

Commercial License and Permit Application Instructions and Forms

This site can be used to download application instructions and application forms for N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Commercial licenses and permits.

General Instructions

Please read the following before downloading any applications or forms:

1. Although application forms are available for downloading, you may find it easier to stop in any DMF license office to apply for a license or permit. Our offices have photocopiers and notary publics that can make the process easier. Our offices also have well trained staff that can also assist you in obtaining the proper permits for specific fisheries and answer any questions you may have.
2. If you chose to download an application, please take care to read the specific instructions for each application. Requirements may differ between the various licenses and permits.
3. **If you do not currently hold a DMF license or permit** or have not applied to the License Eligibility Board for a standard commercial fishing license then you must complete the [Application for Participation](#).
4. **Certification Statement Form must accompany all applications.**
A notarized signature is required for all new licenses and permits. Be sure to use the proper certification form as they differ for new licenses and renewals.
5. We now have renewal applications for **Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses** (SCFL) and **Retired Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses** available for downloading. Applicants for new SCFL's must complete the [Application for Eligibility Board](#).
6. We do not have **Assignment forms** available for downloading. These are currently three-part carbon forms available from any license office.
7. Some license applications have a survey at the end. Please complete all surveys to the best of your ability.
8. Mail completed applications to the address shown at the bottom of each application.
9. If you have any questions about any license requirements please call (800) 682-2632 or (252) 726-7021 and ask for the License Office or visit <http://www.ncdmf.net/license/index.html>.

Applications Available for Downloading (click on blue link):

- [Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration](#) – commercial vessel license application for new, renewal or updates
- [Land or Sell License](#) – license for out-of-state vessels to sell seafood in N.C. that was harvested from federal waters
- [Shellfish License for N.C. Residents](#) - license for N.C. residents to harvest clams, oysters and mussels
- [Transfer a Standard or Retired Commercial Fishing License](#) – application to transfer a commercial fishing license to another individual
- [Renew a Standard or Retired Commercial Fishing License](#) – application to renew a commercial fishing license
- [Transfer a Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration](#) – application to transfer a commercial vessel license to another individual
- [Fish Dealer License](#) – license for dealers to purchase seafood from commercial fishermen
- [Eligibility Participation](#) – application to the Eligibility Board for a commercial fishing license
- [Application for Participation](#) – required for all new applicants
- [Blocks of Ten 10-Day Coastal Recreational Fishing License Application](#) – allows holders to issue 10-day recreational fishing licenses to anglers aboard their vessel
- [Recreational Fishing Tournament License](#) – required for recreational fishing tournaments.
- [Permit Application](#) – application for the following permits: striped bass commercial gear, monkfish gill net, dealer quota monitoring, Pamlico Sound Gill Net Restricted Area, TED waiver, horseshoe crab biomedical use and blue crab shedding permit.
- [Coastal Recreational Fishing License Exemption Permit](#) - individuals or organizations can apply for an exemption from recreational fishing license requirements to conduct organized activities benefiting individuals with physical or mental limitations, military appreciation, educational events or disadvantaged youths.
- [For-Hire Fishing Permit](#)-permit to engage in for-hire (charter) fishing. For-hire operators must have either this permit or the For- Hire Blanket License
- [For-Hire Blanket Coastal Recreational Fishing License](#)-permit to engage in for-hire (charter) fishing that covers anglers aboard the vessel. Available for either six or fewer anglers or more than six.