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Hunting licence - apply for issue/renewal

The hunting licence is a permit for the authorised practice of hunting. The hunting licence alone does not entitle the holder to hunt. In addition, authorisation under private law to hunt in a hunting district is required.

A hunting licence can be applied for and issued in different versions:

1. hunting licence (annual hunting licence) for 1, 2 or 3 hunting years
2. day hunting licence
 - 2a) for persons resident in Berlin
 - 2b) for persons resident abroad
3. falconry hunting licence
4. falconer's day hunting licence (online only)
 - 4a) for persons resident in Berlin
 - 4b) for persons residing abroad
5. youth hunting licence (only in writing)
6. hunting licence for diplomats (only in writing)

1. hunting licence (annual hunting licence) for 1, 2 or 3 hunting years

- An annual hunting licence can be valid for one, two or three years. The respective validity affects the cost of the hunting licence. The hunting year always runs from 1 April to 31 March of the following year.
- The hunting licence is not only a permit for the authorised practice of hunting but also a permit to purchase long guns and hunting ammunition. It should be noted that when the hunting licence expires, the authorisation to possess ammunition acquired on the basis of the hunting licence expires at the same time. Attention is drawn to the criminal offence of possessing ammunition without the corresponding permit.
- The application can only be approved if proof of a hunting examination recognised in Berlin is provided.

2. day hunting licence

A day hunting licence is valid for a maximum of 14 days.

2a) Daily hunting licence for persons resident in Berlin

- The application can only be approved if proof of a recognised hunting examination in Berlin is provided.

2b) Daily hunting licence for persons residing abroad

- If you wish to apply for a day hunting licence ("foreigner's day hunting licence") as a person residing outside Germany, you must provide an address for your stay in Berlin and you must provide proof of a hunting invitation.
- The application can only be approved if you can provide proof of at least one hunting examination recognised as equivalent in Berlin.

3. falconry hunting licence

- A falconry hunting licence can be valid for one, two or three years. The

respective validity affects the cost of the hunting licence. The hunting year always runs from 1 April to 31 March of the following year.

- The application can only be approved if proof of a falconry examination recognised in Berlin is provided.

4. falconry day hunting licence (application only possible online)

A falconry day hunting licence is valid for a maximum of 14 days at a time.

4a) For persons resident in Berlin

- The application can only be approved if proof of a falconry examination recognised in Berlin is provided.

4b) For persons residing abroad

- If you wish to apply for a falconry licence as a person resident outside Germany, you must provide an address for your stay in Berlin and you must provide proof of a hunting invitation.
- The application can only be approved if proof of at least one falconry examination recognised as equivalent in Berlin is provided.

5. youth hunting licence (application only possible in writing)

- Young people aged 16 and over can acquire a (legally restricted) hunting licence. A new licence must be applied for after the expiry date.
- There is no online application procedure available for this. Please select the application form and send it to us by post.

6. hunting licence for diplomats (application only possible in writing)

- No online application procedure is available for this licence. Please select the application form and send it to us by post via the Federal Foreign Office.

Area entry

- Areas on which a hunting authorisation exists on the basis of a lease, paid hunting permit (so-called "Begehungsschein") or personal hunting must be entered in the hunting permit.
- Such areas must be notified to the hunting authority within one month of the conclusion of the lease or licence agreement, submitting the agreement and stating the size of the areas. Exempt from the obligation to register are paid hunting licences in a state hunting district in Berlin as well as licences for individual shooting and free hunting permits.
- The total area for hunting is limited to a total of 1000 ha per person.
- The relevant proof (lease agreement, hunting licence or similar) must be submitted.

Prerequisites

- **Minimum age: 18 years**
- **Hunter or falconer examination**
(<https://www.berlin.de/sen/uvk/natur-und-gruen/jagd-und-wildtiere/jagdwesen-in-berlin/jaeger-und-falknerpruefung/>)
or a hunting or falconry examination recognised as equivalent in Berlin if you live outside Germany and are applying for a day hunting licence or falconry day hunting licence
- **Reliability**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_5.html)
- **Personal suitability**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_6.html)
- **Take out adequate hunting liability insurance**
Sum insured EUR 500.000 for personal injury and EUR 50.000 for property damage
- **If applicable, residence in Berlin or address for your stay in Berlin**
for day hunting licence and falconry day hunting licence
- **Personal pick-up**
As a rule, the hunting licence must be collected in person.

Documents required

- **Application for a hunting licence**
Online or you can submit the (paper) application in writing by post or e-mail.
 - For the online application: Please have all required documents and evidence ready to upload in PDF, JPG, JPEG, PNG or DOCX format.
Name the files as follows: First_name_surname_description.pdf
 - For the written application by post or e-mail: Send the signed application (under "Forms") as well as all supporting documents and personal documents by post or e-mail to the Berlin Police Weapons Department.
 - You can only apply for the youth hunting licence and the hunting licence for diplomats in writing.
- **Proof of hunting liability insurance**
- **Certificate of successful completion of the hunter / falconer examination**
(only for initial application)
- **Certificate of matriculation**
(only if you are studying forestry)
- **Certificate from the employer**
(only if you are in the forestry service)
- **Hunting invitation**
(only if you live outside Germany and are applying for a day hunting licence or falconry day hunting licence)
- **Hunting licence from the competent authority of your main place of residence abroad**
(only if you live outside Germany and are applying for a day hunting licence or falconry day hunting licence)
- **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.

- **Proof of participation in a practice shooting session, if applicable**
(only required if you are submitting a follow-up application)
- **2 passport photos if applicable (with your name and date of birth on the back of the passport photos)**
(only for initial application or renewal with a new hunting licence booklet)
 - You must submit the passport photos by post.
- **Hunting licence if applicable**
(only for renewal in the existing hunting licence booklet)
 - You must submit the hunting licence by post.
- **Identity card or passport**
As a photocopy or photograph

Forms

- **Application for a hunting licence (according to § 15 BJagdG)**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/waffenbehoerde_antrag_jagdschein.pdf)

Fees

The application is subject to a fee. You will be sent a notification of fees. Further processing will only take place after receipt of payment. 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 50.00: Issue of an annual hunting licence for one year (the fee is reduced by 50% for forestry students)
- EUR 90.00: Issue of an annual hunting licence for two years
- EUR 125.00: Issue of an annual hunting licence for three years
- EUR 15.00: Issue of a falconry licence for one year
- EUR 25.00: Issue of a falconry licence for two years
- EUR 35.00: Issue of a falconry licence for three years
- EUR 15.00: Issue of a one-day hunting licence/one-day falconry licence
- EUR 15.00: for the registration of an area.

In the event of a negative decision, up to 50% of the costs will be charged.

In addition to the fee, the hunting levy must also be paid. This will be refunded in the event of a negative decision.

Amount of the hunting levy:

- EUR 25.50: Annual hunting licence for one year
- EUR 51.00: Annual hunting licence for two years
- EUR 76.50: Annual hunting licence for three years
- EUR 17.50: Falconry licence for one year
- EUR 35.00: Falconry licence for two years
- EUR 52.50: Falconry licence for three years

- EUR 5.00 for the day hunting licence/day falconry hunting licence

If you apply for a hunting licence and a falconry hunting licence at the same time, you only have to pay the hunting tax once.

Legal basis

- **Federal Hunting Act (BJagdG) § 15**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bjagd/___15.html)
- **Schedule of fees related to environmental protection (UGebO)**
(https://gesetze.berlin.de/perma?j=UmwGebV_BE)
- **Ordinance on the amount of the hunting levy (JagdAbgV BE)**
(<https://gesetze.berlin.de/bsbe/document/jlr-JagdAbgVBErahmen>)

Average time to process request

After the application has been submitted, the firearms authority will contact the applicant without being asked. The application can only be processed with complete information and proof.

More information

- **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/Jagdschein/index>