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Gambling equipment with the possibility of winning - type approval

Gambling equipment with the possibility of winning (money and goods gambling equipment) may only be set up commercially if the Physical-Technical Federal Agency (Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt) has approved the design. Producers of gambling equipment must apply for this approval. Approvals can be granted for a limited period or subject to further conditions. The Physical-Technical Federal Agency has published technical guidelines on its website, which contain detailed information on the exact procedure, a detailed description of the required documents and a sample application.

Prerequisites

- **Requirements for the approval of gambling equipment**

(http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/spielv/_13.html)

- The requirements for the licensing of gambling equipment are regulated in §§ 12, 13 and 14 of the Gambling Ordinance (Spieleverordnung or SpielV) (see "Legal basis").
- § 14 Gambling Ordinance applies to goods gambling equipment, according to which some of the requirements that must also be observed for the licensing of money gambling equipment apply.

Documents required

- **Application for type approval**

The application must be submitted in written form with the applicant's signature to the Physical-Technical Federal Agency.

- **Description of the gambling equipment**

- **Construction plan of the play equipment**

- **Instructions for use of the gambling equipment**

- **Technical description of the components of the gambling equipment**

- **Sample equipment**

A sample equipment that must be complete and functional and suitable for series production.

- **Written declaration of the producer**

Written declaration by the producer that the gaming equipment to be tested fulfils the requirements specified in § 12 Sec. 2 Gambling Ordinance (Spieleverordnung or SpielV). Supplementary technical descriptions may be submitted in electronic form.

- **More documents**

At the request of the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, further documents must be submitted. A detailed list and description of the documents can be found on the website of the Physical-Technical Federal Agency in the published technical guidelines (under "Further information").

Fees

EUR 47.00 to EUR 67.00 (hourly rate), fee depending on processing time

Legal basis

- **Trade Regulation (Gewerbeordnung or GewO)**
(<http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/gewo/>)
- **Gambling Ordinance (Spielverordnung or SpielV)**
(<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/spielv/BJNR001530962.html>)
- **Fees and hourly rates - cf. § 17 Gambling Ordinance (Spielverordnung or SpielV)**
(http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/spielv/_17.html)

Average time to process request

The processing time from submission of the application to the decision depends on:

- the quality of the submitted documentation and the type design,
- the need for change identified during the audit; and
- of the number of applications to be processed.

More information

- **Website of the Physical-Technical Federal Agency**
(<https://www.ptb.de/spielgeraete>)
- **Gambling equipment with winning opportunities - permit**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/327493/en/>)
- **Gambling equipment with winning opportunities - confirmation installation location**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/327495/en/>)
- **Gambling with winning opportunities - issue of a clearance certificate**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/329547/>)

Notes on responsibility

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