inquiries. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for the verification procedure. In individual cases and depending on the scope of the check, it may take longer.

Please note that the list of documents to be submitted on this page is not exhaustive. In each individual case, further documents may be required to establish your reliability. You may therefore be asked to submit further documents once your application has been received.

## Legal bases

- [§ 35 Gewerbeordnung](#)
- [Kostenverordnung der Wirtschaftsverwaltung \(WKostV\)](#)

## What are the costs?

424,00 EUR in the case of an ordered re-permission to exercise the trade. Should it be necessary to reject the application for reinstatement, the fee will be reduced by 25 to 75 % depending on the effort involved in accordance with Section 9 (2) of the Bremen Fees and Contributions Act (Bremisches Gebühren- und Beitragsgesetz).