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Arms possession card (red) for collectors and experts

The arms possession card (red) authorises its holder to acquire or own firearms. The red arms possession card can only be applied for by weapon collectors and weapon experts.

If you are interested in acquisition permission for creating an ammunition collection or for acquiring ammunition, you need to apply for an ammunition acquisition permit (see “More information” for more details).

Prerequisites

- **You are a weapon collector or expert**
- **Minimum age: usually 25 years**
- **Age 18 and up, only with a personal suitability certificate**
- **Reliability**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_5.html)
- **Personal suitability**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_6.html)
- **Competency test**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_7.html)
- **Necessity according to weapons legislation**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_8.html)
Weapons Act (WaffG) §8, §17, §18

Documents required

- **Application for an arms possession card (red)**
Can be completed online; or you can use the form.
 - Online processing: please keep all required documents and certificates ready for upload in PDF, JPG, JPEG, PNG or DOCX format. The files should be named as follows: `firstname_surname_description.pdf`
 - As an alternative, you may submit the application by postal mail or e-mail: please post or email the signed application and all certificates and personal documents to the weapons authority of the Berlin police.
- **Identity card or passport**
As a photocopy or photograph
- **Evidence of necessity according to weapons legislation**
 - Collectors**
 - You must provide evidence that you are academically or technically active as a weapon or ammunition collector and that the acquisition contributes to the creation or expansion of a cultural-historically relevant collection (see “More information”).
 - Experts**
 - Provide evidence that you need firearms or ammunition for academic or technical purposes, for testing, assessment, examination or similar purposes (see “More information”).
- **Proof of competence**
Test certificate (e.g. from an officially approved commercial competence

training provider)

- **Certificate of personal suitability (if you are under 25)**

In the context of processing your application, we will ask you to submit this document at a later date.

- **Certificate of safe storage**

The purchase receipt or a photo of the gun cabinet must be presented as proof of safe storage. The type plate with the serial number must be legible.

- You will be prompted to submit details of safe storage at a later date.

- **Any previous registered addresses**

If you lived outside Berlin in the past 10 years, please keep all addresses at hand as you will need to enter these in the application.

Forms

- **Application for an arms possession card (red)/ammunition acquisition permit**

(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/antrag_wbk_ws_efp.pdf)

Fees

The application is subject to a fee. You will receive a notification of charges. Further processing will take place after receipt of payment. Up to 50% of the costs will be charged in the event of a negative decision. We would like to point out that when using the electronic payment procedure SEPA direct debit through a later return debit (e.g. not covered account or actively interpreted), further fees can be created by your bank. These fees can be invoiced. If you know the circumstances that could lead to a return debit, we recommend that you use a different payment procedure instead.

- EUR 387.00: issuance of an arms possession card for weapon collectors or experts

Further fees that are charged every three years after the licence has been granted

- EUR 61.00: every three years, for regular reliability reviews
- EUR 45.00: every five years, for verification of continued need
- EUR 103.00: for weapons storage inspections
- EUR 51.00: for weapons storage inspections if the inspection is repeated after less than three years

Legal basis

- **Weapons Act (WaffG) §17**

(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/___17.html)

- **General Weapons Act Regulation (AWaffV)**

(<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/awaffv/>)

- **Schedule of fees related to weapons (WaffGebO)**

(<https://gesetze.berlin.de/bsbe/document/jlr-WaffRGebOBEpAnlage>)

More information

- **Information sheet for experts**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/hinweise-zur-roten-sachverstaendigen-waffenbesitzkarte.pdf)
- **Information sheet for collectors**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/hinweise-zur-roten-sammler-waffenbesitzkarte.pdf)
- **Information about weapons legislation - Information sheet for parents and teachers**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/flyer_informationen_zu_waffenrecht_online_leseversion.pdf)
- **Information sheet about storing weapons and ammunition**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/merkblatt-aufbewahrung_2017.pdf)
- **Weapons authority of the Berlin police**
(<https://www.berlin.de/polizei/service/waffenbehoerde/>)
- **Apply for an arms possession card (green) (service)**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/329827/>)
- **Arms possession card (yellow) for sports marksmen**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/330202/>)
- **Weapons legislation - Applying for an ammunition acquisition permit**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/330608/>)

Average time to process request

<https://liste-antraege.bda.service.berlin.de/intelliform/forms/default/bda/rWBK/index>

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