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Summary. This publication provides policy and procedures for—

- Obtaining German hunting and fishing licenses.
- Requesting and conducting local hunting and fishing courses.
- Hunting and fishing in Germany.

Applicability. This publication applies to members of the U.S. Forces and their family members who wish to hunt or fish in Germany.

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Glossary

1. PURPOSE

This publication explains procedures for hunting and fishing in Germany. Throughout this publication, the United States Army Installation Management Agency, Europe Region Office (IMA-Europe), and USAFE hunting and fishing program offices will be referred to as “U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices.”

NOTE: IMA-Europe has responsibility for hunting and fishing programs in the German states of Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, and Hessen; USAFE has responsibility for hunting and fishing programs in the German state of Rheinland-Pfalz.

2. REFERENCES

a. Publications.

- (1) German Federal Hunting Law, section 17, paragraphs 3 and 4.
- (2) AR 25-400-2, The Army Records Information Management System (ARIMS).
- (3) AFM 37-139, Records Disposition Schedule.
- (4) U.S. Forces Guide to Hunting in Germany (available from U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices).
- (5) U.S. Forces Guide to Freshwater Fishing in Germany (available from U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices).

b. Forms.

- (1) DA Form 2028, Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms.
- (2) AE Form 190-6D, Part A, Application for/Authorization to Conduct Background Investigation.

NOTE: Paragraph 6 lists forms prescribed by this publication.

3. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

The glossary defines abbreviations and terms.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- a. The U.S. Forces Hunting and Fishing Program is open to all U.S. Forces personnel with NATO SOFA status.
- b. Canadian Forces hunters stationed in Germany may participate in the U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program with the same opportunities and requirements as those allowed for U.S. Forces hunters.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Only IMA-Europe, USAREUR, and USAFE commanders who are lieutenant colonels and above may approve applications for German hunting licenses and certify the reliability of U.S. Forces personnel who are applying for a German foreigners hunting license.
- b. The U.S. Forces Hunting, Shooting, and Fishing Advisory Committee (HSFAC) will—
 - (1) Be chaired by the Region Director, IMA-Europe.
 - (2) Include the following voting members:
 - (a) The IMA-Europe, 6th Area Support Group commander or delegate.
 - (b) The IMA-Europe, 26th Area Support Group commander or delegate.
 - (c) The IMA-Europe, 98th Area Support Group commander or delegate.
 - (d) The IMA-Europe, 100th Area Support Group commander or delegate.
 - (e) The IMA-Europe, 104th Area Support Group commander or delegate.
 - (f) The HQ USAFE Director of Services or delegate.
 - (g) A USAFE member-at-large, representing U.S. Forces installations in Rheinland-Pfalz.

(3) Include the following nonvoting advisers:

(a) The IMA-Europe, 22d Area Support Group commander or delegate.

(b) The IMA-Europe, 80th Area Support Group commander or delegate.

(c) The IMA-Europe Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Division Chief.

(d) USNAVEUR representative.

(e) The IMA-Europe hunting and fishing program and rod and gun club (RGC)/sport shooting program oversight representative and the HQ USAFE/SVPCO.

(f) The IMA-Europe Safety Program Chief.

(g) The Chief, Vehicle Registry Branch, Office of the Provost Marshal, HQ USAREUR/7A.

(h) Each IMA-Europe and USAFE installation-level RGC manager.

(4) Review operations supporting hunting, shooting, and fishing opportunities for U.S. Forces personnel who are stationed in Europe.

(5) Meet once a year, in conjunction with the winter Quarterly IMA-Europe Base Operations (BASOPS) Commanders' Conference.

c. U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices will—

(1) Work to ensure that the U.S. Forces Hunting and Fishing Program and local courses comply with German law and with written requirements from German Federal and State authorities.

(2) Provide the "U.S. Forces Guide to Hunting in Germany" and "U.S. Forces Guide to Freshwater Fishing in Germany" to each student. These will be the primary instructional references for local hunting and fishing courses.

(3) Oversee actions to ensure that instructors who have hunting or fishing instructor certification are available to teach hunting and fishing courses at U.S. Forces RGCs in Germany.

(4) Coordinate an annual schedule of tests for hunting and fishing courses and send the approved schedule to U.S. Forces RGCs, certified hunting and fishing instructors, and German State hunting and fishing authorities representing Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Hessen, and Rheinland-Pfalz.

(5) Review and approve requests from certified instructors to conduct a hunting or fishing course at U.S. Forces installations (app A).

(6) Send updates on requirements from German authorities to certified instructors for inclusion in local course instruction.

(7) Request and obtain test-observer services from German State hunting authorities to oversee local hunting course tests at U.S. Forces installations.

(8) Conduct testing services for local hunting and fishing tests on U.S. Forces installations.

(9) Ensure that customer fees collected for local courses are deposited directly into the official bank account for the hosting RGC. Deposits must be labeled with the hunting or fishing account code (LL-59-GLAC 530 for hunting and LL-5C-GLAC 529 for fishing).

(10) Review applications for German hunting licenses for validity, accuracy, and recordkeeping.

(11) Review applications for U.S. Forces hunt requests and send them to the applicable German forestry offices or other European hunting outfitters.

(12) Provide assistance to eligible U.S. Forces hunting and fishing customers as requested.

d. U.S. Forces hunting chief instructors—

(1) Must be graduates of the Hunting Instructor Training Course. IMA-Europe and USAFE conduct this course once every 2 years at the Baden-Württemberg State Hunting Association Hunting School at Dornsborg, near Lake Constance. To maintain their certification, U.S. Forces hunting instructors must teach at least one local hunting course per year.

(2) Will coordinate with U.S. Forces hunting and fishing offices to obtain permission to conduct hunting course using the application and syllabus in appendix A, figures A-1, and A-2.

(3) Will ensure that the student/instructor ratio does not exceed 28 students to 1 instructor.

(4) Coordinate for use of military or host nation shooting range facilities, and notify the installation safety program manager of the course schedule. Before using host nation shooting ranges, ensure installation safety program manager has inspected and certified the facility as being safe for use by U.S. Forces personnel.

(5) Will maintain a daily sign-in roster for all instructional sessions for the hunting course and will submit the sign-in roster to the appropriate U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office on the day of the examination.

e. U.S. Forces fishing instructors—

(1) Must be graduates of the Fishing Instructor Training Course. IMA-Europe and USAFE conduct this course once every 2 years at the Bavarian State Fishing Institute in Starnberg, south of Munich. To maintain certification, U.S. Forces fishing instructors must teach in at least one local fishing course per year.

(2) Will coordinate with U.S. Forces hunting and fishing offices to obtain permission to conduct hunting course using the application and syllabus in appendix A, figures A-3, and A-4.

(3) Will ensure that student/instructor ratio does not exceed 28 students to 1 instructor.

(4) Will maintain a daily sign-in roster for all instructional sessions for the hunting course and will submit the sign-in roster to the appropriate U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office on the day of the examination.

f. RGC managers and installation MWR or Services directors at installations without RGCs will—

(1) Host hunting and fishing courses, based on facility and scheduling resources.

(2) Ensure that hunting and fishing course customers are members in good standing at a U.S. Forces RGC in Europe.

(3) Collect fees for local hunting and fishing courses and deposit the fees directly into the official bank account for their RGC. Deposits must be labeled with the hunting or fishing account code (LL-59-GLAC 530 for hunting and LL-5C-GLAC 529 for fishing).

(4) Coordinate with certified hunting and fishing instructors and follow the guidance in paragraphs 13 and 14 when scheduling local hunting and fishing courses and examinations.

g. U.S. Forces personnel who intend to—

(1) Take local hunting or fishing courses or to take part in hunting or fishing opportunities offered by U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices must become members in good standing of a U.S. Forces RGC program in Europe.

(2) Hunt or fish in Germany will follow the guidelines in this publication.

6. FORMS

This publication prescribes the following forms:

- a. AE Form 215-145A, *Antrag auf Erteilung/Verlängerung eines Jagdscheins für in Deutschland stationierte Mitglieder der US-Streitkräfte*/Application for Issuance/Renewal of a German Hunting License for U.S. Members of the Forces Stationed in Germany.
- b. AE Form 215-145B, Application for German Fishing License/*Antrag auf deutschen Fischereischein*.
- c. AE Form 215-145C, Certificate of Examination - Sportfisher/*Prüfungszeugnis für Sportfischer*.
- d. AE Form 215-145D, Fishing Permit/*Fischereierlaubnisschein*.
- e. AE Form 215-145E, *Prüfungszeugnis*/Examination Certificate.

7. HUNTING LICENSES

a. U.S. Forces personnel stationed in Germany may hunt in German states if they have a valid German hunting license and permission (or invitation) to hunt. Hunting without required documents is considered poaching, and violators could be fined.

- b. Appendix B prescribes procedures to apply for a German hunting license.

8. GAME BAG LIMIT RECORD

Game bag limit records are no longer applicable in the U.S. Forces hunting program. U.S. Forces personnel are responsible for all fees that they incur for hunting activities in Germany.

9. BOOKING HUNTS IN GERMANY

a. Hunters will pay the full conservation fee to the German forestry official booking the hunt. The U.S. Forces do not provide a subsidy for capital game conservation fees. Trophies remain the property of the German forest authorities until the hunter has made full payment of outstanding conservation fees and applicable guide fees.

b. German forest authorities may require U.S. Forces hunters to display trophies gained during the previous hunting season at annual trophy shows for conservation and census purposes.

10. CAPITAL GAME HUNTING

Licensed hunters are authorized to book hunts for one or more capital game each hunting season. Hunters interested in capital game hunts should send a written or e-mail request to the U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office before the end of March each year.

11. CLASSIFICATION OF RED DEER STAGS

- a. The following applies to the classification of red deer stags:

(1) Red Deer Stag Class III: *Hirsch* 0 to 3 years (*bis zum 3. Kopf*).

(2) Red Deer Stag Class II A: *Hirsch* 4 to 9 years (*4. - 9. Kopf*). These are *Hirsch* that are good for breeding and may become class I A.

(3) Red Deer Stag Class II B: *Hirsch* 4 to 9 years (*4. - 9. Kopf*). These have weak antler development, no chance of becoming class I, and should be culled from the herd.

(4) Red Deer Stag Class I A: *Hirsch* 10 years and older (*10. Kopf und älter*). These classic, full-size *Hirsch* have many points (18 and more), crown on top of antlers, limited *Abschuß*, and are very expensive.

(5) Red Deer Stag Class II B: *Hirsch* 10 years and older (*10. Kopf und älter*). These do not have good antler development, but still have many points with no crown or uneven antlers.

b. The German State of Hessen also has class III A and class III B.

c. Hunters are responsible for being aware of current laws where they will hunt. Hunters should check with state or local forest officials before hunting.

12. FORESTRY OFFICIALS

In all German states, the forestry official will decide the classification of the game bagged and the amount of the conservation fee to be paid.

13. HUNTING COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS

a. Hunting instructors who are certified at the Dornsberg School (para 5d) may request approval to teach installation-level hunting courses. Hunting courses will cover local hunting law, hunting agreements, the history of hunting in Germany, game biology and ecology, game conservation, and types of hunts. Appendix A provides a sample program of instruction for a hunting course.

b. U.S. Forces installation RGCs may offer hunting courses and examinations twice a year. Courses will be offered in the spring (March and April) and in the fall (September and October). Course subjects and minimum presentation times are mandatory. Course participants must attend all presentations, either on the scheduled date or on a make-up date, to be permitted to take the hunting examination. Chief instructors must have written approval from a U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office at least 1 month before the proposed starting date to conduct a hunting course. Appendix A provides a sample format to request a hunting course.

c. Hunting-course participants must be—

(1) Authorized members of the U.S. Forces (active duty, civilian employee, or family member).

(2) At least 18 years old on the day of course registration.

(3) Current members of a U.S. Forces RGC. At course locations that do not have an RGC, students may become RGC members through the nearest RGC in the area support group (ASG) where they will take the course. The membership card provides membership and member benefits for all U.S. Forces RGCs in Europe.

d. U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices will schedule and conduct hunting examinations and arrange for a test observer from the hosting German State Hunting Association to oversee the test and represent interests and requirements of German State governments. Hunting examinations will include a shooting test, a written test, and an oral test. The sequence of the three test portions may vary among the German states.

(1) Examination authorities will strictly monitor weapons safety during the portions of the test that require the students to handle weapons. Unsafe handling of weapons is cause for the examination authorities or the German State Hunting Association test observer to issue a failure and dismiss the student from the remainder of the examination.

(2) In accordance with German law, testing officials may—

(a) Allow students to take two complete shooting tests, if needed to pass this part of the hunting examination.

(b) Not allow a re-test of a student who fails the written or oral test. In this case, if the student wishes to pursue a hunting license through the U.S. Forces program, the student must start the process again by enrolling in the next available U.S. Forces hunting course.

e. Hunting course fees will include an amount to cover the cost of the German State Hunting Association test observer. Chief hunting instructors will ensure that all registration fees are deposited into the host installation MWR or Service fund and credited to the installation hunting and fishing program. All fees will be due on the day of registration.

f. The chief hunting instructor will maintain a daily sign-in roster for all instructional sessions for the hunting course and will submit the sign-in roster to the appropriate U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office on the day of the examination.

g. U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices will schedule and conduct examinations for hunting courses. U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices will issue AE Form 215-145E to participants who successfully complete the hunting course.

14. FISHING COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS

a. Fishing instructors who are certified by U.S. Forces and German State fishing authorities may seek U.S. Forces Hunting and Fishing Program approval to teach installation-level fishing courses.

b. Courses conducted at U.S. Forces RGCs will have priority over requests to conduct courses at other locations.

c. Fishing courses will include at least 30 hours of instruction on general ichthyology, specialized ichthyology, hydrology, fishing equipment, and fishing laws. Appendix A provides a sample program of instruction for a fishing course.

d. Courses will be offered in the spring (March or April) and in the fall (September or October). Course subjects and minimum presentation times are mandatory. Course participants must attend all presentations, either on the scheduled date or on a make-up date, to be permitted to take the fishing examination. Fishing instructors must have written approval from a U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office at least 1 month before the proposed starting date to conduct a fishing course. Appendix A provides a sample format to request a fishing course.

e. Fishing course students must be a current member of a U.S. Forces RGC. At course locations that do not have an RGC, students may become RGC members through the nearest RGC in the ASG where they will take the course. The membership card provides membership and member benefits for all U.S. Forces RGCs in Europe.

f. Fishing instructors will ensure that all registration fees are deposited into the host installation MWR or Service fund and credited to the installation hunting and fishing program. All fees will be due on the day of registration.

g. Fishing instructors will maintain a daily sign-in roster for all instructional sessions for the fishing course and will submit the sign-in roster to the appropriate U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office on the day of the examination.

h. U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices will schedule and conduct examinations for fishing courses. U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices will issue AE Form 215-145C to participants who successfully complete the fishing course.

15. FISHING IN GERMANY

a. U.S. Forces personnel stationed in Germany may fish in German states if they have a valid German fishing license and fishing permit. Fishing without the required documents is considered poaching, and violators could be fined.

b. German authorities issue fishing licenses at the *Ordnungsamt* (public administration office) in the local *Rathaus* (town hall). To apply for a fishing license, applicants will submit the following:

(1) Two copies of AE Form 215-145B signed by the applicant's commander.

(2) A copy of AE Form 215-145C issued by a U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office.

(3) A passport-size photograph.

c. Applicants for a juvenile fishing license in Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, and Rheinland-Pfalz must be at least 10 years old. Applicants in Hessen must be at least 12 years old.

d. Members of the U.S. Forces will fish only in waters where water-right holders have issued fishing permits and in areas that are specified on the fishing permit.

16. HUNTING AND FISHING PROGRAM OFFICES

a. The hunting and fishing program office for IMA-Europe is on Tompkins Barracks (Friedrichsfelderlandstr, 68723 Schwetzingen); telephone DSN 379-6593/6083, civilian 06202-80-6593/6083, fax DSN 379-6285.

b. The hunting and fishing program office for USAFE is on Sembach Airbase (building 111, Sembach); telephone DSN 496-7931, civilian 06302-67-7931, fax DSN 496-7954.

17. AWARDS

a. U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices will provide award certificates and pins for recognition of contributions made by instructors and other volunteers. U.S. Forces RGC advisory councils and installation MWR or Service organizations may nominate individuals for the following awards:

(1) **Bronze.** Approval level is the applicable IMA-Europe base support battalion commander or USAFE base squadron commander.

(2) **Silver.** Approval level is the applicable IMA-Europe ASG commander or USAFE base support group commander.

(3) **Gold.** Approval level is the IMA-Europe Region Director or USAFE Services Chief.

b. U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices will present instructor achievement pins to certified hunting and fishing instructors as follows:

(1) **Bronze.** To instructors who have successfully completed the applicable U.S. Forces hunting or fishing instructor course.

(2) **Silver.** To instructors who have served as chief instructors or as assistant instructors for at least three lessons in a given course, for a total of five overall hunting or fishing courses.

(3) **Gold.** To instructors who have served as chief instructors or as assistant instructors for at least 3 lessons in a given course, for a total of 10 overall hunting or fishing courses.

**APPENDIX A
REQUESTS TO CONDUCT HUNTING AND FISHING COURSES AND SAMPLE PROGRAMS OF
INSTRUCTION**

This appendix provides sample formats to be used by U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices and certified instructors who want to teach hunting and fishing courses at rod and gun clubs.

a. Figure A-1 is the format to request permission to conduct a hunting course.

b. Figure A-2 is the format to request permission to conduct a fishing course.

c. Figure A-3 is a sample program of instruction that must be completed by certified hunting instructors and submitted to the applicable U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office at least 1 month before the start of the course (para 13b).

d. Figure A-4 is a sample program of instruction that must be completed by certified fishing instructors and submitted to the applicable U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office at least 1 month before the start of the course (para 14d).

OFFICE SYMBOL

Date

SUBJECT: Request Permission to Conduct a Hunting Course

MEMORANDUM FOR Hunting and Fishing Program Office IMA-Europe (SFIM-EU-MWR), Unit 29353, APO AE 09014-9353

or

HQ USAFE/SVPCO (Hunting and Fishing Program Office), Unit 3050, Box 160, APO AE 09136-1060

1. Request permission to conduct a hunting course from (start date) to (end date) at (name of rod and gun club and location).
2. I am a certified hunting instructor and graduated from the course at the Baden-Württemberg State Hunting Association Hunting School at Dornsberg on (date and year).
3. Enclosed is a schedule of instruction with mandatory subjects and minimum periods of instruction.
4. The following U.S. Forces-certified hunting instructors are scheduled to teach:

Name	Address	Telephone number	Certified: (year and location)

5. I understand that the applicable U.S. Forces hunting and fishing office will obtain a German State Hunting Association test observer for the test at a cost of €150 for a 1-day test or €250 for a 2-day test (payable in cash) to the test observer when the test is completed.

6. I understand that the applicable U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office will conduct the final hunting examination.

7. I am aware that I must keep a daily participation roster and give the roster to the examiner on the day of the examination. Students will be informed that all classes are mandatory and must be attended before taking the examination.

Encl

(signature of chief instructor)

Figure A-1. Format to Request Permission to Conduct a Hunting Course

OFFICE SYMBOL

Date

SUBJECT: Request Permission to Conduct a Fishing Course

MEMORANDUM FOR Hunting and Fishing Program Office, IMA-Europe (SFIM-EU-MWR), Unit 29353, APO AE
09014-9353

or
HQ USAFE/SVPCO (Hunting and Fishing Program Office), Unit 3050, Box 160, APO AE
09136-1060

1. Request permission to conduct a fishing course from (start date) to (end date) at (name of rod and gun club and location).
2. I am a certified fishing instructor and graduated from the Bavarian State Fishing Institute in Starnberg on (date and year).
3. Enclosed is a schedule of instruction with mandatory subjects and minimum periods of instruction.
4. The following U.S. Forces-certified fishing instructors are scheduled to teach:

Name	Address	Telephone number	Certified: (year and location)

5. I understand that the applicable U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program office will conduct the final fishing examination.
6. I am aware that I must keep a daily participation roster and give the roster to the examiner on the day of the examination. Students will be informed that all classes are mandatory and must be attended before taking the examination.

Encl (signature of chief instructor)

Figure A-2. Format to Request Permission to Conduct a Fishing Course

**U.S. FORCES HUNTING COURSE SCHEDULE--MANDATORY SUBJECTS AND
MINIMUM TEACHING TIMES**

SUBJECTS	DATE COMPLETED	MINIMUM DURATION	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS
1. Registration/ <i>Anmeldung</i>	_____	5 Minutes	_____
2. Introduction	_____	5 Minutes	_____
3. Welcome	_____	15 Minutes	_____
4. Revised Hunting Agreement	_____	45 Minutes	_____
5. Haired Game, Cloven Hoof Game			
- Mouflon	_____	30 Minutes	_____
- Roe Deer	_____	120 Minutes	_____
6. Haired Game, Cloven Hoof Game (Cont)			
- Black Boar	_____	60 Minutes	_____
- Chamois	_____	60 Minutes	_____
7. Preparation of Trophies	_____	120 Minutes	_____
8. Red Deer/Fallow Deer	_____	90 Minutes	_____
9. Other Haired Game			
- Badger	_____	15 Minutes	_____
- Fox	_____	60 Minutes	_____
- Hare	_____	60 Minutes	_____
- Pine and Stone Marten	_____	15 Minutes	_____
- Rabbit	_____	60 Minutes	_____
10. Hunting Weapons and Ammunition	_____	120 Minutes	_____
- Hunting Equipment	_____	60 Minutes	_____
- Wilderness First Aid	_____	60 Minutes	_____
11. Types of Hunts	_____	120 Minutes	_____
- Drive Hunts			
- Social Hunts			
- Stalking			
- Still Hunts			
12. Booking Hunts	_____	60 Minutes	_____
13. Forestry Administration and Hunting	_____	120 Minutes	_____
- Overview, Woodlands and Forestry			
14. Game Damage in Forests	_____	60 Minutes	_____
15. Prevention of Game Damage	_____	60 Minutes	_____
Agriculture and Hunting	_____	60 Minutes	_____
- Game Damage to Farming			
- Prevention of Game Damage			
16. Feeding	_____	60 Minutes	_____
17. Habitat Improvement	_____	60 Minutes	_____
18. Feathered Game – Waterfowl			
- Crows	_____	30 Minutes	_____
- Ducks	_____	60 Minutes	_____
- Geese	_____	15 Minutes	_____
- Partridge	_____	20 Minutes	_____
- Pheasant	_____	20 Minutes	_____

SUBJECTS	DATE COMPLETED	MINIMUM DURATION	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS
- Pigeons	_____	20 Minutes	
- Predatory Birds	_____	30 Minutes	
- Snipe	_____	20 Minutes	
- Swans and Cranes	_____	15 Minutes	
19. Visit to Hunting Revier, Part I	_____	240 Minutes	_____
- Game Damage in Forests			
- Gutting of Game			
- Hunting Dogs			
- Prevention of Game Damage in Forests			
20. Shooting at the Range	_____	180 Minutes	_____
21. Visit to Hunting Revier, Part II	_____	240 Minutes	_____
- Branch Signs			
- High Seats			
- Hunter Safety			
- Social Hunts/Drive Hunts			
- Stalking			
- Still Hunts			
22. Hunting Laws			_____
- Animal Protection Act	_____	60 Minutes	
- Forestry and Nature Protection Agencies	_____	30 Minutes	
- Historical Development of Hunting	_____	60 Minutes	
- Hunting Agencies	_____	30 Minutes	
- Nature Protection Act	_____	30 Minutes	
- Weapons Law	_____	30 Minutes	
23. Game Diseases			_____
- Botfly	_____	20 Minutes	
- Cocciidiose	_____	30 Minutes	
- Fox Tapeworm	_____	40 Minutes	
- Myxomatose	_____	15 Minutes	
- Pig Plague	_____	30 Minutes	
- Rabies	_____	45 Minutes	
- Trichina	_____	40 Minutes	
- Warblefly	_____	20 Minutes	
24. Preparation of Game			_____
- Field Dressing of Cloven Hoofed Game	_____	60 Minutes	
- Gutting of Other Game	_____	30 Minutes	
- Preparation of Venison -- Hygienic Requirements	_____	30 Minutes	
25. Game Conservation			_____
- Basis, Census, Damage to Vegetation	_____	90 Minutes	
- Hunting Customs and Traditions	_____	60 Minutes	
- Legal Obligations	_____	30 Minutes	
- Open and Closed Seasons	_____	30 Minutes	

NOTE: Hunters will complete 55 hours of instruction (excluding time for range practice, weapons qualification, film showing, and testing) during this program of instruction.

Figure A-3. Sample Program of Instruction for a Hunting Course

**U.S. FORCES FISHING COURSE SCHEDULE--MANDATORY SUBJECTS AND
MINIMUM TEACHING TIMES**

SUBJECTS	DATE COMPLETED	MINIMUM DURATION	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS
1. Welcome and Introduction	_____	10 Minutes	_____
2. Fishing Agreement	_____	45 Minutes	_____
3. Fishing Coordinator	_____	10 Minutes	_____
4. General Ichthyology - Historical Development - Zoology - Anatomy of Fish - Physiology of Fish	_____	120 Minutes	_____
5. Specialized Ichthyology - Distinctions - Habitat - Cause of Danger for Fish, Mussels, and Crayfish	_____	180 Minutes	_____
6. Hydrology and Conservation - General - Water Quality - Bio Indicators - Water Plants - Water Animals - Type of Waters - Fish Stocking and Conservation - Fish Diseases - Mode of Acting by Fish Dye	_____	360 Minutes	_____
7. Fishing Equipment, Techniques, and Treatment of Fish - Theoretical Training - Practical Training - Treatment of Caught Fish - Wilderness First Aid	_____ _____ _____ _____	135 Minutes 180 Minutes 90 Minutes 30 Minutes	_____ _____ _____ _____
8. Laws - Fishing Law - Animal Protection Act - Nature Protection Act	_____	225 Minutes	_____
9. Fishing Organizations	_____	15 Minutes	_____
10. Fishing Publications	_____	15 Minutes	_____
11. Fishing Licenses/Fishing Permits	_____	120 Minutes	_____

Figure A-4. Sample Program of Instruction for a Fishing Course

APPENDIX B
APPLICATION FOR A GERMAN HUNTING LICENSE

B-1. PURPOSE

This appendix prescribes policy and procedures for approval authorities in paragraph B-2 to issue “reliability certification” (glossary) for individuals applying for German foreigners hunting licenses.

B-2. RESPONSIBILITIES

Approval authorities for AE Form 215-145A—

a. In USAREUR and the United States Army Installation Management Agency, Europe Region Office (IMA-Europe), are—

(1) Commanders of area support groups (ASGs), base support battalions (BSBs), and other battalion-level commands.

(2) The first lieutenant colonel in the applicant’s chain of command.

b. In USAFE are commanders of squadrons or the first lieutenant colonel in the applicant’s chain of command.

c. Will not delegate their approval authority. Applicants may not approve their own applications. Officers in positions of supervision over the commanders in subparagraphs a and b above may, however, approve applications for their senior commanders.

d. Must familiarize themselves with the German Federal Hunting Law, section 17, paragraphs 3 and 4 (fig B-1), before approving AE Form 215-145A.

e. Will review and certify applications (AE Form 215-145A) for a German hunting license only when, in their judgment, the applicant meets all requirements in (1) through (11) below. In validating the applicant’s ability to meet these requirements, approval authorities will review the applicant’s approved background check (AE Form 190-6D, Part A) and may rely on endorsements from trusted officials, ask the applicant to demonstrate required abilities to a representative, or rely on their own judgment of the applicant’s ability. When reviewing applications, approving authorities must verify that the applicant—

(1) Is at least 18 years old. This age limit is based on requirements of the German State Ministry officials representing Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Hessen, and Rheinland-Pfalz.

(2) Has successfully completed a U.S. Forces hunting course and possesses at least one of the following:

(a) A valid German hunting license.

(b) An expired German hunting license.

(c) A valid examination certificate (*Prüfungszeugnis*) from a U.S. Forces hunting course.

(3) Is reliable and physically fit (para B-4).

(4) Has not had a previously issued hunting license withdrawn.

(5) Has sufficient hunting-liability insurance.

(6) Uses weapons and ammunition carefully and properly.

(7) Handles and stores weapons and ammunition carefully.

(8) Prohibits others who do not have the legal authority to use weapons and ammunition from using the applicant’s weapons and ammunition.

(9) Has no record of—

(a) Convictions of the offenses listed in figure B-1.

(b) Criminal offenses under the influence of alcohol.

(c) Serious or frequent law violations.

(d) Criminal offenses against hunting laws, nature-protection laws, laws on arms, the Federal Arms Act, the Arms Control Act, or the Explosives Act.

(10) Is of sound mental health and has no record of being declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack legal capacity.

(11) Is not addicted to alcohol or drugs.

NOTE: If the applicant has been convicted under conditions described in figure B-1, or if the applicant has ever been convicted of an offense and sentenced to confinement by a court of competent jurisdiction, approval authorities will not approve the person's application until 5 years after completion of confinement.

B-3. BASIS FOR CERTIFICATION

The German Hunting Law, section 17, paragraphs 3 and 4, requires delegated authorities to certify the reliability of the applicant for a German hunting license. These authorities are ASG, BSB, and battalion-level commanders, or the first lieutenant colonel in an applicant's chain of command for U.S. Army personnel. In USAFE, these authorities are squadron commanders or the first lieutenant colonel in an applicant's chain of command. AE Form 215-145A, paragraph 2.3, requires these persons to confirm the assignment location and the dependability of the applicant.

B-4. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

If an approval authority has reason to doubt an applicant's reliability or physical fitness before issuing the reliability certification, the approval authority should ask the applicant to present a medical-fitness certificate. This medical-fitness certificate must be prepared by a medical examiner or medical specialist and must state that the applicant is mentally or physically fit (or both), as applicable.

B-5. DENIAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF A HUNTING LICENSE

When German authorities discover facts that justify denial of a hunting license after they have validated it, the German authorities will void and withdraw the hunting license. When a licensed hunter is found to have abused alcohol or committed any violation of the law (fig B-1), the investigation of the offense will also include a review of the approving authorities' investigation into the facts certified on the AE Form 215-145A. Because of the need for thorough preapproval checks and the long-term consequences of approving an application, only persons with the appropriate authority and understanding of the seriousness of granting approval will be given this responsibility.

B-6. LICENSE-ISSUING PROCEDURES

German State governments require U.S. Forces hunting and fishing program offices to review new and renewal applications. Only applications that have been validated by IMA-Europe or USAFE will be processed for a German foreigners hunting license.

a. After the approval authority signs the reliability certification (AE Form 215-145A, para 2.3), applicants must send or take the application with the below-listed items to the appropriate office (b below) for review, validation, and filing. When preparing their application package—

(1) First-time applicants must include their approved background investigation (AE Form 190-6D, Part A), their valid examination certificate (AE Form 215-145E), two passport-size photos, proof of liability insurance (a minimum of €100,000 for property damage and €1,000,000 for personal liability), and their application with original signatures.

(2) Renewal applicants must include their expiring or expired German foreigners hunting license, proof of liability insurance ((1) above), and their application with original signatures.

b. Applicants who live in—

(1) Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, or Hessen will send their application package to the Hunting and Fishing Office, IMA-Europe (SFIM-EU-MWR), Unit 29353, APO AE 09014-9353, for validating and filing. (Application packages may be delivered to the IMA-Europe Hunting and Fishing Program Office. Applicants should call before going to the office: DSN 379-6593/6083.)

(2) Rheinland-Pfalz will send their application package to USAFE/SVPCO (Hunting and Fishing Office), Unit 3050, Box 160, APO AE 09136-0160, for validating and filing. (Application packages may be delivered to the USAFE Hunting and Fishing Program Office. Applicants should call before going to the office: DSN 496-7931.)

c. After reviewing and validating the application, the appropriate hunting and fishing program office (b(1) or (2) above) will make copies of the application items and do one of the following:

(1) Return all original documents to the applicant to take to the appropriate German lower hunting-authority office.

(2) Send the original documents to the German lower hunting-authority office that serves the BSB, ASG, or USAFE installation where the applicant is stationed. The lower hunting-authority office will contact the applicant when the new or renewed license is approved.

d. If the applicant receives the approved original documents back from the hunting and fishing program office (c(1) above), the applicant will then take their original documents to the German lower hunting-authority office that serves the BSB, ASG, or USAFE installation where the applicant is stationed. The lower hunting-authority office will contact the applicant when the new or renewed license is approved.

EXTRACT FROM THE GERMAN FEDERAL HUNTING LAW (ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

Section 17 Denial of Hunting Licenses

(1) Hunting licenses must be denied to persons—

1. Who have not turned 16.
2. With whom facts justify the assumption that they do not have the necessary dependability or physical fitness.
3. Whose hunting licenses have been withdrawn. During withdrawal or ban periods, hunting licenses will be denied (sec 18, 41, para 2).
4. Who cannot prove that they have obtained sufficient hunting liability insurance coverage (€1,000,000 for personal damages and €100,000 for damage to property). Insurance can be obtained only from insurance companies that are authorized to provide hunting liability insurance in the area of application of the Act on Supervision of Private Insurance Companies, as announced on 6 June 1931 (Reichs Law Gazette I, pages 315 and 750), as amended by Article 1 of the First Implementing Act/ECC to the Insurance Control Act, dated 18 December 1975 (Federal Law Gazette I, page 3139). Federal States may allow that group insurance without compulsory participation be obtained.

(2) Hunting licenses may be denied to persons who—

1. Have not turned 18.
2. Are not German within the meaning of section 116 of the German Constitution.
3. Did not have their permanent or habitual residences in the area of application of the Federal Forest Act for at least 3 consecutive years.
4. Have committed serious or frequent violations against principles of section 1, paragraph (3).

(3) Persons will not have the necessary dependability if facts justify the assumption that they—

1. Will use weapons or ammunition carelessly or improperly.
2. Will not handle weapons or ammunition carefully and properly, and will not store weapons and ammunition carefully.
3. Will allow people who are not entitled to the actual power over weapons and ammunition to use weapons and ammunition.

(4) The following persons usually do not have the necessary dependability:

Persons who have been finally convicted of—

1. a.) *Friedensverrat*¹, high treason, endangering the democratic state based on the rule of law, treason against external security, or endangering external security.
- b.) Intentional assassination or attempt to ruin someone's health, rape, pandering, offenses against the laws relating to civil order and rioting, unlawfully entering another person's house, opposing public authority, offenses dangerous to the public, poaching, or criminal offenses against personal belongings or property.
- c.) At least two criminal offenses committed under the influence of alcohol.
- d.) Criminal offenses committed by negligence when handling weapons, ammunition, or explosives.
- e.) Criminal offenses against provisions of hunting laws, nature-protection laws, laws on arms, the Federal Arms Act, the *Reichs* Arms Act, the Arms Control Act, or the Explosives Act.

These people usually will not have the necessary dependability if, since their last conviction became final, 5 years have not passed. The time offenders were in custody on official order will not be included in this period.

Persons who—

2. Have committed serious or frequent violations against provisions mentioned in number 1, letter e, above.
 3. Have no or only limited legal capacity.
 4. Are addicted to alcohol or drugs or are mentally ill or deficient.
- (5) If proceedings according to paragraph (4), sentence 1 above, are not terminated, the responsible authority can suspend the decision on the application for hunting licenses until proceedings are terminated.
- (6) If facts are known that justify doubts about the applicant's dependability according to paragraph (4), number 4, or the applicant's physical fitness according to paragraph (1), number 2, the responsible authority can request that the applicant present a certificate prepared by an official medical examiner or medical specialist on the applicant's mental and physical fitness.

¹Translator's note: Believed to be actions endangering peace

Figure B-1. Section 17 of the German Hunting Law

GLOSSARY

SECTION I ABBREVIATIONS

AE	Army in Europe
AFM	Air Force manual
APO	Army post office
ASG	area support group
BASOPS	base operations
BSB	base support battalion
DA	Department of the Army
DSN	Defense Switched Network
GLAC	General Ledger Account Code
HQ USAREUR/7A	Headquarters, United States Army, Europe, and Seventh Army
HSFAC	Hunting, Shooting, and Fishing Advisory Committee
IMA-Europe	United States Army Installation Management Agency, Europe Region Office
MWR	morale, welfare, and recreation
RGC	rod and gun club
U.S.	United States
USAFE	United States Air Forces in Europe
USAREUR	United States Army, Europe
USNAVEUR	United States Naval Forces, Europe

SECTION II TERM

reliability certification (*Unbedenklichkeitsbescheinigung*)

Signed certification of the applicant's reliability and competence to handle, carry, and use weapons and ammunition safely.