

# Request International Mortuary Passport

For the transport of a corpse to a place outside of Bremen, an international passport for corpses is necessary under certain conditions.

## Competent Department

- [Institut für Rechtsmedizin](#)

## Basic information

You would like to transport a deceased person to a place outside Bremen? In order to be able to have the transport carried out, an international mortuary passport may be required. You can also apply for this through the funeral home responsible for the transport.

## Requirements

- The clearance certificate from the public prosecutor's office required for the issuance of an international mortuary passport in the case of an unexplained cause of death or a deceased person who has not been identified with certainty has been obtained.
- The transport regulations according to the International Convention on the Transport of Corpses are complied with.
- Death certificate or deferral of certification.

## What documents do I need?

- Written informal request
- Certification of proper coffering and compliance with transport regulations
  - according to the International Agreement for the Carriage of Corpses (IALB) by the funeral home.
- Death certificate with confidential section
- Death certificate from the registry office

## Procedure

The application can be made either by you as an individual or by the appointed funeral home at the health office of the place of death.

- Application in person for the mortuary passport at the Institute of Forensic Medicine.
- Application by e-mail via [rechtsmedizin@gesundheitsnord.de](mailto:rechtsmedizin@gesundheitsnord.de)

Only when all the necessary documents are available and all the requirements have been met can the public health office process the application for an international mortuary passport.

## **Legal bases**

- [§ 13 Abs. 4 Gesetz über das Leichenwesen](#)

## **More information**

When transporting a corpse abroad, the legal regulations of the destination country and the countries of transit must be observed. Information can be obtained from the relevant consulates and embassies of these countries.

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

No deadlines need to be observed.

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

The mortuary passport shall be issued without delay.

## **What are the costs?**

29,50 EUR

- 16,00 EUR for the transfer certificate

- 13,50 EUR for the funeral passport

An invoice will be issued and given to the mortician.