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Applying for a green gun ownership card as an heir

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Leistungsschlüssel	99089018001001, 99089018001001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Applying for a green gun ownership card as an heir
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Typisierung	3 - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung
Quellredaktion	Saarland
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (silber)
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
Fachlich freigegeben am	21.06.2024
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry of the Interior, Building and Sport
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 for a permit for continued possession of the weapons from the relevant weapons authority within one month.
Volltext	<p>If you have inherited weapons and/or ammunition, you must immediately notify the competent authority that you have taken possession of the weapons. In addition, within one month of accepting the inheritance or the expiry of the period within which you could have waived the inheritance, you must apply for the issue of a firearms possession card for the firearms subject to authorization belonging to the estate or for their entry in an already issued firearms possession card.</p> <p>If you already have a firearms ownership card (WBK), you can have the inherited firearms entered on it if you can prove that you also have a need for the inherited firearms (e.g. as a hunter, sports marksman, traditional marksman, firearms or ammunition collector, firearms or ammunition expert, person at risk, firearms manufacturer or firearms dealer or as a security company).</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 system. Ammunition requiring a permit must be</p>

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rendered unusable or given to an authorized person. However, you do not have to have the weapons blocked if you already have a gun ownership card.

All modifications 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 available on the market for one or more inherited weapons, exceptions to the obligation to equip all inherited weapons with a blocking system that meets the latest safety standards can be approved on request.

As a community of heirs, you can also apply for a joint permit. If not everyone wishes to inherit the weapons, these persons 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 firearms law before submitting your application.

In order to obtain permission to possess weapons and ammunition that require a permit, you must generally

- be of the appropriate age and
- Your need,
- Your reliability under firearms law,
- your personal suitability,
- your expertise in handling weapons and ammunition and
- the safe storage of weapons and ammunition

prove this.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Identity card or passport (copy)
 - Proof of storage, e.g. purchase contract for a gun cabinet and/or photos of the gun cabinet and installation site
 - If applicable, a specialist medical or psychological

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certificate confirming your mental aptitude (if under 21 years of age for sport shooters or under 25 years of age for other persons)

- only in the case of a community of heirs: if applicable, a waiver that the other members of the community of heirs do not wish 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 relevant firearms authority to submit a specialist medical or psychological report/certificate on your mental aptitude. You must pay for the certificate yourself and send the original by post to the relevant firearms authority.

If you are a hunter, you do not need such a certificate.

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

In order to be allowed to continue to possess the inherited weapons and ammunition, you must provide the competent weapons authority with a credible reason (need). A credible reason is usually recognized if

- You are a hunter.
- you are a sport shooter.
- Your life is at great risk.
- you can credibly demonstrate other reasons why you want to own weapons and ammunition.

If you cannot credibly demonstrate a need to possess the inherited weapons, you must have the weapons requiring a permit fitted with a blocking system. This does not apply if you already have a gun ownership card.

- You must prove your reliability under firearms law. You may be deemed unreliable under firearms law if, among other things
 - you have been sentenced to a prison term of at

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least 1 year within the last 10 years or have been a member of or supported a prohibited organization in the last 10 years.

- it can be assumed that you misuse weapons or ammunition or handle them improperly, do not store these items carefully or hand them over 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 authorization due to violence.
- you have repeatedly or grossly violated the Weapons Act.

• You must prove your personal suitability.
You may be assessed as personally unsuitable if, among other things

- you are legally incompetent.
- you are dependent on alcohol or other intoxicating substances, mentally ill or mentally retarded.
- 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 are unable to handle weapons or ammunition carefully or properly or that you are unable to store these items carefully or that there is a concrete danger that you will endanger others or yourself.

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

In order to be able to prove your expertise in handling weapons and ammunition, you must have taken part in a corresponding course. The course comprises a theoretical and practical part. At the end of the course, you will take an examination before an authorized examination board. If you pass the examination, you will receive proof of the weapons and ammunition for which you have acquired the certificate of competence. You can also obtain the certificate of competence only for the weapons and ammunition you wish to own.

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

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

You must store weapons and ammunition safely. This generally 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 securely, you are committing an administrative offense for which a fine of up to EUR 10,000 can be imposed. In addition, your reliability under firearms law may be called into question and your firearms possession card may be revoked.

When submitting your application, you must provide information on the storage location and the container in which you wish to store weapons and ammunition. The storage requirements are based on § 13 of the General Weapons Act Ordinance (AWaffV). In cases of doubt, please contact the authority responsible for you. In principle, you can use the following guidelines as a guide:

- You must store ammunition requiring a permit in a sheet steel cabinet/container with a swing bolt lock or an equivalent locking device.

- You need a gun cabinet to store long guns and handguns that require a permit. The type of gun cabinet you need depends on the number and type of weapons and/or ammunition you wish to purchase and own.

- You can store an unlimited number of long guns, up to 5 handguns and ammunition in a gun cabinet with resistance grade 0 in accordance with the DIN/EN 1143-1 standard weighing up to 200 kilograms.

- You may store an unlimited number of long weapons, up to 10 short weapons and ammunition in a gun cabinet with resistance grade 0 in accordance with the DIN/EN 1143-1 standard weighing over 200 kilograms.

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- In a gun cabinet with resistance grade I in accordance with the DIN/EN 1143-1 standard, you may store an unlimited number of long guns and handguns as well as ammunition.
- The following regulations apply to the location where you may set up the gun cabinet:
 - 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. However, you need a gun cabinet with resistance grade 1 for this.
 - If you live in a shared household with another person who is also entitled to own weapons, you may store the weapons in a shared weapons cabinet.
 - It is also permitted to store weapons and ammunition with a weapons dealer. You must provide appropriate proof of this.

Kosten

Verfahrensablauf

You must apply for the green gun ownership card for heirs or the entry of the inherited weapon in your existing gun ownership card at the relevant firearms authority. Submit the application together with the required documents.

The firearms authority will issue the green firearms possession card for heirs or make the entry in the firearms possession card if you meet the necessary requirements.

Bearbeitungsdauer

Frist

Notification: immediately
 Application for a gun ownership permit: one month after acceptance of the inheritance or expiry of the period prescribed for waiving the inheritance

weiterführende Informationen

Hinweise

Rechtsbehelf

Kurztext

- Permission to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition: Issuance of a green weapons possession

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card (WBK) for heirs

- A permit to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition (weapons possession card) must be applied for within one month of accepting the inheritance or the expiry of the deadline for waiving the inheritance.
- If the deceased was the authorized owner, permission can be granted if they are reliable and personally suitable in terms of firearms law
- Inherited weapons must be blocked without proof of a need (see information on notification of blocking system) or rendered unusable (see information on notification of rendering unusable); however, not required if the heir has a WBK
- WBK can be issued to one heir or as a joint WBK for several heirs or a community of heirs
- Requirements are checked for each person to be entered on the WBK.
- Prerequisites:
 - Minimum age: 25 years
 - Reasonable grounds, e.g. hunter, marksman, person at risk (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 firearms (may not be required if only weapons that cannot be fired are collected)
 - Safe storage
- Permits can also be issued to persons under 25 years of age if personal suitability is proven by expert opinion. In the case of sport shooters, possibly already for 18-year-olds (only for firearms up to caliber 5.6 mm IfB (.22 l. r.) for ammunition with rimfire ignition with a muzzle energy of the projectiles of no 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 certificate required for hunters
- When moving: no re-registration of the permit necessary
- Unauthorized handling of weapons and ammunition leads to a fine or imprisonment.

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Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	<p>Grüne Waffenbesitzkarte als Erben beantragen, Applying for a green gun ownership card as an heir</p>