

# Bescheinigung zur Mitnahme von Betäubungsmitteln bei Auslandsreisen beglaubigen lassen

You want to travel to another country with narcotics? You must have the necessary certificate for this authenticated.

### **Competent Department**

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### **Basic information**

As a patient, you may export or import narcotics prescribed by your doctor in quantities appropriate for the duration of your trip as travel supplies. When traveling for up to 30 days in member states of the Schengen Agreement, you may take narcotics prescribed by a doctor with you, provided you have a certificate completed by the doctor treating you. You must have this certificate notarized before starting your journey. This regulation also applies if you are carrying narcotics that can be prescribed in the country of origin but not in the country of destination.

The transportation of narcotics by authorized persons is not permitted. When traveling outside the "Schengen area", you should clarify the legal situation in the country to be visited before starting your journey. You must then obtain a multilingual certificate from your doctor.

If you are carrying certain substitution drugs (e.g. methadone), you should also check with the relevant diplomatic representation of the country you are traveling to in Germany before you travel.

As a doctor, dentist or veterinarian, you are permitted to carry narcotics in the context of charitable missions abroad (e.g. Doctors Without Borders) or as medical practice supplies in cross-border traffic if you use them in reasonable quantities and for the purpose of practicing medicine or providing first aid. You must be able to identify yourself as a doctor (doctor's ID). Please contact the diplomatic representation of the country of destination

before you travel to find out whether the narcotics can be taken along and whether any permits are required.

### Requirements

- The doctor's practice is located in the state of Bremen
- Certificate fully completed, signed and stamped by the doctor (without corrections, TippEx, etc.).
- Presentation of identity card/passport
- Please make an appointment at least 2 weeks before departure by e-mail via pharmazie@gesundheit.bremen.de.

### What documents do I need?

- Certificate for carrying narcotics in the course of medical treatment
- Multilingual certificate for travel to countries outside the Schengen area
- Please note that a separate certificate is required for each narcotic prescribed .

## Procedure

- 1. If you, as a patient:in, wish to carry narcotics acquired on the basis of a medical prescription when traveling to countries of the Schengen Agreement:
  - Download the "Certificate for carrying narcotics as part of medical treatment" from the website of the Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM) and ask your attending physician:in to fill it out. You can find the link under "Further information" - "Where can I find out more?" -"Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices - Traveling with Narcotics."
  - Have the certificate certified by the highest state health authority based on the physician's prescription.
  - A separate certificate is required for each narcotic prescribed.
  - You must carry the certificate with you when traveling. It is valid for a maximum of 30 days.
- 1. When traveling to other countries:
  - Find out in advance about the regulations applicable in the destination country.
  - Download the sample multilingual certificate from the BfArM website and ask your prescribing physician to fill it out. You can find the link under "Further information" - "Where can I find out more?" - "Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices - Traveling with Narcotics."
  - The certificate includes information on individual and daily dosages, active ingredient name and duration of travel.
  - Then have the certificate certified by the responsible highest state health authority.
  - You must carry the certificate with you when traveling.
- Please make an appointment at least 2 weeks before departure. Gladly by mail via pharmazie@gesundheit.bremen.de.

### Legal bases

- <u>Betäubungsmittelgesetz (BtMG)</u>
- Betäubungsmittel-Verschreibungsverordnung (BtMVV)
- § 15 Betäubungsmittel-Außenhandelsverordnung (BtMAHV)

### What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The appointment should be made at least about 2 weeks before departure.

### How long does it take to process

If the certificate is issued correctly, approximately 10 minutes will be required on site at the pre-arranged appointment.

#### What are the costs?

The certification of the certificate is usually free of charge.