

## Financial investment broker - Apply for permission

As a financial investment intermediary, you independently broker financial products to clients, receiving a commission from the provider of the financial product. If you receive your fee from the client, please apply for a licence as a fee-based financial investment adviser (see "More information"). You may not act as a financial investment intermediary and a fee-based financial investment adviser at the same time.

As a financial investment intermediary, you are restricted to certain financial products by the so-called area exception of the German Banking Act. The permit covers (optionally) three product categories:

- \* Units or shares in domestic open-ended, investment funds, open EU investment funds or foreign open-ended investment funds that are may be distributed in accordance with the German Capital Investment Code are permitted
- \* Units or shares in domestic closed-ended investment funds, closed-ended EU investment funds or foreign closed-ended investment funds that may be distributed in accordance with the German Capital Investment Code. Investment Act (Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch) Asset investments
- \* Asset investments within the scope of the Asset Investment Act, investment brokerage in the sense of the Banking Act (including participation loans, subordinated loans and crowd funding), on a commercial basis

In addition to the licence, you must also be entered in the Register of Intermediaries. You can submit the application for this together with the permit application. Staff members of financial investment brokers, who perform tasks in the area of financial investment brokerage and consultation, must also be registered in the Register of Financial Investment Brokers.

The CCI Berlin is in charge of registrations for companies based in Berlin. (see "More information").

Intermediaries, who perform financial brokering activities solely as a service for providers or issuers of asset investments in the sense of the Asset Investment Act or of closed-end alternative investment funds in the sense of capital investment legislation are exempt from the licensing obligation. They are registered in a public register kept by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) (register of contractually bound brokers).

The content of your licence may be restricted and subject to ancillary provisions if the authorities deem this to be necessary for the protection of the general public or the clients.

Under the same conditions, the subsequent inclusion, amendment and supplementation of conditions is also permissible.

In the case of business partnerships (e. g. GbR, OHG, KG), each managing

partners is considered a business person. In the case of legal entities (GmbH, UG or AG) permission is granted to the company.

## Prerequisites

- Personal reliability  
Reliability is verified based on various documents. The applicant must submit an excerpt from the Federal Central Criminal Register (certificate of good conduct) and an excerpt from the Commercial Central Register.
- Orderly financial circumstances  
It is checked whether the applicant has debts (private or public) or whether insolvency proceedings are known.
- Adequate insurance cover  
Proof of professional insurance cover for the business.
- Expert knowledge  
Proof of successfully passed examination of competence before a CCI or a similar approved professional qualification.

## Documents required

- Application for a licence pursuant to § 34 f of the Trade Regulations (GewO) (financial investment broker)  
Possible online; or you can use the form.
- Identity document  
Identity card or other official identification document containing a photograph (not required for electronic applications).  
Residence permit, if the applicant is not an EU national
- Certificate of good conduct for presentation to an authority  
To verify personal reliability, information from the Federal Central Register (certificate of good conduct) is required for submission to an authority (document type 0).  
The information must be applied for at the municipality of residence (in Berlin at every citizens' office) for submission to an authority, i.e. it is sent directly to the public order office responsible for the place of business. The information must not be older than three months. The Federal Ministry of Justice also offers an online application procedure. (see "More information")  
  
*<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120926/>*
- Excerpt from the central business register for presentation to an authority  
To verify personal reliability, information from the central business register for natural persons is required for submission to an authority (document type 9).  
As a private individual, the information must be applied for at the municipality of residence (in Berlin at every citizens' office) for submission to an authority, i.e. it is sent directly to the public order office responsible for the place of business.

Legal entities with their place of business in Berlin apply for it at their competent public order office.

The information must not be older than three months. The Federal Ministry of Justice also offers an online application procedure. (see "More information")

<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/327835/>

- Information from the debtors' register (Central Enforcement Portal)  
Information on entries can be requested online at the Central Enforcement Portal of the Federal States. (see "More information")

<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/327028/>

- Information from the insolvency register
  - \* Two certificates are required for initiating insolvency proceedings for natural persons who are residents of Berlin. The first certificate for consumer insolvency proceedings must be applied for with the local court responsible for your place of residence, and the second one for regular insolvency proceedings is available from the District Court Charlottenburg  
Amtsgerichtsplatz 1, 14057 Berlin.
  - \* The District Court Charlottenburg, Amtsgerichtsplatz 1, 14057 Berlin is responsible for insolvency proceedings for legal entities and private trade companies based in Berlin.
  - \* Applicants residing / operating outside of Berlin please inform themselves about the respective responsibilities of the insolvency courts via the central place and court directory (see "More Information").

<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/327527/>

- Proof of expertise  
Chamber of Industry and Commerce (Industrie- und Handelskammer or IHK) proof of professional qualification or another comparable recognised professional qualification.

<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/330156/en/>

- Professional liability insurance  
Confirmation from an insurance company that the financial investment broker has professional liability insurance cover.  
The confirmation must be no older than three months.

[https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/finvermv/\\_9.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/finvermv/_9.html)

- Up-to-date excerpt from the Trade Register  
Registered companies please submit a current excerpt from the commercial register when applying. Legal entities in the process of formation (GmbH, AG) must submit the articles of association.

[https://www.handelsregister.de/rp\\_web/welcome.do;jsessionid=2A22D37A1C112D6FB89E72AAA6F66A80-n1.tc032n01](https://www.handelsregister.de/rp_web/welcome.do;jsessionid=2A22D37A1C112D6FB89E72AAA6F66A80-n1.tc032n01)

## Forms

- Application for a licence pursuant to § 34 f of the Trade Regulations (GewO) (financial investment broker)  
[https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/ordnungsamt/stehende-s-gewerbe/\\_assets/mdb-f382443-wir22\\_gewo\\_finanzanlagevermittler\\_antrag\\_\\_01\\_2017.pdf](https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/ordnungsamt/stehende-s-gewerbe/_assets/mdb-f382443-wir22_gewo_finanzanlagevermittler_antrag__01_2017.pdf)

## Fees

- EUR 500.00 for the first permission
- EUR 250.00 for each additional permission applied for
- EUR 1,740.00 is the maximum administrative charge

## Legal basis

- Trade regulations (GewO) § 34 f sec. 1  
[https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/gewo/\\_\\_34f.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/gewo/__34f.html)
- Financial investment brokerage regulation (Finanzanlagenvermittlungsverordnung (FinVermV))  
<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/finvermv/>
- Banking Act (Kreditwesengesetz (KWG)) § 2 section 6 sentence 1 no. 8 - Derogation  
[https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/kredwg/\\_\\_2.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/kredwg/__2.html)
- Banking Act (Kreditwesengesetz (KWG)) § 1 section 1a no. 1 - Definition of investment brokerage  
[https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/kredwg/\\_\\_1.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/kredwg/__1.html)
- Banking Act (Kreditwesengesetz (KWG)) § 2 section 1 no. 10 - Exemptions from the permit requirement  
[https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/kredwg/\\_\\_2.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/kredwg/__2.html)
- Investment Act (Vermögensanlagengesetz (VermAnlG)) § 1 section 2 - Scope of application of investments  
[https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/vermanlg/\\_\\_1.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/vermanlg/__1.html)
- Schedule of Administrative Fees (Verwaltungsgebührenordnung (VGebO))  
<https://gesetze.berlin.de/perma?d=jlr-VwGebOBE2009V11Anlage>

## Average time to process request

1 month

## More information

- Information by IHK Berlin  
<https://www.ihk-berlin.de/service-und-beratung/recht-und-steuern/gewerberecht/erlaubnis-registrierungsverfahren-ihk/gesetzgebungsverfahren-zu-neuregelungen-fuer-finanzanlagevermit-2264966>
- Fact sheet about derogation for brokerage of investment funds and asset investments  
[https://www.bafin.de/SharedDocs/Veroeffentlichungen/DE/Merkblatt/mb\\_150416\\_ausnahme\\_investmentfondsvermittlung.html](https://www.bafin.de/SharedDocs/Veroeffentlichungen/DE/Merkblatt/mb_150416_ausnahme_investmentfondsvermittlung.html)
- Financial investment broker - register for the examination  
<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/330156/en/>
- Remunerated Financial Investment Consultant - Apply for permission

<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/327481/en/>

- Register of contractually bound brokers pursuant to § 2 section 10 sentence 6 of the Banking Act (Kreditwesengesetz (KWG))  
[https://www.bafin.de/DE/PublikationenDaten/Datenbanken/Vermittler/vermittler\\_artikel.html](https://www.bafin.de/DE/PublikationenDaten/Datenbanken/Vermittler/vermittler_artikel.html)
- Apply for certificate of good conduct and central business register online - BfJ  
[https://www.bundesjustizamt.de/DE/Themen/Buergerdienste/Buergerdienste\\_node.html](https://www.bundesjustizamt.de/DE/Themen/Buergerdienste/Buergerdienste_node.html)
- Information from the debtors' register - Central Enforcement Portal of the Federal States  
<https://www.vollstreckungsportal.de/zponf/allg/willkommen.jsf>
- Insolvency notices online via the joint justice portal of the Federal States  
<https://www.insolvenzbekanntmachungen.de/>
- Search for the competent court in the central local and court register  
<https://www.justizadressen.nrw.de/de/justiz/suche>
- Information about privacy  
[https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/ordnungsamt/stehende-s-gewerbe/\\_assets/merkblatt-dsgv.pdf](https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/ordnungsamt/stehende-s-gewerbe/_assets/merkblatt-dsgv.pdf)
- Register of intermediaries IHK - Registration  
<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/329370/en/>

## Link to online processing

<https://www.berlin.de/ea/en/application/login-service-account-berlin/>

## Responsible authority

The application for approval must be submitted to the Public Order Office that is responsible for the place of business. If the place of business is not yet known, approval can also be applied for with the Public Order Office that is responsible for the applicant's place of residence.

## Information on this location

### Ordnungsamt Neukölln - Zentrale Anlauf - und Beratungsstelle

#### Address

Juliusstraße 67

12051 Berlin

## **Current information on this location**

Wichtig: Die Beantragung einer Gewerbezentralregister-Auskunft gilt ausschließlich für juristische Personen. Privatpersonen wenden sich bitte an das Bürgeramt.

## **Barrier-free access**

This facility is fully accessible to wheelchairs.  
Handicapped parking space available.  
An elevator fully accessible to wheelchairs is available.  
A WC fully accessible to wheelchairs is available.

Zugang für Rollstuhlfahrer am Haupteingang

## **Opening hours**

Monday: 09.00-13.00 Uhr und nach Terminvereinbarung

Tuesday: 09.00-13.00 Uhr und nach Terminvereinbarung

Wednesday: nach Terminvereinbarung

Thursday: 15.00-18.00 Uhr und nach Terminvereinbarung

Friday: nach Terminvereinbarung

## **Information for customers with an appointment**

Wichtig: Die Beantragung einer Gewerbezentralregister-Auskunft gilt ausschließlich für juristische Personen. Privatpersonen wenden sich bitte an das Bürgeramt.

## **Public transportation**

S-Bahn Neukölln: S41, S42

U-Bahn Grenzallee: U7

Bus M171

## **Contact**

Telephone: (030) 90239-6699

Fax: (030) 90239-4988

Internet:

<http://www.berlin.de/ba-neukoelln/politik-und-verwaltung/aemter/ordnungsamt/>

E-mail: [ordnungsamt@bezirksamt-neukoelln.de](mailto:ordnungsamt@bezirksamt-neukoelln.de)

## **Payment methods**

Payment only by debit card (Girocard) (with PIN) at this location.

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