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Apply for a firearms licence

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Leistungsschlüssel	99089122001000, 99089122001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for a firearms licence
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	3a - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Sicherheit und Ordnung (089)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Kauf von Waren, digitalen Inhalten oder entgeltliche Inanspruchnahme von Dienstleistungen aus einem anderen Mitgliedstaat (auch Finanzdienstleistungen), online oder vor Ort
Lagen Portalverbund	Urkunden und Bescheinigungen (1070200), Erlaubnisse und Genehmigungen (2010400)

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Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Ja
Fachlich freigegeben am	17.08.2023
Fachlich freigegen durch	Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sports
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_4.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_10.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/awaffv/_13.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_36.html https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/source/csh-da-filter!a52e918e-8a02-41f8-8b62-1c4b6a92ff6a--WKDE_LTR_0000003520#057fd177cf7632ffbf4628d1b6a054ba https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_4.html
Teaser	If you want to carry a firearm in public, you must apply for a firearms license beforehand.
Volltext	<p>If you want to carry a firearm with you in public, you will need a firearms license. In general, firearms are objects intended for attack or defence, signalling, hunting, distance injection, marking, sport or play and in which projectiles are propelled through a barrel or in which solid objects are fired in a targeted manner. whose propulsive energy can be introduced by muscle power or another energy source and stored or held by a locking device (e.g. crossbows, arrow launchers).</p> <p>A distinction is made between firearms that require a licence and those that do not require a licence. In order to be allowed to carry firearms without a permit, you need a small firearms license (see further information). However, you will also need a firearms licence if you want to carry compressed air, spring-loaded guns and CO2 guns with less than 7.5 joules that are marked with an "F" mark in public. However, the use of these weapons in fenced areas, for example for paintball activities, does not require a permit. All weapons that are not alarm shots, irritants</p>

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and signal weapons with PTB symbols in the circle are counted as subject to a permit. A detailed list of weapons for which you need a gun possession card can be found in Appendix 2 of the Weapons Act.

It is recommended that you inform yourself in detail about the regulations of the weapons law before submitting your application.

With the firearms license, you are allowed to drive a weapon outside

- of one's own home,
- of their own business premises,
- of one's own pacified property (e.g. one's own garden) and
- a shooting range

to carry. If you are carrying the weapon, you must have the firearms license with you and be able to identify yourself with an identity card or passport.

You will receive the firearms license for a maximum of 3 years. You can have your firearms licence renewed twice for a maximum of 3 years.

You may be refused a firearms licence if you have not lived in Germany within the last 5 years.

To obtain the firearms license, you must

- be of the appropriate age, and
- Your need,
- Your reliability in terms of weapons law,
- Your personal suitability,
- Your expertise in the use of weapons and ammunition,
- a liability insurance covering personal injury and property damage in the amount of 1 million euros, as well as
- the safe storage of weapons and ammunition

prove.

Need

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In order to be allowed to carry weapons in public, you must give a credible reason (need) to the competent firearms authority. As a rule, a credible reason is accepted if:

- Their lives are at high risk;
- you are an employee of a security company;
- You can credibly demonstrate other reasons why you want to carry weapons in public.

Reliability under weapons law

Among other things, you can be considered reliable in terms of weapons law,

1. if you have not been sentenced to at least 1 year's imprisonment within the last 10 years and have not been a member of or supported a banned organisation in the last 10 years.
2. if you are not likely to misuse or misuse weapons or ammunition, fail to store such items carefully or leave them to persons who are not authorized to do so.
3. if you have not been in preventive police custody for violence more than once in the last 5 years with judicial authorisation.
4. if you have not repeatedly or grossly violated the gun law.

Personal suitability

You may be considered personally unsuitable if, among other things:

1. You are legally incapacitated.
2. You are addicted to alcohol or other intoxicating substances, mentally ill or debilitated.
3. You suffer from serious illnesses, such as brain injuries, or physical impairments, such as amputations or severe visual impairment.
4. It can be assumed that you are not able to handle weapons or ammunition carefully or appropriately, or that there is a real risk that you will endanger others or yourself.

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In order to be allowed to carry weapons in public, you must prove that you can handle them appropriately. In order to acquire the expertise in the handling of weapons and ammunition, you must take part in an appropriate course. The course consists of a theoretical and practical part. At the end of the course, you will take an exam in front of an authorized examination board. If you have passed the test, you will receive proof of the weapons and ammunition for which you have acquired the expertise. You can also obtain the expertise only for the weapons and ammunition that you wish to acquire and possess.

Safekeeping

You need to keep weapons and ammunition safe. In general, this means that only you, as the authorized person, have access to weapons and ammunition, for example by carrying the key with you at all times. If you do not store your weapons and ammunition safely, you are committing an administrative offence for which a fine of up to 10,000 euros can be imposed. In addition, your reliability in terms of firearms law may be called into question and your weapon possession card and licence may be revoked.

When applying, you must provide information about both the storage location and the container in which you want to store weapons and ammunition. Basically, you can use the following guidelines as a guide:

- Ammunition requiring a permit must be stored in a sheet steel cabinet/container with a swing bolt lock.
- In order to store long guns and handguns that require a permit, as well as ammunition that requires a permit, you need a gun safe. The gun safe you need depends on the number and type of weapons and/or ammunition you want to purchase and possess.
- In a gun safe with resistance grade 0 according to EN 1143-1 weighing up to 200 kilograms, you may store an unlimited number of long guns, up to 5 handguns and ammunition. In a gun safe with resistance grade 0 according to EN 1143-1 weighing more than 200

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kilograms, you may store an unlimited number of long guns, up to 10 handguns and ammunition. In a gun safe with resistance grade 1 according to EN 1143-1, you are allowed to store an unlimited number of long guns and handguns as well as ammunition.

- The following rules apply to the place where you are allowed to place the gun safe: If you live in an apartment building, it is not allowed to place the gun safe in the basement if each resident has only one so-called cellar shed, which is only secured by a door with a padlock. If you live in the same household as another gun owner, you may store the guns in a shared gun safe.

To complete the application faster, you can use the NWR identification numbers (NWR ID):

- Your Personal NWR ID (P or F NWR ID) for your personal information
- the permitNWR-ID for the firearms permit (E-NWR-ID)
- the weapons or weapon part NWR ID (W or T-NWR ID).

You can obtain the NWR IDs upon application to the responsible weapons authority.

If you move to another city or municipality, you do not need to have the firearms license rewritten.

If you do not have a firearms license, you may only carry a weapon in a locked container (not accessible) and the weapon must not be loaded (not ready to fire).

If you handle weapons and ammunition without a firearms permit, you may face a fine or imprisonment.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Identity card or passport (copy)
- Weapon possession card or hunting license
- Proof of a need For example, proof of endangerment of your person
- Proof of liability insurance in the amount of 1 million euros (lump sum for personal injury and property damage)
- Certificate of special expertise

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Voraussetzungen

- You must have a valid permit for the acquisition and possession of a weapon (e.g. hunting license or weapon possession card) or your employer if you want to carry the weapon as an employee of a security company.
- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must prove that it is necessary for you to carry weapons in public. (Need)
- You must prove your reliability under firearms law.
- You will need to prove your personal suitability.
- You must prove that you have sufficient knowledge of weapons and ammunition and how to use them. You can shoot with a firearm and know how to carry a gun safely in public. (Expertise).
- You must have taken out liability insurance that covers personal injury and property damage in the amount of 1 million euros.

Please also note the detailed notes and information in the "Description" section of this website.

Kosten

Gebühr: 110€ - 270€

Verfahrensablauf

You can apply for a firearms licence in writing or online.

If you want to apply for a firearms licence in writing:

- You fill out the form that you can obtain from the relevant firearms authority.
- You send the signed form and documents, such as the gun ownership card, by post to the responsible firearms authority.
- You can also visit the relevant firearms authority in person and submit the application.

If you want to apply for a firearms licence online:

- You submit the application via the online service of the responsible firearms authority.

You must send your gun ownership card or hunting license by post to the responsible firearms authority.

Bearbeitungsdauer

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Frist	There is no deadline.
weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	
Rechtsbehelf	
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit to carry firearms (firearms license) Issuance • Weapons license for carrying a weapon outside your own home, your own business premises your own pacified property (e.g. garden) a shooting range • Transporting a firearm without a firearms license only if the firearm is not loaded (not ready to fire) and is in a locked container (not ready for use) • Weapons license must be carried if the weapon is carried in public. • Identification required if persons carry a weapon in public • Validity: 3 years (extension: twice for a maximum of 3 years) • Requirements: Permission to purchase and possess a weapon (e.g. hunting license or gun ownership card) Minimum age: 18 years reasonable grounds (need) No criminal record (reliability) No legal incapacity, mental illness or dependence on drugs (personal suitability) Knowledge of firearms regulations Safe handling of weapons and ammunition Skills in shooting with a firearm Knowledge of carrying a weapon in public Completed liability insurance that covers personal injury and property damage up to a lump sum of 1 million euros • In the event of relocation: no re-registration of the firearms license required • Unauthorized handling of weapons and ammunition leads to a fine or imprisonment • Responsible: Weapons authority
Ansprechpunkt	Local firearms authority (municipality)
Zuständige Stelle	Local firearms authority (municipality)
Formulare	Forms available: Yes Written form required: Yes

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	Informal application possible: No
	Personal appearance required: No
Ursprungsportal	Apply for a firearms licence, Waffenschein beantragen