

**VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE
DEPARTMENT**

**PERMANENT LICENSE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
2017 REPORT**

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BACKGROUND

Vermont offers no-cost licenses for individuals with certain disabilities.

Residents with Blindness: A legally blind Vermont resident may apply for a free permanent fishing license. Documentation from the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired is required.

Permanent Mobility Disability: A Vermont resident with paraplegia or a permanent, severe, physical mobility disability may receive a free permanent fishing or combination license, if qualified, with the proper proof of disability.

A non-resident with paraplegia or a permanent, severe, physical mobility disability, that resides in a state that provides a reciprocal privilege to Vermont residents may receive a free one-year fishing license, or if qualified, a one-year combination license, with the proper proof of disability. Currently, only New Hampshire and Maine offer reciprocal privileges.

Veterans with Disabilities: A Vermont resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and who is, or ever has been, 60% disabled due to a service connected disability, may receive a free permanent license, if qualified, upon presentation of a specific letter from the Veterans Administration.

Non-Resident veterans of the armed forces of the United States that reside in a state that provides reciprocal privilege for Vermont residents and who would qualify for a free license under the disabled veteran provision, if the person were a Vermont resident, may receive a free one-year fishing, hunting or combination hunting and fishing license upon presentation of a certificate issued by the Veteran's Administration. Currently, only New Hampshire and Maine offer reciprocal privileges.

RESULTS

2017

Resident - Permanent	Applicants	Issued
Legally Blind Fishing	9	9
Mobility Disability Fishing	17	17
Mobility Disability Combination	29	29
60% Disable Veteran Fishing	27	27
60% Disabled Veteran Combination plus Muzzleloader and Turkey	56	56
60% Disabled Veteran Combination plus Muzzleloader, Turkey and Archery	46	46
60% Disabled Veteran Combination plus Muzzleloader, Turkey and Trapping	1	1
60% Disabled Veteran Combination plus Muzzleloader, Turkey, Archery and Trapping	4	4
Non-Resident		
60% Disabled Vet - 1 Year Fishing	6	5
60% Disabled Vet - 1 Year Combination	55	53