

## Apply for an operating license for a pharmacy

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If you want to open a new pharmacy or take over a pharmacy, you must submit a written application for an operating license.

### Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Gesundheit, Frauen und Verbraucherschutz | Referat 23 Pharmazie, Medizinprodukte und Umwelthygiene](#)

### Basic information

In the documents to be submitted, you will demonstrate your qualifications as a permit holder, prove that you have suitable operating premises, and affirm under oath that you will comply with certain legal requirements.

### Requirements

Permission shall be granted upon application if you meet all the requirements under Section 2 of the Pharmacy Act.

### What documents do I need?

- More details in the leaflet

For more details on the type and scope of the documents, please refer to the leaflet on the application for a pharmacy operating license under "Further information".

### Procedure

- Submission of the documents as scans or originals, as well as submission of the necessary original documents (e.g. lease agreement, purchase agreement)
- Examination of the documents

- Issuance of the pharmacy operating license, provided that all requirements are met.

## **Legal bases**

- [§1 \(2\) Apothekengesetz \(ApoG\)](#)
- [§2 Apothekengesetz \(ApoG\)](#)
- [§ 6 Apothekengesetz \(ApoG\)](#)
- [§ 2a Apothekenbetriebsordnung \(ApBetrO\)](#)
- [§ 4 Apothekenbetriebsordnung \(ApBetrO\)](#)
- [§ 4 \(1\) Nr. 4 Bundes-Apothekerordnung](#)

## **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

Please submit your completed application at least 6 weeks prior to the scheduled opening date.

## **How long does it take to process**

After complete submission of all necessary documents usually 4-6 weeks. In case of need for clarification, the processing time may be longer.

## **What are the costs?**

Please note that the issuance of the permit is subject to a fee in accordance with Section 500.01 of the current Bremen Health Cost Ordinance. Any necessary monitoring measures will be invoiced separately in accordance with item 500.08.