

## HUNTING AND FISHING IN FLORIDA

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### General Hunting & Fishing License Information

The Tax Collector is an agent of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Division of Marine Fisheries for the sale of hunting licenses, freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses, vessel fishing licenses, game management permits, lifetime and 5-year licenses. All annual privileges expire 12 months from the privilege start date.

You can obtain licenses by visiting any of the Tax Collector's offices or a license may be purchased from Wal-Mart, K-Mart, various sporting goods stores and outlets or bait and tackle shops.

A lost or destroyed license may be replaced for \$2.00 per privilege with the exception of the Resident Lifetime license. The replacement cost of this license is \$10.00.

### Proof of Florida Residency

For the purposes of obtaining hunting and fishing privileges and all associated permits in the State of Florida, the following definition of resident shall apply and shall be established each time a privilege is issued.

Any person who has resided in the state for six continuous months prior to the issuance of a license and who has an intent to continue to reside in Florida and claim this state as their primary residence.

Any one of the following may be used as proof of residency:

1. Florida Drivers License (Florida only or Florida ID card are not acceptable)
2. Military orders showing applicant is stationed to Florida
3. Florida voter's registration card
4. Statement from the landlord

Or both of the following

1. Florida homestead exemption
2. Florida motor vehicle registration

The Oath of Residency signed by the applicant when privileges are issued does not preclude a law enforcement officer from requesting residency credentials be evidenced again. Failure to do so may result in criminal prosecutions.

Aliens who have files a domicile with the Clerk of the Circuit Court are not considered a resident. The Department of Legal Affairs no longer allows an alien to establish domicile as acceptable proof of residency. All aliens are considered non-resident.

### Exemptions from Hunting Licenses

It is unlawful for any person born on or after June 1, 1975 to take wild life with a firearm without first completing a hunter safety course. Proof must be presented at the time of license purchase. Persons not required to possess a license must have their hunter safety card in their possession when hunting in Florida.

Florida law requires possession of a valid hunting license with the following exceptions:

1. Any individual under 16 years of age
2. Florida residents 65 years of age or older. You must carry your Florida driver license, Florida ID card, or other proof of age and residency
3. Persons hunting in their county of residence on their homestead or the homestead of their spouse or minor child, or any minor child hunting on the homestead of their parent are not required to have hunting licenses or permits.
4. Residents who are totally and permanently disabled and they must present authorized disability statements with proof of residency
5. Military personnel who are residents of Florida and home on leave for a period of 30 days or less and have valid orders in their possession

## Exceptions from Freshwater Fishing Licenses

Florida law requires possession of a valid fishing license when freshwater fishing with the following exceptions:

1. Any individual under 16 years of age
2. Florida residents 65 years of age or older. You must carry your Florida driver license, Florida ID card, or other proof of age and residency
3. No license is required of a resident fishing in the county of his/her residence using a cane-fishing pole
4. Residents who are totally and permanently disabled and they must present authorized disability statements with proof of residency
5. Military personnel who are residents of Florida and home on leave for a period of 30 days or less and have valid orders in their possession

## Exceptions from Saltwater Fishing Licenses

Florida law requires possession of a valid fishing license when saltwater fishing with the following exceptions:

1. Any individual under 16 years of age
2. You are a resident fishing in saltwater from a licensed fishing pier
3. Florida residents 65 years of age or older. You must carry your Florida driver license, Florida ID card, or other proof of age and residency
4. Military personnel who are residents of Florida and home on leave for a period of 30 days or less and have valid orders in their possession
5. Residents who are totally and permanently disabled and they must present authorized disability statements with proof of residency
6. You are a resident who is fishing with live or natural bait, using poles or lines that are not equipped with a fishing-line-retrieval mechanism and you are fishing for noncommercial purposes in your home county. However, you must have a valid fishing license to fish by any means in a fish management area.
7. You have been accepted as a client for developmental services by the Department of Children and Family Services. The department must furnish proof of such clients
8. You fish from a for-hire vessel (guide, charter, party boat) that has a valid vessel license
9. You fish from a vessel, the operator has a valid vessel license issued in the name of the operator of the vessel
10. You are a resident who is saltwater fishing from land or a structure fixed to land who has been determined eligible for the food stamp, temporary cash assistance, or Medicaid Program by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Proof of identification and a benefit issuance or program identification card issued by DCFS or the Agency for Health Care Administration must be on your person when fishing

## Hunting License Prices

The following prices apply to hunting licenses purchased in any of the Tax Collector's offices. When you purchase a license from a subagent, you must add 50 cents to the regular price.

| <b>License</b>                 | <b>Eff 01 July 10</b> | <b>License</b>                 | <b>Eff 01 July 10</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Resident, 12 month             | \$ 17.00              | Resident Archery Permit        | \$ 5.00               |
| Resident, 5yr                  | \$ 79.50              | Resident Muzzle Loading Permit | \$ 5.00               |
| Resident Trapping              | \$ 26.50              | Resident Deer (created)        | \$ 5.00               |
| Resident Mgt Area Permit       | \$ 30.00              | Non-resident, 10 day           | \$ 46.50              |
| Resident Waterfowl Permit      | \$ 5.00               | Non-resident, Annual           | \$ 151.50             |
| Resident Waterfowl Permit, 5yr | \$ 15.00              | Non-resident Turkey Permit     | \$ 125.00             |
| Resident Turkey Permit         | \$ 10.00              | Replacement License            | \$ 2.00               |
| Resident Turkey Permit, 5yr    | \$ 25.00              |                                |                       |

## Combination Licenses

|                          |           |                               |          |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| *Resident Gold Sportsman | \$ 100.00 | Resident Freshwater/Saltwater |          |
| *Military Gold Sportsman | \$ 20.00  | / Hunting Combo               | \$ 48.00 |
|                          |           | Resident Fresh & Saltwater    | \$ 32.50 |

### Lifetime Licenses

|                     |           |                     |             |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| Lifetime Sportsman  |           |                     |             |
| 4yrs old or younger | \$ 401.50 | 13 yrs old or older | \$ 1,001.50 |
| 5yrs to 12yrs old   | \$ 701.50 |                     |             |

### Lifetime Hunting

|                     |           |                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 4yrs old or younger | \$ 201.50 | 13 yrs old or older | \$ 501.50 |
| 5yrs to 12yrs old   | \$ 351.50 |                     |           |

### Specialty Licenses

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|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Dove club                   | \$ 150.00 | Alligator Trapping Agent | \$ 51.50 |
| Resident Alligator Trapping | \$ 271.50 | 5 year card change       | \$ 4.00  |
| Alligator Cities Tags       | \$ 21.50  |                          |          |

### Freshwater Fishing License Prices

The following prices apply to hunting licenses purchased in any of the Tax Collector's offices. When you purchase a license from a subagent, you must add 50 cents to the regular price.

| License                | Eff 01July10 | License              | Eff 01July10 |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Resident, 12 month     | \$ 17.00     | Non-Resident, 3 days | \$ 17.00     |
| Resident, 5yrs         | \$ 79.50     | Non-Resident, 7 days | \$ 30.00     |
| Non-Resident, 12 month | \$ 47.00     | Replacement License  | \$ 2.00      |

### Combination Licenses

|                          |           |                               |          |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| *Resident Gold Sportsman | \$ 100.00 | Resident Freshwater/Saltwater |          |
| *Military Gold Sportsman | \$ 20.00  | / Hunting Combo               | \$ 48.00 |
| Resident Sportsman       |           | Resident Fresh & Saltwater    | \$ 32.50 |
| (Freshwater only)        | \$ 80.50  |                               |          |

### Lifetime Licenses

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|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| Lifetime Sportsman  |           |                     |             |
| 4yrs old or younger | \$ 401.50 | 13 yrs old or older | \$ 1,001.50 |
| 5yrs to 12yrs old   | \$ 701.50 |                     |             |

### Lifetime Freshwater

|                     |           |                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 4yrs old or younger | \$ 126.50 | 13 yrs old or older | \$ 301.50 |
| 5yrs to 12yrs old   | \$ 226.50 |                     |           |

### Specialty Licenses

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|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Vessels                      |           |                              |           |
| Small – 4 or fewer customers | \$ 201.50 | Large – 11 or more customers | \$ 801.50 |
| Med – 5 to 10 customers      | \$ 401.50 | 5 Year Card Change           | \$ 4.00   |

### Saltwater Fishing License Prices

The following prices apply to hunting licenses purchased in any of the Tax Collector's offices. When you purchase a license from a subagent, you must add 50 cents to the regular price.

| <b>License</b>                 | Eff 01July10 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Resident, 12 month             | \$ 17.00     |
| Resident, 5yrs                 | \$ 79.50     |
| Resident Snook Permit          | \$ 10.00     |
| Resident Snook Permit, 5yrs    | \$ 10.00     |
| Resident Crawfish Permit       | \$ 2.00      |
| Resident Crawfish Permit, 5yrs | \$ 10.00     |

| <b>License</b>          | Eff 01July10 |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Resident Lobster Permit | \$ 5.00      |
| Tarpon Tag              | \$ 51.50     |
| Non-Resident, 12 month  | \$ 47.00     |
| Non-Resident, 3 days    | \$ 17.00     |
| Non-Resident, 7 days    | \$ 30.00     |
| Replacement License     | \$ 2.00      |

### Combination Licenses

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| *Resident Gold Sportsman                | \$ 100.00 |
| *Military Gold Sportsman                | \$ 20.00  |
| Resident Sportsman<br>(Freshwater only) | \$ 80.50  |

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| Resident Freshwater/Saltwater<br>/ Hunting Combo | \$ 48.00 |
| Resident Fresh & Saltwater                       | \$ 32.50 |

### Lifetime Licenses

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|---------------------|-----------|
| Lifetime Sportsman  |           |
| 4yrs old or younger | \$ 401.50 |
| 5yrs to 12yrs old   | \$ 701.50 |

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|---------------------|-------------|
| 13 yrs old or older | \$ 1,001.50 |
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### Lifetime Saltwater

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 4yrs old or younger | \$ 126.50 |
| 5yrs to 12yrs old   | \$ 226.50 |

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| 13 yrs old or older | \$ 301.50 |
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### Specialty Licenses

#### Vessels

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Small – 4 or fewer customers | \$ 201.50 |
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| Large – 11 or more customers | \$ 801.50 |
| 5 Year Card Change           | \$ 4.00   |

### Shoreline License and Exceptions

Florida's resident saltwater anglers who fish from shore or a structure affixed to shore will need to buy a Resident Shoreline Saltwater Fishing License for \$ 9.00, unless they have a Resident Saltwater Fishing License or a privilege that includes a saltwater fishing license

1. Florida requires non-residents to have a non-resident fishing license
2. Anyone that is exempt from purchasing a saltwater license is also exempt from purchasing a shoreline license including:
  - a. Any individual under 16 years of age
  - b. Any resident fishing in saltwater from a licensed fishing pier
  - c. Florida residents 65 years of age or older. You must carry your Florida driver license, Florida ID card, or other proof of age and residency
  - d. Military personnel who are residents of Florida and home on leave for a period of 30 days or less and have valid orders in their possession
  - e. Residents who are totally and permanently disabled and they must present authorized disability statements with proof of residency
  - f. You are a resident who is fishing with live or natural bait, using poles or lines that are not equipped with a fishing-line-retrieval mechanism and you are fishing for noncommercial purposes in your home county. However, you must have a valid fishing license to fish by any means in a fish management area.

In addition, the shoreline license requirement includes two additional exemptions

1. Residents receiving food stamps, temporary cash assistance or Medicaid (must have identification card and positive proof of identification in his/her possession when fishing)
2. Residents fishing in their county of residence who use cane poles or other gear that does not depend on mechanical retrieval

### **Hunting and Fishing Licenses Only Issued by the Tax Collector**

1. All Lifetime Licenses
2. All 5 year Licenses
3. Saltwater Vessel Fishing Licenses
4. Saltwater Pier License
5. Tarpon Tags
6. Senior Citizen License (optional)
7. Disability Licenses (paperwork processing only)
8. Replacement Licenses

### **\*Resident Gold Sportsman's License \$100**

Proof of Residency:

Any one of the following:

- Florida Drivers License (Florida only license not acceptable)
- Military Orders showing that applicant is stationed in Florida
- Florida Voter's Registration Card
- Statement from the Landlord

Or both of the following:

- Florida Homestead Exemption
- Florida Motor Vehicle Registration

Sold at Bait and tackle stores, sporting good stores, Wal-Mart

### **Resident/Military Gold Sportsman's License \$20\*\***

\*\*Sold at Tax Collector Offices Only

Must show U.S. Military ID (active duty or retired) & Florida DL

Or U. S. Military ID (Active Duty Military Orders showing that applicant is stationed in Florida

(Includes hunting, saltwater & freshwater fishing licenses; Wildlife management area, archery, muzzle loading gun, crossbow, snook and lobster permits)

For more information on this or any other fishing and hunting licenses, please contact your local tax collector's office...information on previous pages