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Weapons legislation – Applying for/changing a licence for operating a stationary shooting range

Approval from the competent weapons authority is required for operating a stationary shooting range. You will also need permission if you wish to make any significant changes to the condition or type of use of a stationary shooting range.

A stationary shooting range is a facility that is used for

- sports shooting,
- other types of shooting practice using firearms,
- firearms testing, or
- shooting firearms for entertainment purposes.

The operating licence authorises its holder to establish a shooting business. At the same time, it is specified,

- with which types of guns,
- from what distance and
- for what purpose

shooting may take place.

Furthermore, the operating licence is linked to safety requirements that must be observed by the holder of the licence or their representatives (so-called range guards).

Prerequisites

- **The shooting range is stationary**
A different application is needed for operating a mobile shooting range (see “More information”).
- **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)
- **Liability insurance and accident insurance**
- **Are you planning to make changes to the stationary shooting range?**
 - Concerning its condition
 - Concerning the type of use
- **Inspection by recognised experts before initial operation**
Shooting ranges must be inspected by state approved shooting range experts before initial operation and at regular intervals thereafter. The operator must bear the costs of the inspections.
- **Further licensing requirements apply**
Inspection according to construction protection, fire prevention and emission protection law

Documents required

- **Application for operating/changing the condition/type of use of a stationary shooting range**

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.

The application can only be sent or processed if all information and certificates are submitted.

- **Details of the intended changes to the shooting range, if applicable**

- **Identity card or passport**

As a photocopy or photograph

- **Safety-related report by a recognised expert**

- **Evidence of existing liability and accident insurance cover**

Liability and accident insurance with the statutory minimum coverage. The minimum insurance sum is 1 million euros

- as a lump sum for personal injuries and damage to property
- and for accidents involving damage due to operating the shooting range to individuals involved in organising the shooting business at a minimum of EUR 10,000 in the event of death and EUR 100,000 in the event of disability

- **Site plan at a scale of 1:500**

- **Final acceptance report of the inspection according to construction protection, fire prevention and emission protection law**

Forms

- **Application for operating/changing the condition/type of use of a stationary shooting range**

(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/waffenbehoerde_-_antrag_schie_sstand.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.

- EUR 228.00 to 597.00: granting of permission

Further charges after the permit has been granted

- EUR 195.00 to 220.00: every four years, for regular inspection of the shooting range
- Costs for involvement of an expert appraiser
- EUR 61.00: every three years, for regular reliability reviews

Legal basis

- **Weapons Act (WaffG) §27 section 1 no. 1**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_27.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 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/>)
- **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 for individuals who have inherited weapons**
(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/hinweise_erben.pdf)
- **Weapons legislation - Applying for a licence for operating a mobile shooting range**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/330921>)

Average time to process request

<https://liste-antraege.bda.service.berlin.de/intelliform/forms/default/bda/Schiesstaettenerlaubnis/index?ortvorbelegung=fest>