



To: Governor of Svalbard  
Postbox 633  
9171 Longyearbyen

## Application for permit to hire a rifle, for protection against polar bears on Svalbard

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for private individuals

* Surname (please print clearly):		* First name and middle name	
* Date of birth (dd.mm.yyyy)	* ID no.	* Place of birth	Occupation
* Address	* Postal code.	* Town/city	
* Country	For foreign applicants: a certificate of good conduct from the applicant's home country must be sent with this application. The certificate must be no more than 6 months old.		
Telephone no. (private)	Telephone no. (work)	Mobile tel. no.	
E-mail:			
Hire period:	* From date (inclusive)	* To date (inclusive)	
Reference is made to §§ 7 and 8 in the Firearms Act of 9th June 1961 and I apply herewith for a permit to hire and to carry a rifle as protection against polar bears on Svalbard.			
I declare that the firearm shall not be used for other purposes than for protection against polar bears and that the firearm will be handled and stored in accordance with applicable regulations. The permit is not transferable and firearm may not be handed over to another person.			
I am aware that knowingly providing false information may lead to prosecution, cf. Penal Code § 166.			
Other information			
* Place and date			
Governor of Svalbard's decision		Date, stamp and signature	

## **Guidelines for completing the application for hire of rifle for protection against polar bears on Svalbard:**

All fields marked \* **must be completed** before the application can be processed. Incomplete applications will be returned.

The Governor of Svalbard may grant permission to hire a rifle for protection against polar bears on Svalbard, for a period of up to 4 weeks. In special circumstances, the Governor of Svalbard may approve applications to hire firearms for periods longer than 4 weeks. In such case, reasons must be given for the extension. Processing of the application will take approximately 4 weeks. For the time being, applications are processed without charge.

Persons that possess a firearms licence may hire rifles for protection against polar bears directly from approved firearms dealers on Svalbard, without requiring advance permission from the Governor of Svalbard.

General requirements for applicants:

- Sober and responsible
- Minimum 18 years of age
- Foreign citizens must provide a certificate of good conduct from their home country (no more than 6 months old)
- Valid proof of identity (with picture) must be provided when hiring firearms.

### **The application must be sent to:**

The Governor of Svalbard  
PB 633, 9171 Longyearbyen  
Or via email: [vaapen@sysselmannen.no](mailto:vaapen@sysselmannen.no)

Replies to applications will be given via e-mail if the application is made via e-mail. Applications made by post will receive postal replies.

If the application is rejected, the applicant will be notified. Applicants may appeal against the decision.