

Mountain guiding: mountaineering, canyoning, sport climbing or hiking school – permit

General information

Under the Mountain Guides Act (*Bergführergesetz*), running a school requires a permit from the Provincial Government. The following types of permit are available: school for mountaineering, canyoning, sport climbing or hiking.

Dates and deadlines

The activity may only be carried out after the legally binding permit has been issued.

Requirements

Pursuant to the Mountain Guides Act, a permit to run a school may be granted to individuals who – depending on the scope of their authorisation – are:

- a) mountain guides, canyoning guides, sport climbing instructors or hiking guides, and
- b) have demonstrably practised their profession of mountain guide, canyoning guide, sport climbing instructor or hiking guide for at least 5 years.

Relevant body

Amt der Vorarlberger Landesregierung, Amtsstelle Sportreferat (Office of the Vorarlberg Provincial Government, Sports Department)

Costs and payments

EUR 140.80 provincial administrative charge

EUR 47.30 application fee in accordance with the Federal Law on Dues (*Gebührengesetz*)

EUR 83.60 fee for the official certified copy of the documentation, in accordance with the Federal Law on Dues

Further costs depend on the number of appendices submitted (EUR 3.90 per sheet (= four DIN A4 pages), maximum EUR 21.80 per appendix).

If an expert opinion from a non-official expert is required, this will be communicated separately in advance.

Online forms

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Legal basis

Section 27 of the Mountain Guides Act (*Bergführergesetz*)

General Administrative Procedure Act (*Allgemeines Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz*) 1991

Vorarlberg Provincial Administrative Fees Regulation (*Verwaltungsabgabenverordnung des Landes Vorarlberg*)

Federal Law on Dues 1957

Authentication and signature

An electronic or handwritten signature is not required for applications.

Appeals

Appeals against decisions of the Provincial Government may be lodged with the Regional Administrative Court (*Landesverwaltungsgericht*). An appeal must specify the contested decision and the authority that enacted that decision. It must contain a request and state the grounds on which the allegation of unlawfulness is based. The appeal must be filed in writing to the relevant competent provincial government within 4 weeks of the date of notification of the decision and must contain information that makes it possible to assess its timeliness. The appeal may be filed electronically: Appeals in administrative proceedings.

Assistance and problem-solving services

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Data protection information

Personal data is processed in order to handle your case and/or conduct proceedings. Information on data processing and your rights as a data subject can be found in the form.

Further information

Additional requirements:

Authorisation may be granted to one person or jointly to several persons. If there are several persons, each must fulfil all the requirements and each is solely responsible for compliance with the law. The licence holder must run the school themselves. The management may only appoint a deputy for a maximum of 2 years, and only if there is a valid reason for the licence holder being unable to fulfil this role.

The name of the school must be clearly distinguishable from existing ones and must not give rise to deception.

The designations *Schule für Bergsteiger* ('School for Mountaineers'), *Schule für Canyoning* ('School for Canyoning'), *Schule für Sportklettern* ('School for Sport Climbing') and *Schule für Wandern* ('School for Hiking') are reserved for schools authorised under the Mountain Guides Act. Other designations referring to the teaching of skills and knowledge in mountaineering, canyoning, sport climbing or mountain hiking are also reserved for authorised schools.

Feedback forms

Feedback on the information services

Feedback on barriers within the internal market