LICENSING 2019 Fishing Fees

Fishing and Hunting Licenses are good for the calendar year. You must purchase new licenses at the beginning of each year. All licensed anglers must carry a valid form of identification while fishing.

**Resident Licenses**

Conservation Stamp (Class CS): $5

Hunting and Trapping (Class A): $19

Fishing (Class B): $19

Sportsman Hunting/Fishing/Trapping (Class X): $35
   for ages 18 through 64

Five-day Fishing (Class L): $8

Junior Sportsman Hunting/Fishing/Trapping (Class XJ): $16
   for ages 13 through 17

Trout Fishing Stamp (Class O): $10
   Required of licensed anglers fishing for trout, except holders of Class XS license.

Apprentice Junior Hunting/Trapping/Fishing (Class AHJ): $16
   for ages 15-17, includes privileges of Class XJ

**Nonresident Licenses**

Conservation/Law Enforcement Stamp (Class CS/LE): $13
   Required for all licensed anglers

Fishing (Class F): $37

Hunting/Trapping (Class E): $119

One Day Fishing (Class LL): $3

Junior Sportsman Hunting/Fishing/Trapping (Class XXJ): $16
   for ages 8 through 17 (not required for fishing under age 15)

National Forest Hunting/Trapping/Fishing (Class I): $2
   Required of licensed anglers except for holders of Class XXJ.

Trout Fishing Stamp (Class OO): $16
   Required of licensed anglers fishing for trout.

Apprentice Junior Hunting/Trapping/Fishing (Class AAHJ): $16
   For ages 15-17, includes privileges of Class XXJ

**Lifetime Licenses**

Resident lifetime hunting, trapping and fishing licenses serve in lieu of the equivalent annual license; applications are available at DNR offices, license agents and online at www.wvhunt.com. Seniors who previously have made a resident purchase through a license agent or at a DNR office may buy a senior lifetime license online at www.wvhunt.com. Non-resident, full-time students of any West Virginia college or university are eligible to purchase lifetime licenses.

Combination Hunting, Trapping and Fishing (Class AB-L)*: $805
   Must be purchased before age 2.

Senior Hunting, Trapping and Fishing (Class XS)*: $25
   Required for anglers who turn 65 on or after 1/1/12.

Fishing (Class B-L)*: $552
   Must be purchased before age 2.

Fishing - Infant (Class B-L-I)*: $276
   Must be purchased before age 2.

Trout Fishing (Class O-L)**: $230
   Must be purchased before age 2.

Trout Fishing - Infant (Class O-L-I)**: $115
   Must be purchased before age 2.

* Conservation Stamp not required.

**Valid only when accompanied by a Class B, AB-L, AB-L-I, I, B-L, B-L-I, X, or XJ license.

**Purchasing a License**

Licenses may be obtained as follows:

1. At more than 160 retail agent locations throughout the state and designated county clerks offices. ($3 issuing fee for first purchase and $1 for subsequent purchases.)

2. www.wvhunt.com
   (Official DNR Web site – $2 fee per transaction.)

3. Directly from the Hunting and Fishing License Unit
   by phoning (304) 558-2758. ($2 fee per transaction.)

For additional information please contact:

Hunting and Fishing License Unit
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
324 4th Avenue • South Charleston, West Virginia 25303
(304) 558-2758 • wvdnrcustomerservice@wv.gov

Special Hunting and Fishing License for Persons with a Life-threatening Condition (Class DT): FREE
   Issued for ages 20 or less. Requires no additional licenses or stamps.

WWW.WVHUNT.COM
WWW.WVFISH.COM
**Trout Stamp Requirements**

Lifetime license holders who turned 65 after December 31, 2011 must purchase a trout stamp or the Senior Lifetime License which includes that privilege.

Individuals in the following groups do not need a trout stamp:

- residents who turned 65 years of age before January 1, 2012
- resident and nonresident youth under 15 years of age
- residents who are disabled veterans receiving 100% permanent service-connected disability, or those who are former POWs

The WVDNR has the authority under Federal Welfare Reform Legislation (Title 42 of the U.S. Code Section 666 (a) (13) to collect the Social Security Number from an applicant for a recreational license such as a fishing and hunting license. This facilitates collection of child support payments. States failing to collect a SSN could face loss of federal welfare funds. The DNR takes every precaution including encryption and masking to protect your SSN.

**Fishing License NOT Required for**

1. Residents who are totally blind. A physician’s statement or certificate must be carried while fishing.
2. Residents who turned 65 years of age before 1/1/12. A WV driver’s license or WV photo ID card issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles shall be carried while fishing.
3. Nonresidents or residents under 15 years of age.
4. Residents on active duty in the U.S. armed forces while on military leave. Leave number shall be carried while fishing.
5. Resident landowners or their resident children, resident parents, or bona fide resident tenants of such land may fish on their own land during open seasons in accordance with the laws and regulations applying to such fishing.
6. Residents honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces receiving total permanent service-connected disability benefits or former prisoners of war as determined by the Veterans Administration or resident disabled veterans who qualify under West Virginia Code 17A-10-8 and are exempted from payment of any motor vehicle registration fee by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Such persons must carry a card issued by the DNR.
7. Residents or in-patients of any state mental hospital, health or benevolent institution. Such persons must be under proper supervision and carry a written statement or certificate signed by the superintendent of the institution or facility.
8. Developmentally disabled residents. A DDFL card issued by the DNR must be carried while fishing. A trout stamp is not needed to fish for trout.

**Violations**

**Point System for Fishing Violations**

Persons making false application for a license will have their license privileges suspended for one year.

Points assigned for other fishing violations:

- **10 points** for use of explosives or poison material in taking fish
- **6 points** for taking fish by illegal method, exceeding daily creel limit, and using bait in a restricted area
- **4 points** for all other violations

When a violator accumulates 10 or more fishing or hunting points combined, his/her license(s) will be revoked for a period of two years.

Points will be removed on their second anniversary or upon restoration of the license(s).

**Reporting Boating, Fishing and Hunting Law Violations:**

**In progress** dial 911

**Not in progress** call your DNR District Law Enforcement Office during normal operating hours or report online at [www.wvdnr.gov/LEnforce/Poachers.shtml](http://www.wvdnr.gov/LEnforce/Poachers.shtml)

1. Observe and write down all of the information concerning the violation.
2. Don’t confront violator.
3. Contact a local Natural Resources Police Officer or county communication center as soon as possible.
4. Become involved in protecting your sport, be willing to testify in court.
5. Report by text at 844-I-TIP-DNR (484-7367) or on Facebook.com/DNRpolice.

**Stream Pollution or Fish Kills:** Call **1-800-642-3074**.