

## Fishing License Requirements

Everyone must have a valid fishing license in their possession while fishing, except:

**You do not need a fishing license if you are:**

- Under the Age of 16
- Fishing on a licensed fishing preserve
- Fishing during the [free fishing weekend](#)
- Fishing at a [free fishing clinic](#)
- A resident landowner primarily engaged in farming (including lessees and members of their immediate families) when fishing on farm lands they are occupying and cultivating.
- A farm fish pond license holder (including members of their immediate families) fishing on waters covered by the license.
- A Native American living and fishing on reservation land.
- A patient residing at a qualifying U.S. Veterans Administration hospital or facility in New York State.

### Types & Fees:

#### General Fishing Licenses (View residency qualifications)

Type	Resident Fee	Nonresident Fee
Annual	\$25 (ages 16-69)	\$50
	\$5 (ages 70+)	
7-day	\$12	\$28
1-day	\$5	\$10

### Free/Reduced Fee & Lifetime Licenses:

**Free/Reduced Fee Licenses** (military, legally blind, Native Americans, students)

An annual fishing license is available for free or a reduced fee to select groups meeting specific qualifications. Please review qualifications and how to get your license by visiting the link below.

**Lifetime License** Fish for life with a lifetime license! Available to New York residents only.

For further information regarding Fishing Regulations, visit NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

At <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6091.html>

