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Weapons legislation – Applying for an ammunition acquisition permit

The ammunition acquisition permit is a licence according to weapons legislation that authorises its holder to acquire and own ammunition.

An ammunition acquisition permit is granted for a particular type of ammunition if it cannot be entered on an arms possession card. Alternatively, ammunition collectors and experts can also request to have a collection area of area of expertise entered.

For acquiring ammunition, the ammunition acquisition permit is valid for a limited period of six years, however, it remains effective indefinitely with regard to owning such ammunition.

A security container without classification made of sheet steel and featuring a swing bolt lock or equivalent is the required minimum for keeping ammunition.

Prerequisites

- **Minimum age: usually 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)
- **Competency test**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_7.html)
The competency test can be taken:
 - with officially approved commercial providers,
 - at rifle associations (for their members),
 - as part of a hunting examination (for prospective hunters),
 - as part of a qualification test with the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (if a weapons trading permit/weapons production permit was applied for).
- **Necessity according to weapons legislation**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_8.html)
Weapons Act (WaffG) §§ 8, 14

Documents required

- **Application for an ammunition acquisition permit**
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

- **Proof of need**

- **Proof of competence**

There is no separate proof of competence for ammunition acquisition permits. Anyone who has obtained a proof of competence, e.g. as a sports marksman, can use the corresponding certificate.

- **Certificate of safe storage**

The purchase receipt or a photo of the container must be presented as proof of legally compliant storage of the ammunition.

- **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 ammunition acquisition permit**

(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/waffenbehoerde_antrag_waffenschein_waffenbesitzkarte.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 56.00: ammunition acquisition permit for a natural person
- EUR 304.00: ammunition acquisition permit for ammunition collectors or ammunition experts without an existing arms possession card in the same context
- EUR 39.00: ammunition acquisition permit for ammunition collectors or ammunition experts with an existing arms possession card in the same context

Further charges after the permit has been granted

- EUR 61.00: every three years, for regular reliability reviews
- EUR 45.00: every five years, for verification of continued need

Legal basis

- **Weapons Act (WaffG) § 10 Absatz 3 Satz 2**

(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_10.html)

- **Weapons Act (WaffG) § 14**

(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_14.html)

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

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

More information

- **Information about weapons legislation - Information sheet for parents and teachers**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/flyer_informationen_zu_waffen_echt_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 an arms possession card (green) - standard**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/329827/>)
- **Arms possession card (red) for collectors and experts**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/330205/>)

Average time to process request

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