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Apply for a green gun ownership card as an heir

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Leistungsschlüssel	99089018001001, 99089018001001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for a green gun ownership card as an heir
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Typisierung	3 - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung
Quellredaktion	Sachsen-Anhalt
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), Erbschaft,

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	Nachlass und Testament (1190200)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
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Fachlich freigegeben durch	Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior, Sport and Integration
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_20.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_37c.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_20.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_37c.html
Teaser	If you have inherited weapons and/or ammunition, you must apply to the relevant weapons authority within one month for permission to continue possessing the weapons.
Volltext	<p>If you have inherited weapons and/or ammunition, you must immediately notify the competent authority of your seizure of the weapons. In addition, within one month of accepting the inheritance or of the deadline within which you could have renounced the inheritance, you must apply for the issuance of a firearms ownership card for the firearms subject to authorisation or their registration on a gun ownership card that has already been issued.</p> <p>If you already have a gun ownership card (WBK), you can have the hereditary weapons registered in it, provided that you can prove a need for the inherited weapons (e.g. as a hunter, sports shooter, traditional shooter, weapons or ammunition collector, weapon or ammunition expert, endangered person, as a weapons manufacturer or arms dealer or as a security contractor).</p> <p>If you cannot prove a need to possess the inherited weapons, you must render the weapons unusable or have them fitted with a state-of-the-art blocking</p>

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system. Ammunition subject to authorisation must be rendered unusable or handed over to an authorised person. However, you don't have to block the weapons if you already have a gun ownership card.

All changes to the inherited weapons must be demonstrably carried out by a specialist and reported to the competent authority accordingly.. If or as long as there is no corresponding blocking system on the market for one or more hereditary weapons, exemptions from the obligation to provide all hereditary weapons with a state-of-the-art locking system may be permitted – upon request.

As a community of heirs, you can also apply for a joint permit. If not everyone wants to inherit the weapons, these people must declare that they renounce the inheritance. In order to obtain the joint permit, all members of a community of heirs must prove their need and the requirements are checked for all applicants.

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

In order to obtain permission to possess weapons and ammunition subject to authorisation, you must, in principle:

- have the appropriate age, and
- Your need,
- Your reliability in terms of weapons law,
- Your personal suitability,
- your expertise in dealing with weapons and ammunition as well as
- the safe storage of weapons and ammunition

prove.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Identity card or passport (copy)
- Proof of storage, for example purchase contract for a gun safe and/or photos of gun cabinet and

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installation site

- if applicable, specialist medical or psychological certificate of your mental aptitude (if under 21 years of age for sports shooters or under 25 years for other persons)
- only in the case of community of heirs: if applicable, waiver that the other members of the community of heirs do not want to possess the weapons

Voraussetzungen

- You must be at least 18 years old.

If you are under 25 years of age, you will be asked by the competent weapons authority to submit a specialist medical or psychological report/certificate of your mental fitness. You must pay for the report/certificate yourself and send the original by post to the responsible weapons authority.

If you are a hunter, you do not need such an expert opinion/certificate.

- You must prove that it is necessary for you to continue to possess the weapons and ammunition you inherited (need).

In order to continue to possess the inherited weapons and ammunition, you must provide the competent weapons authority with a credible reason (need). As a general rule, a credible reason is accepted if:

- They are hunters.
- You are a sports shooter.
- Their lives are highly endangered.
- You can credibly explain other reasons why you want to possess weapons and ammunition.

If you cannot credibly demonstrate a need for possession of the hereditary weapons, you must have the weapons subject to authorisation fitted with a blocking system. This does not apply if you already have a gun ownership card.

- You must prove your reliability under weapons law. They can be considered unreliable under weapons law, among other things, if

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- you have been finally sentenced to a prison sentence of at least 1 year within the last 10 years or have been a member of or supported a prohibited organisation in the last 10 years.
- It can be assumed that you misuse or improperly handle weapons or ammunition, do not store these items carefully or leave them to persons who are not authorized to do so.
- You have been in preventive police custody more than once in the last 5 years with judicial authorisation for violence.
- You have repeatedly or grossly violated the gun law.
- You must prove your personal suitability. Among other things, you may not be considered personally suitable if:
 - You are legally incapacitated.
 - You are dependent on alcohol or other intoxicating substances, mentally ill or debilitated.
 - You suffer from serious illnesses, such as brain injuries, or physical impairments, such as amputations or severe visual impairment.
 - it can be assumed that you cannot handle weapons or ammunition carefully or properly or that you cannot store these items carefully or that there is a real risk that you will endanger others or yourself.

You must prove that you have sufficient knowledge of weapons and ammunition as well as how to handle them (expertise).

In order to be able to prove your expertise in handling weapons and ammunition, you must have attended a corresponding course. The course includes a theoretical and practical part. At the end of the course, you will take an exam before an authorized examination board. If you have passed the exam, you will receive proof of the weapons and ammunition for which you have acquired the expertise. You can also gain expertise only for the weapons and ammunition you want to own.

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You do not have to take a separate competence test if you can prove the required expertise elsewhere, e.g. if you as a hunter have passed the hunter's examination or an equivalent examination. In these cases, you only need to provide appropriate evidence.

- You must prove that you can safely store weapons and ammunition.

You must store weapons and ammunition safely. This generally means that only you as an authorized person have access to weapons and ammunition, for example by carrying the key with you at all times. If you do not keep your weapons and ammunition safe, you are committing an administrative offence for which a fine of up to EUR 10,000 can be imposed. In addition, your reliability under weapons law may be called into question and your gun ownership card 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. The storage requirements are based on § 13 of the General Weapons Act Ordinance (AWaffV). In case of doubt, please contact the authority responsible for you. Basically, you can orient yourself to the following specifications:

- Ammunition subject to authorisation must be stored in a sheet steel cabinet/container with a swivel bolt lock or equivalent locking device.
- In order to store long guns and handguns that require a permit, you need a gun safe. Which gun safe you need depends on the number and type of weapons and/or ammunition you want to purchase and own.
 - In a gun cabinet with resistance level 0 according to the standard DIN/EN 1143-1 with a weight of up to 200 kilograms, you may store an unlimited number of long guns, up to 5 handguns and ammunition.
 - In a gun cabinet with resistance level 0 according to the standard DIN/EN 1143-1 with a weight of over 200 kilograms, you may store an unlimited number of long guns, up to 10 handguns and ammunition.
 - In a gun safe with resistance level I according to the standard DIN/EN 1143-1 you may store an

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unlimited number of long guns and handguns as well as ammunition.

- For the place where you may set up the gun safe, the following rules apply:
 - You may also store up to 3 long guns in buildings that are not permanently inhabited, such as a hunting lodge or a weekend house. For this, however, you need a gun cabinet with resistance level 1.
 - If you live with another person who is also entitled to own weapons, in a common household you may store the weapons in a common gun safe.
 - It is also allowed to store weapons and ammunition at an arms dealer. For this, you must provide appropriate proof.

Kosten

Verfahrensablauf

You must apply for the green gun ownership card for heirs or the registration of the hereditary weapon in your existing gun ownership card at the responsible weapons authority. Submit the application together with the required documents.

The weapons authority issues the green gun ownership card for heirs or makes the entry in the gun ownership card if you meet the necessary requirements.

Bearbeitungsdauer

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Display: immediately Application for the possession of weapons: one month from the acceptance of the inheritance or expiry of the period prescribed for the waiver of the inheritance

weiterführende Informationen

Hinweise

Rechtsbehelf

Kurztext

- Permission to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition: issuance of green gun ownership card (WBK) for heirs
 - The issuance of a permit to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition (gun ownership card) must

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be applied for within one month of acceptance of the succession or the expiry of the period for waiving the succession.

- If the testator was the entitled owner, permission can be granted if he is reliable and personally suitable under weapons law.
- Without proof of need, inherited weapons must be blocked (see information on display blocking system) or rendered unusable (see information on display unusable); but not required if the heir has a WBK
- WBK can be issued to one heir or as a joint WBK for several heirs or community of heirs
- Prerequisites are checked for everyone who is to be entered on the WBK.
- Preconditions:
 - Minimum age: 25 years
 - reasonable reason, e.g. hunter, sport shooter, endangered person (need)
 - No criminal record (reliability)
 - No legal incapacity, mental illness or dependence on drugs (personal suitability)
 - Knowledge of weapons regulations
 - safe handling of weapons and ammunition
 - Firearm shooting skills (may not be required if only weapons that are not capable of firing are collected)
- Safekeeping
- Permission can also be granted to persons under 25 years of age if personal suitability is proven by expert opinions. For marksmen, possibly already for 18-year-olds (only for firearms up to caliber 5.6 mm lfb (.22 l. r.) for ammunition with rimfire ignition with a muzzle energy of the projectiles of not more than 200 joules (J) and single-shot long guns with smooth barrels with caliber 12 or smaller). Otherwise age limit for sport shooters 21 years; no expert opinion required for hunters
- When moving: no re-registration of the permit necessary
- The illicit handling of weapons and ammunition leads to a fine or imprisonment.
- Responsible: Weapons authority

Ansprechpunkt

Please contact your county's gun department. If you live in Dessau-Roßlau, please also contact the weapons authority.

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	If you live in Halle or Magdeburg, please contact the respective police department.
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Grüne Waffenbesitzkarte als Erben beantragen, Apply for a green gun ownership card as an heir