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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 5 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.

- 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 section 3 sentence 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_waffenrecht_online leseversion.pdf)

- **Information sheet about storing weapons and ammunition**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/merkblatt-aufbewahrung_2017.pdf)
- **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/>)
- **Weapons authority of the Berlin police**
(<https://www.berlin.de/polizei/service/waffenbehoerde/>)

Average time to process request

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