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The alarm gun licence generally entitles its holder to carry concealed approved alarm, gas and signal weapons with the “PTB in a circle” approval mark of Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt outside enclosed property (e.g. outside your own apartment, garden, etc.), however, not at public events.

The licence is valid indefinitely. The alarm gun licence and a valid identity card or passport (identification requirement) must be carried along with the weapon.

It is not necessary to present the alarm, gas or signal weapons when applying for an alarm gun licence. Please refer to the “alarm gun licence information sheet” for further restrictions and explanations regarding the alarm gun licence.

No alarm gun licence is required for carrying approved irritant spray devices. Please take note of the “Prevention advice regarding defensive weapons” before you decide to apply for an alarm gun licence.

Prerequisites

- **Minimum age: 18 years**
- **Reliability**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_5.html)
- **Personal suitability**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_6.html)
- **For online applications: consent to the electronic payment procedure**
The following payment methods are available to you
 - PayPal
 - Sepa direct debit

Documents required

- **Application for an alarm gun licence**
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
- **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 alarm gun licence**

(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/antr_kws_waffbehberlin.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 92.00: alarm gun licence

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

- EUR 61.00: for regular reliability reviews

Legal basis

- **Weapons Act (WaffG) §10 (4)**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_10.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>)
- **Weapons Act (WaffG) § 6 Personal suitability**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_6.html)
- **Criminal Law Code (StGB) §32 Self-defence**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stgb/_32.html)
- **Criminal Law Code (StGB) § 34 Justifiable state of emergency**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stgb/_34.html)
- **Act on Fees and Contributions (GebBtrG BE) § 9 (1)**
(<https://gesetze.berlin.de/bsbe/document/jlr-GebBtrGBEpP9>)

Average time to process request

After an application has been submitted, the weapons authority will contact the applicant without being prompted to do so.

More information

- **Alarm gun licence information sheet**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/hinweisblatt-zum-kleinen-waffenschein.pdf)
- **Information about weapons legislation - Information sheet for parents and teachers**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/flyer_informationen_zu_waffenr)

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- **Information sheet about storing weapons and ammunition**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/merkblatt-aufbewahrung_2017.pdf)
- **Prevention advice regarding defensive weapons**
(<https://www.berlin.de/polizei/aufgaben/praevention/gewalt/artikel.780097.php>)
- **Behavioural prevention of violence**
(<https://www.berlin.de/polizei/aufgaben/praevention/gewalt/artikel.148189.php>)
- **Weapons legislation overview - Weapons for which no permit is required**
(<https://www.berlin.de/polizei/service/waffenbehoerde/waffenrecht-uebersicht/artikel.1043993.php>)
- **Weapons authority of the Berlin police**
(<https://www.berlin.de/polizei/service/waffenbehoerde/>)

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