

## Special permits

In the case of certain occupations, special documentation is required for permission to work. The documentation required can vary from occupation to occupation.

**1. Personal reliability, e. g.**

- Police certificate of good conduct (for presentation to authorities)
- Extract from Central Trade Register (Gewerbezentralregister)

**2. Material requirements:**

- e. g.
- Documentation of commercial viability
  - Appropriate condition of commercial property

**3. Professional requirements:**

- e. g.
- Documentation of specialist skills (certificate, diploma, etc.)

Occupation	Personal reliability	Material requirements	Professional requirements
Vending machine installer/gambling machines offering winnings	Yes	Yes	Certificate of non-impediment from Federal Criminal Police Office
Facility security company	Yes	Yes	Course at chamber of commerce Test of expertise* <sup>1</sup>
Accountancy assistant	No	No	Training in bookkeeping, tax advice or business consultancy and three years of professional experience
Driving school	Yes	No	Examination at TÜV, minimum age 25 years, 2 years professional experience
Financial services	Yes	Yes	
Restaurant/hotel	Yes	Yes	Course at chamber of commerce
Trade in arms and ammunition	Yes	No	Test of specialist skills
Transport of freight requiring permission (excluding works traffic)	Yes	Yes	Test of specialist skills

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Occupation	Personal reliability	Material requirements	Professional requirements
Trade in over-the-counter medicines	No	No	Test of specialist skills
Trade in parakeets and vertebrates	Yes	Yes	Test of specialist skills, minimum age 21
Trade in arms, ammunition, explosives and poisons	Yes	No	Test of specialist skills
Manufacture of arms	Yes	No	Test of specialist skills
Manufacture of medicines	Yes	No	Training or study
Child day-care centre	Yes	Yes	Yes (for larger numbers of children)
Estate agent, developer, prime contractor	Yes	Yes	No
Medical footcare	Yes	Yes	State examination of specialist skills
Secondment of workers	Yes	Yes	No
Job placement	Yes	Yes	No
Pawn-broker	Yes	Yes	No
Long-term care provision (homehelp, medical)	Yes	No	Certificate of state examination
Private health facilities	Yes	Yes* <sup>2</sup>	No
Travel business	Yes	No	Apply for travel trade card (Reisegewerbekarte) from Gewerbeamt

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Occupation	Personal reliability	Material requirements	Professional requirements
Transport of people (taxis, buses)	Yes	No <sup>*3</sup>	Test of material requirements and specialist skills
Auction trade	Yes	Yes	No

\*<sup>1</sup> For security guards conducting checks in public areas.

\*<sup>2</sup> Comprehensive spatial and material requirements

\*<sup>3</sup> Local limits on number of taxis

**Tip:** The relevant chamber of commerce generally knows what specific documentation is required and where such documentation is available.

**Note:** The qualifications listed are minimum requirements. For example, a pharmacist or a doctor can offer over-the-counter medicines without

taking an examination, and a trained chef can run a restaurant without needing to attend a course.

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