

Fishing License Information

The Lycoming County Treasurer's Office is an agent for the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission and offers all types of fishing licenses, including reduced fee military licensing as well as senior lifetime, resident and tourist licensing.

You qualify for a **RESIDENT fishing license** if you are a bona fide resident of Pennsylvania. When purchasing a resident fishing license, you must show positive proof of permanent residency by presenting one of the following documents:

- Valid PA driver's license
- A valid non-driver photo identification card
- A previous year's PA state income tax return showing proof of payment of personal income tax as a resident of PA
- A previous year's local earned income tax return showing tax paid to a PA municipality
- A current PA voter registration card

National Guard & Armed Forces Reserve licenses are available to those persons who provide documentation that within the previous 24 months the person was deployed overseas as member of the reserve component of the armed forces for a period of 60 consecutive days or more or was released early from service because of an injury or disease incurred in the line of duty.

Prisoner of War licenses are available to person who provide military documentation stating the person is a former prisoner of war.

Senior resident and senior lifetime licenses

1. Are available to those persons at any time during the year in which they will become 65.
2. Persons who possess a **RESIDENT SENIOR LIFETIME** license dated before January 1, 1991, **are not** required to purchase a trout/salmon permit.
3. Resident Senior Lifetime license holders who purchased a trout/salmon permit or a Combination trout/salmon-Lake Erie permit before January 1, 2015 remain exempt from the requirement to purchase a trout/salmon permit annually.
4. Resident Senior Lifetime license holders who purchase their license as of January 1, 2015, are required to purchase a trout/salmon permit each year that the license holder desires to fish for trout. License holders can purchase the trout/salmon permit annually or purchase the permit for a 3, 5, or 10 year period. License holders are required to purchase only one Lake Erie permit for a lifetime.
5. In the event the license holder is no longer a Pennsylvania resident, the license continues to be valid.

Disabled Veterans Licenses – Any disabled veteran who has a disability incurred in any war or armed conflict that consists of the loss of one or more limbs or the loss of use of one or more limbs, or total blindness, or who is 100 percent disabled as certified by the United States Veteran Administration and is a resident of this Commonwealth may obtain a free resident fishing license upon application to the Commission or county treasurer.

Reduced Disabled Veterans Licenses – Any disabled veteran who has a disability incurred in any war or armed conflict that consists of the loss of one or more limbs or the loss of use of one or more limbs, or total blindness or who is between 60 and 99 percent disabled as certified by the United States Veterans Administration and is a resident of the Commonwealth may obtain a reduced fee resident fishing license upon application to the Commission or county treasurer.

Military personnel are required to purchase a fishing license. Those stationed in Pennsylvania under permanent change of station orders (PCS) for a duration of 6 months or more, who produce documentation proving same, qualify for a resident fishing license. All others must obtain a tourist or nonresident license.

Certain active duty military personnel are exempt from Pennsylvania's fishing license requirement. To be eligible for the military waiver, an angler must be a bona fide Pennsylvania resident, be on active duty, or be stationed outside Pennsylvania and be here on authorized leave. While in the act of fishing, the military personnel must carry proof of each of these requirements, such as a PA driver's license, a military ID and valid military orders showing the place of assignment and leave status.

Under the law, a qualifying Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine does not receive a free Pennsylvania fishing licenses. Instead, eligible active duty military personnel can legally fish without a license under the limited circumstances outlined in the law. The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission recommends that anyone taking advantage of this provision display a military ID while in the act of fishing in much the same way as one would display a conventional fishing license.

The law does not exempt military personnel on leave from any other requirements of fishing or boating laws and regulations.

Students from out of state who are attending school in Pennsylvania but who have not become residents of Pennsylvania are not eligible to purchase a resident fishing license and must obtain a tourist or non-resident licenses.

TROUT/SALMON PERMIT

A current Pennsylvania trout/salmon permit is required to fish for trout or salmon in Pennsylvania waters. Permits will be printed at the time of issuance. An angler "fishes for trout or salmon" when he or she:

- Takes, kills or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout or salmon from any PA or boundary waters.
- Fishes in waters under special trout/salmon regulations.
- Fishes in any Class A Wild Trout Waters or Wilderness Trout Streams or their tributaries.
- Fishes in streams and rivers designated as stocked trout waters on March 1 through May 31.

LAKE ERIE PERMIT

All anglers fishing in the waters of Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries, including waters that flow into those tributaries are required to possess a valid Lake Erie permit or Combination trout/salmon/Lake Erie permit.

COMBINATION TROUT/SALMON/LAKE ERIE PERMIT

In many cases an angler may need both a trout/salmon permit and a Lake Erie permit to fish in waters in the Erie area. Rather than purchasing these individually, a Combination Trout/Salmon/Lake Erie permit may be purchased.

PERMIT EXEMPTIONS: The following persons are NOT required to possess a trout/salmon permit or Lake Erie permit:

- Persons under age 16 years of age.
- Disabled persons and other individuals who are exempt from fishing license requirements, or who are authorized to fish using an institutional license.
- Persons who possess a 1-day tourist license.

VOLUNTARY YOUTH FISHING LICENSE

To participate in a Mentored Youth Fishing Day, anglers 16 years of age or older (adult anglers) must possess a valid Pennsylvania fishing license and be accompanied by a youth (less than 16 years of age) who has obtained a Mentored Youth Fishing Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License.

- The Mentored Youth Fishing Permit is free, and the Voluntary Youth Fishing License is \$2.97 (\$1.00 cost plus \$1.97 in agent /transaction fee).
- While both the permit and the Voluntary Youth Fishing License provide the opportunity for youth to fish on Mentored Youth Fishing Days, the Voluntary Youth Fishing License provides an extend return for both Pennsylvania's youth and the Commission. For each license purchased for \$2.97, the Commission receives \$5 back in funding as a federal reimbursement. The same applies for each Voluntary Youth Fishing License Voucher, once redeemed. The Commission receives no federal reimbursement for Mentored Youth Fishing Permits.
- The funds received from the sales of the license reimbursement are then dedicated toward investment in youth outreach and education programs.
- While both the permit and the license provide the opportunity to participate in Mentored Youth Fishing Days, the Commission encourages anglers to purchase either a Voluntary Youth Fishing License or a Voluntary Youth Fishing License Voucher-for the future of fishing!

ALTERNATE DISPLAY ANNUAL FISHING LICENSE BUTTONS AND VINTAGE FISHING LICENSE BUTTONS

The annual buttons are available to all current, adult and youth Pennsylvania fishing license customers who possess a valid Pennsylvania fishing license that enables them to fish for the entire year. Lifetime Senior License and Multi-Year License holders can also purchase the buttons. For all eligible customers, the buttons are NOT required by law, and they are an optional purchase. The fee is \$11.97 per button.

Use of a valid Alternate Display Annual Fishing License Button meets the fishing license display requirement as long as the angler has a license certificate in their possession.

Previously issued annual fishing license buttons are available though a separate online store, beginning with the first button issued in 2014 of this series. To purchase these vintage fishing license buttons, visit www.PaVintageFishingButtons.com

For more information on frequently asked questions, check out the link to the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission: <http://fishandboat.com/faglice.htm>

