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# Authorisation to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition Granted to purchasers as a result of an inheritance

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Leistungsschlüssel	99089018001001, 99089018001001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Authorisation to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition Granted to purchasers as a result of an inheritance
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)

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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), Fischen und Jagen (1110200), Erbschaft, Nachlass und Testament (1190200)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Ja
Fachlich freigegeben am	17.08.2023
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sport
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_20.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_20.html</a> <a href="https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/source/csh-da-filter!a52e918e-8a02-41f8-8b62-1c4b6a92ff6a--WKDE_LTR_0000003520#057fd177cf7632ffbf4628d1b6a054ba">https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/source/csh-da-filter!a52e918e-8a02-41f8-8b62-1c4b6a92ff6a--WKDE_LTR_0000003520#057fd177cf7632ffbf4628d1b6a054ba</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_20.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/_20.html</a> <a href="https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/source/csh-da-filter!a52e918e-8a02-41f8-8b62-1c4b6a92ff6a--WKDE_LTR_0000003520#057fd177cf7632ffbf4628d1b6a054ba">https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/source/csh-da-filter!a52e918e-8a02-41f8-8b62-1c4b6a92ff6a--WKDE_LTR_0000003520#057fd177cf7632ffbf4628d1b6a054ba</a>
Teaser	If you want to acquire and own weapons and/or ammunition as an heir, you must apply for a permit from the competent weapons authority.
Volltext	<p>If you, as an heir, wish to acquire and possess weapons and/or ammunition that require a permit, you must apply for a permit from the competent weapons authority. You must apply for permission within one month of accepting the inheritance or the period within which you could have rejected the inheritance has expired.</p> <p>In general, firearms are objects intended for attack or defence, signalling, hunting, distance injection, marking, sport or play and in which projectiles are</p>

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driven through a barrel or in which solid bodies are fired in a targeted manner, the propulsive energy of which can be introduced by muscle power or another source of energy and stored or held by a locking device (e.g. crossbows, arrow launchers).

A distinction is made between firearms that require a permit and firearms that do not require a permit. In order to be allowed to carry firearms without a permit, you need a small firearms license (see further information). All weapons that do not contain alarm shot, irritant and signal weapons with

PTB characters are in the circle. A detailed list of the weapons for which you need a weapon possession card can be found in Annex 2 of the Weapons Act.

If you have a weapon possession card (WBK) as an heir, you can have the weapons registered in it. If the deceased had permission to possess the inherited weapons, you will receive permission if you are reliable and personally suitable under weapons law.

If, as an heir, you cannot prove that you have a need to possess the inherited weapons, you must make the weapons unusable or have them equipped with a blocking system (see Further information). If there is no commercially available blocking system for the inherited weapons, you must prove this. All changes to the inherited weapons must be proven to be carried out by a specialist and reported accordingly to the competent authority. However, you don't have to have the guns blocked if you have a gun ownership card.

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 are renouncing the inheritance. In order to obtain permission, you or 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.

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In order to obtain permission to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition requiring a permit, you must:

- have the appropriate age, and
- Your need,
- Your reliability in terms of weapons law,
- Your personal suitability,
- Your expertise in the handling of weapons and ammunition as well as
- prove the safe storage of weapons and ammunition.

### **\*\*Age\*\***

If you are under 25 years of age, you may 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 (a copy or e-mail will not be accepted).

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

As a sports shooter, you must be at least 18 years old. Then you are entitled to acquire and possess firearms up to caliber 5.6 mm IfB (.22 l. r.) for rimfire ammunition with a muzzle energy of the projectiles not exceeding 200 joules (J) and single-shot long guns with smooth bores with caliber 12 or smaller.

For other firearms, the minimum age for sport shooters is 21 years, provided that you can present a specialist or psychological report/certificate of your mental fitness.

### **\*\*Need\*\***

In order to be allowed to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition, you must give a credible reason to the competent weapons authority (need). As a rule, a

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credible reason is accepted if

- You are a hunter and have a hunting license (daily or annual hunting license). If, as a hunter, you only want to acquire and own long guns and two handguns, then no further proof of need is required.
- You have been a member of a sports club for 1 year, which is a member of a recognized shooting sports association and in which shooting with such weapons is permitted according to an approved shooting sports regulations. The shooting sports regulations are approved by the Federal Office of Administration. In addition, you must prove that you have participated in the training regularly (at least once a month or at least 18 times within a year).
- Your life is at high risk
- You can credibly demonstrate other reasons why you want to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition.

### **\*\*Reliability under weapons law\*\***

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

1. if you have not been sentenced to imprisonment of at least 1 year within the last 10 years and have not been a member of or supported a banned organization in the last 10 years.
2. if it cannot be assumed that you are misusing or improperly handling weapons or ammunition, do not store these items carefully or leave them to persons who are not authorized to do so.
3. if you have not been in preventive police custody more than once in the last 5 years with judicial authorization for violent acts.
4. if you have not repeatedly or grossly violated the gun law.

### **\*\*Personal suitability\*\***

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Among other things, you may be assessed as personally unsuitable if:

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 impairments.
4. 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 risk that you will endanger others or yourself.

### **\*\*Ability\*\***

1. In order to be allowed to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition, you must prove that you can handle them appropriately. In order to get the expertise in dealing with weapons and ammunition, you must take part in an appropriate course. The course includes 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 exam, you will receive proof of the weapons and ammunition for which you have acquired the expertise. You can also gain the expertise only for the weapons and ammunition you want to acquire and own.

You do not have to take a separate proficiency test if you

2. the hunter's examination or an equivalent examination, or
3. have passed a journeyman's examination for the gunsmith's trade or
4. have worked for at least 3 years as a full-time employee in the trade in firearms and ammunition.

In these cases, you only need to provide appropriate

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evidence.

### **\*\*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 keep your weapons and ammunition safe, you are committing an administrative offence for which a fine of up to 10,000 euros can be imposed. In addition, your reliability under weapons law may be called into question and your weapon possession card may be withdrawn.

When applying, you must provide information on both the location and the container in which you intend to store weapons and ammunition. In principle, you can use the following guidelines as a guide:

- Ammunition requiring a permit must be stored in a sheet steel cabinet/container with a swivel bolt lock.
- In order to store long guns and handguns that require a permit as well as ammunition that require a permit, you need a gun safe. Which gun cabinet you need depends on the number and type of weapons and/or ammunition you want to purchase and own.
- In a gun safe with resistance level 0 according to 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 safe with resistance level 0 according to 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 cabinet with resistance level 1 according to EN 1143-1 you may store an unlimited number of long guns and handguns as well as ammunition.
- For the place where you are allowed to set up the gun safe, the following regulations apply in principle:
  - If you live in an apartment building, it is not allowed to place the gun cabinet in the basement if each resident has only a so-called basement shed, which is secured only with a door with a padlock.
  - You are allowed to store up to 3 long guns even in

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non-permanently inhabited buildings, such as a hunting lodge or a weekend house. For this, however, you need a gun safe with resistance level 1.

- If you live in the same household with another gun owner, you may store the guns in a shared gun safe.
- As a hunter, you may also have your long guns temporarily stored in his gun cabinet by another hunter. However, this time should be limited, permanent storage is not allowed. For permanent storage, you should purchase your own gun cabinet that only you have access to.
- It is also allowed to store weapons and ammunition at an arms dealer. You must provide appropriate proof of this.

**Erforderliche Unterlagen**

- Identity card or passport (copy)
- Proof of storage, e.g. purchase contract for a gun safe and/or photos of the gun safe and installation site
- If applicable, a medical or psychological certificate of your mental aptitude (if you are 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 necessary, a waiver that the other members of the community of heirs do not want to own the weapons.

**Voraussetzungen**

- You must be at least 25 years old. Exceptions apply to sport shooters and hunters.
- You need to prove that it is necessary for you to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition. (Need)
  - You must prove your reliability under weapons law.
  - You will need to prove your personal suitability.
  - You must prove that you have sufficient knowledge of weapons and ammunition as well as how to handle them (expertise).
- You will need to prove that you can safely store weapons and ammunition.

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

**Kosten**

Gebühr: 35€

**Verfahrensablauf**

You can apply for the purchase and possession of



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weapons and/or ammunition requiring a permit in writing or online.

If you wish to apply for acquisition and possession in writing:

- You fill out the form that you can obtain from the relevant weapons authority.
- You send the signed form, if necessary written proof of your need and the possibly required expert opinion/certificate of your personal suitability by post.
- You can also visit the responsible weapons authority in person and submit the application.

If you want to apply for purchase and possession online:

- You submit the report via the online service of the responsible weapons authority and, if necessary, upload written evidence of your need.
- You must send any required expert opinion/certificate of your personal suitability by post to the responsible weapons authority or bring it in person.

**Bearbeitungsdauer**
**Frist**

There is no deadline.

**weiterführende Informationen**
**Hinweise**
**Rechtsbehelf**

Action for an obligation before the Administrative Court

**Kurztext**

- Permission to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition: granting of green WBK for heirs
  - The issuance of a permit for the acquisition and possession of weapons and ammunition (weapon possession card - WBK) must be applied for within one month of acceptance of the inheritance or the expiry of the period for rejecting the inheritance.

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- If the testator was the authorized 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 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 community of heirs
    - Requirements are checked for each person who is to be registered on the WBK.
      - Preconditions:
        - Minimum age: 25 years
        - reasonable reason, e.g. hunter, sport shooter, endangered person (need)
        - No criminal record (reliability)
        - No legal disability, mental illness or addiction to drugs (personal suitability)
        - Knowledge of firearms regulations
        - safe handling of weapons and ammunition
        - Firearm shooting skills (may not be required if only weapons that are not fireable are collected)
      - Safekeeping
    - Permission can also be granted to people under 25 years of age if personal suitability is proven by expert opinions. 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 bores with caliber 12 or smaller). Otherwise, age limit for sport shooters 21 years; no expert opinion required for hunters
      - In the event of a move: no need to re-register the permit
      - The unauthorized handling of weapons and ammunition leads to a fine or imprisonment.
      - Responsible: Weapons Authority

## Ansprechpunkt

## Zuständige Stelle

## Formulare

Forms available: Yes

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	<p>Written form required: Yes</p> <p>Informal application possible: No</p> <p>Personal appearance required: No</p>
<b>Ursprungsportal</b>	<p>Erlaubnis zum Erwerb und Besitz von Waffen und Munition Erteilung für Erwerber infolge eines Erbfalls, Authorisation to acquire and possess weapons and ammunition Granted to purchasers as a result of an inheritance</p>