

# German Federal Waterways and Shipping Administration



The Federal Waterways and Shipping Administration is directly subordinate to the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs. It is divided into Supreme Authorities, Authorities at Intermediate level and Authorities at Lower level.

**Highest Level:**

Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs

**Supreme Authorities:**

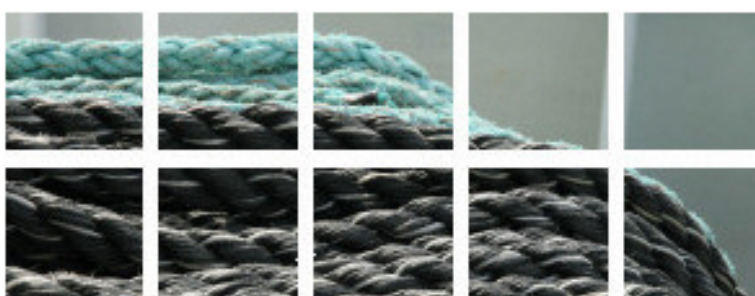
Federal Institute of Waterway Engineering (BAW)  
Federal Institute of Hydrology (BfG)  
Federal Board of Shipping and Hydrography (BSH)  
Federal Board of Ship Accident Investigation (BSU)

**Authorities at Intermediate Level:**

7 Waterways and Shipping Authorities: North (Kiel), North-west (Aurich), Centre (Hannover), East (Magdeburg), West (Münster), Southwest (Mainz), South (Würzburg)

**Authorities at Lower level**

39 Waterways and Shipping Offices (WSA)  
with 143 branch offices  
7 Offices f. Waterways Improvement Measures  
13 Technologie Centres



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