FROM WOODS TO WATER,
FIND YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE
WITH YOUR
RHODE ISLAND HUNTING & FISHING LICENSE

DEM is proud to offer convenient access to hunting and fishing licenses in-person at sales agents across the state or directly through our expanded online system. It’s now easier than ever to purchase Rhode Island hunting and fishing licenses, permits, tags and stamps, so you can get outdoors and enjoy the many recreational opportunities made possible through conservation and management of Rhode Island’s natural resources.

DEM.ri.gov/huntfish is your entry point to help plan your next adventure and make the most of Rhode Island’s great outdoors. There you can find maps of hunting areas and fishing access points, answers to frequently asked questions, and more!

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HOW CAN I PURCHASE RHODE ISLAND HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES?

Both resident and non-resident Licenses, permits and stamps may be purchased online at www.dem.ri.gov/huntfish, in person at DEM’s Boating Licensing & Registration Office in Providence, or at an authorized sales agent which includes some municipalities. Please check the www.dem.ri.gov/huntfish website for a current list of authorized sales agents.

CAN I REPORT MY DEER OR TURKEY HARVEST ONLINE?

Yes! Log on to the online system to report your harvests. Deer harvests must be reported online within 24 hours; except during the first 4 days of the muzzleloader deer season when they must be physically checked at a state operated check-station. Fall and spring turkey hunters must report their harvest online by midnight on the day of the harvest.

WHAT IS A RIHFID?

Rhode Island’s outdoor licensing system issues a Rhode Island Hunting and Fishing Identification (RIHFID) number to every angler and hunter. Your RIHFID, pronounced RYE-FID, is unique to you and can be used to quickly access the system in the future so you can update your online profile, reprint lost or damaged licenses and permits, add additional permits, or renew licenses.

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO PURCHASE A FISHING OR HUNTING LICENSE?

You will need a driver’s license, government issued identification card, military identification, green card or passport number to verify your identity. If you are under 18, you may apply using your parent or guardian’s identification. Once you turn 18, you will need your own identification.

If you are applying for a hunting license or archery permit, you will need your hunter safety certificate number or a previous hunting license from Rhode Island or another state. Please refer to Hunter Education FAQ’s for more information at DEM.ri.gov/huntfish

WHAT WILL MY LICENSE LOOK LIKE?

Your license will print on an 8.5” x 11” piece of paper. Every completed transaction produces a printable document which lists all active licenses and permits. Whether you purchased them online or at a vendor, your system profile will update every time you add a new license, permit, tag and/or stamp.

If you damage or lose your license, simply log into the system using your email or RIHFID number and reprint when you need to. There is no cost for reprinting damaged or lost licenses.

WHAT DO I SHOW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IF I’M ASKED FOR MY LICENSE?

Rhode Island State law requires you to carry your signed license document with you. Check the DEM website or the annual Rhode Island regulation abstracts for the full hunting and fishing rules, seasons, and bag limits.

I QUALIFY FOR A NO-COST LICENSE. HOW DOES THE ONLINE SYSTEM AFFECT ME?

No-cost licenses are available if you are over 65 (Rhode Island resident only) or 100% totally disabled. Additionally, individuals who are active military qualify for a no-cost saltwater fishing license, and anyone with 100% disabled status are exempt from needing a recreational saltwater fishing license.

If you qualify for a no cost license, you may purchase your license in person at DEM, by mail or through the online system. In all cases, you must hold a current document from the federal agency that issued the disability decision. Please visit DEM.ri.gov/huntfish for more information and documentation required.

If you already hold a no cost permanent hunting or fishing license and would like to buy additional permits or privileges or receive information about additional hunting or fishing opportunities, you must enter your information in the new system. The system will issue a new permanent license along with your RIHFID. You will then be able to access the online system to buy future permits or privileges.

IS THERE AN ADDED FEE IF I PURCHASE MY LICENSES AND PERMITS ONLINE?

No, there are no added fees if a license or permit is purchased online. The fees, by law, already include an “agent commission” that goes towards system development, operation, support and maintenance.

IS THERE AN ADDED FEE WHEN I PURCHASE AT AN AGENT LOCATION OR A MUNICIPALITY?

Yes, there are Enhance Access Fees (EAF) as follows:

- Resident: $2 per license and $0.50 permit
- Non-resident: $3 per license and $1 permit
- No EAF for Recreational Saltwater Fishing Licenses or No Cost Licenses

Enhanced Access Fees offset the administrative costs to bill, track and account for the transactions from sales agent locations and for system development, operation, support and maintenance. The agent commission, which is included in the license or permit fee, goes to the sales agent to offset their costs for processing and printing your license at their location.

IS THERE AN ADDED FEE IF I PURCHASE AT DEM?

There is no additional fee if you pay with cash or a personal check. If you use a credit or debit card to pay for your license, there is a credit card processing fee.

WHAT PAYMENT TYPE DOES THE ONLINE SYSTEM ACCEPT?

The online system accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Rhode Island Interactive who provides this service is fully secure and a PCI/DSS certified payment provider. Payment types accepted at sales agents may vary by location.