

## Extend application for a severely disabled person's pass

If you have a severely disabled person's ID card and its validity is about to expire or has already expired, you must apply to extend the validity period of your severely disabled person's ID card.

### Competent Department

- [Amt für Versorgung und Integration Bremen](#)

### Basic information

To extend the validity of a temporary severely disabled person's ID card, an application must be made to extend the card.

A photograph must be sent to extend the validity. An extension on the old ID card is no longer possible!

The previous severely disabled pass must be returned to the AVIB when the new pass is issued.

### Requirements

If no significant change in health circumstances is to be expected, the permit can be issued or extended for an indefinite period.

### What documents do I need?

- in case of representation with written power of attorney

Additionally: identity card or passport of the authorized person

- Passport photo

The passport photo can also be scanned and sent by email.

### Procedure

Informal application to the responsible office.

The severely disabled person's ID card can be issued directly on site on presentation of a passport photo. This also applies to the branch office in Bremerhaven. Processing by post takes approx. 1.5 weeks.

## Legal bases

- [Versorgungsmedizin-Verordnung](#)
- [§ 152 Neuntes Buch Sozialgesetzbuch \(SGB IX\) – Feststellung der Behinderung, Ausweise](#)
- [§ 6 Schwerbehindertenausweisverordnung](#)

## More information

- As a rule, they are issued for an unlimited period of time, with time limits due to follow-up examinations (for certain illnesses: e.g. cancer, diabetes mellitus, mental illness, etc.).
- Exemption from the photo requirement for adults or validity without a photo can be granted on application. The attending physician must confirm that it is no longer medically possible to take photographs.
- If you move within the federal state of Bremen, an informal notification of address (by e-mail, post, fax or telephone) is sufficient.
- The severely disabled person's ID card is now only issued in credit card format.

For children under the age of 10:

- the period of validity of the ID card is limited to the end of the calendar month in which the child turns 10 (= 10th birthday). A photograph is not required up to the age of 10. The card is also valid without a photo.
- Subsequent renewals are then issued until the age of 20 (=20th birthday) at the latest.

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

recommended:

Application 4 weeks before expiry

## How long does it take to process

10 days If the application is submitted by post.

## What are the costs?

The severely disabled pass is free of charge.

## Frequently asked Questions

- **(Severely disabled pass) When is the new severely disabled pass available in Bremen?**

Only the new severely disabled ID cards in credit card format will be issued.

- **When moving within Bremen: How do I have to report the change of address to the Avib? What is the procedure? Is there a form or is an informal notification (mail, post, fax or by phone?) sufficient?**

If you are moving within the state of Bremen, an informal address notification (by mail, post, fax or telephone) is sufficient.

- **If someone moves from Lower Saxony to Bremen, for example. How does the data/file get to Bremen? Does the citizen have to initiate or apply for something?**

If a citizen moves from Lower Saxony to Bremen, he must inform the pension office in Lower Saxony of his new address and ask for the file to be sent to Bremen.

After receipt of the file, the citizen will receive a confirmation of receipt from us, stating that a new ID card and possibly a new token will be issued as soon as a photo is sent to us under the local file number.

Any change of address when moving to Bremen must be notified in writing.

- **How does the new address/data get on the severely disabled person's ID card?**

No address data is stored on the severely disabled person's ID card. If you move within Bremen or Bremerhaven, a new ID card does not have to be issued.

- **Does it have to be recreated or does the old ID card get a sticker (like the ID card)?**

The severely disabled person's ID card does not get a sticker. When moving within Bremen or Bremerhaven, no new ID card needs to be issued. When moving from outside, the issuance of a new ID card is required.