

Small firearms license

You need the "Small Weapons License" if you want to carry a scare gun, an irritant weapon or a signal weapon with PTB marking.

It should be noted that with regard to the small firearms license every 3 years a reliability test must take place, which is associated with additional costs in the amount of 50.00 euros!

Competent Department

- [Ordnungsamt | Referat 11 - Waffen- und Jagdangelegenheiten](#)

Basic information

In most cases, a permit is required to handle weapons or ammunition. You need a "small firearms license" if you want to carry a scare gun, an irritant weapon or a signal weapon with PTB marking.

According to the Weapons Act, the term "carrying" means: the exercise of actual power outside one's own home, one's own business premises, one's own contented property (e.g. fenced property) or a shooting range.

Note that carrying an alarm or irritant weapon is not appropriate to protect against assault. If anything, arming yourself increases the risk of escalation.

The "small firearms license" does not entitle you to shoot.

Requirements

- Minimum age: 18 years
- Reliability: Above all, you must not have any previous convictions.
- Personal suitability: You do not have the required personal suitability, for example, if facts justify the assumption that you are legally incompetent, alcohol dependent or mentally ill.

What documents do I need?

- Proof of identity

e.g. identity card or passport

Procedure

- The application for a Small Arms License is possible only with an appointment. You can make an appointment by phone or by mail.
- Inform yourself about the applicable regulations already before acquiring a weapon.
- After the application for the "Small Weapons License", it will be checked whether the required reliability exists. The following information will be obtained for this purpose:
 - Information from the Federal Central Register
 - Information from the central public prosecutor's procedural register
 - Statement from the local police station
- If there are doubts about personal suitability, a medical certificate from an official or specialist doctor or a specialist psychological certificate may be required.

Legal bases

- [Kostenverordnung für die Innere Verwaltung \(InKostV\)](#)
- [Waffengesetz](#)

What are the costs?

105,00 EUR for their first issue

50,00 EUR Follow-up costs for the regular reliability check every 3 years

Please note that the costs may change due to new legal requirements!

Frequently asked Questions

- **Is a small firearms license required for pepper spray and CS gas spray? Are there any special features or exceptions to the marking of the sprays (e.g. for defense against dogs)?**

No, a small firearms license is not required for these sprays. The sprays are legal if they are used to defend against animals (declaration: "Tierabwehrspray") or if they have been approved by the Federal Criminal Police Office (marking: "BKA-Raute"). Other sprays that are not appropriately labeled may not be carried!

- **Does the address on the small firearms license have to be changed if I move within Bremen?**

No address of the permit holder is recorded on the Small Arms Permit. A change is therefore not possible but also not necessary.

- **What is the procedure in case of damage to the document, is a new one issued, what documents are required for this?**

In the event of damage, a replacement can be requested. In this case - as with the initial application - the identity card must be presented.

