

Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Fees

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Issue

List the various hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, permits, stamps, and other credentials available to Connecticut residents and the associated fees for each under state law.

Summary

Table 1 identifies, by citation, the hunting, fishing, and trapping credentials available to Connecticut residents (individuals and entities) and the fees charged for them under state law. It excludes fees charged to nonresidents for similar credentials. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) provides additional information, including fees that it sets, on its webpages for [Hunting and Trapping](#) and [Fishing](#).

Table 1: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Fees Applicable to Connecticut Residents

Credential	Fee	Citation
Hunting birds (annual stamps):	Set by DEEP as follows:*	CGS § 26-27b
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CT Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp CT Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$17 Up to \$28 	
Annual hunting, trapping, and sport fishing licenses (listed individually below)	See below	CGS § 26-28
<i>Note: Certain license fees are waived for those age 65 or older who (1) have been state residents for at least one year and (2) completed required instruction (the waiver applies to firearms hunting, fishing, combination fishing and firearms hunting, and trapping licenses)</i>	<i>The fee charged for any firearms hunting, archery, trapping, or sport fishing license, tag, or stamp issued to those who are age 16 or 17 are 50% of the fee specified, rounded to the next highest dollar</i>	

Table 1 (continued)

Credential	Fee	Citation
Firearms hunting license	\$19	
Fishing license (inland waters)	\$28	
Fishing license (marine waters)	\$10, but no fee for those ages 65 or older who have been state residents for at least one year (CGS § 26-28c)	
One-day marine waters fishing license	\$5	
All-waters fishing license	\$32	
Combination inland waters fishing and firearms hunting license	\$38	
Combination marine waters fishing and firearms hunting license	\$25	
Combination all-waters fishing and firearms hunting license	\$40	
Combination all-waters fishing license and bow and arrow permit to hunt deer and small game	\$65	
Super sport license for all-waters fishing, firearms hunting, firearms private land shotgun or rifle deer permit, and spring private land wild turkey hunting permit	\$70	
Archery super sport license for all-waters fishing, bow and arrow permit to hunt deer and small game, and spring private land wild turkey hunting permit	\$82	
Firearms super sport license for all-waters fishing and firearms hunting, firearms private land shotgun or rifle deer permit, muzzleloader private land deer permit, and spring private land wild turkey hunting permit	\$84	
Firearms super sport license for all-waters fishing and firearms hunting, migratory bird conservation stamp, and migratory bird harvest permit	\$50	
Trapping license	\$34	
Junior trapping license	\$11	
Junior firearms hunting license	\$11	
Group fishing license	\$125	

Table 1 (continued)

Credential	Fee	Citation
Lifetime sport fishing license for those who are blind	\$0	CGS § 26-29
Lifetime sport fishing license for those with intellectual disability	\$0	CGS § 26-29a
Lifetime hunting, sport fishing, or trapping license for those with a physical disability	\$0	CGS § 26-29b
Private land deer permit for use on certain farms (allows the use of rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, or bow and arrow on the farm in November and December of each year)	\$0	CGS § 26-29c
Fishing or hunting guide service registration	\$100	CGS 26-31c
Annual license to hunt fox or rabbit for sport using a pack of 10 or more hounds or beagles	\$48	CGS § 26-39
License to control nuisance wildlife (except for deer)	\$250 for a 2-year license	CGS § 26-47 , as amended by PA 23-77
Private shooting preserve permit	\$63 each season	CGS § 26-48
Permits, tags, and stamps needed in addition to licenses, as follows:	Set by DEEP as follows*:	CGS § 26-48a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey • Trout • Salmon • Wild turkey on state-owned or private land in fall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$19 • Up to \$10 • Up to \$28 • \$19 	
Permit to liberate artificially propagated birds while training hunting dogs	\$18	CGS § 26-49
Permit to shoot birds at field dog trials	\$35 if on state-owned land \$18 if on private land	CGS § 26-52
Permit to hunt deer with a revolver on private land in November and December	\$5	CGS § 26-82a
Permit to hunt deer with a firearm (needed in addition to a hunting license)	\$19*, but no fee for an owner of 10+ acres of private land and certain relatives of the owner	CGS § 26a-86a
Permit to hunt deer and small game with bow and arrow	\$41*, but \$19 if age 12 to 15, inclusive	CGS § 26-86c

Table 1 (continued)

Credential	Fee	Citation
Registration of private waters for fishing without a license	\$70	CGS § 26-131
Fishing endorsements, licenses, and registrations (listed individually below)	See below	CGS § 26-142a(f)
Commercial blue crab fishing license	\$150	
Personal use lobster fishing license	\$60	
Commercial lobster pot fishing license	\$190	
Principal commercial fishing license	\$285	
Commercial shad fishing license	\$200	
Registration of a pound net or similar device	\$285	
General commercial fishing license	\$190, but \$375 for taking any fish species for commercial purposes by hook and line, in excess of any creel limit	
Commercial bait fishing license to take bait species in the inland district for commercial purposes	\$100	
Commercial bait fishing license to take bait species in the marine district	\$100	
Seafood dealer license	\$250	
Party or charter fishing vessel registration	\$315	
Commercial landing vessel operator's license	\$500	
Commercial fishing vessel permit	\$100	
Personal use gill net fishing license	\$100	
Environmental tourism vessel permit	\$100	
Restricted commercial fishing license	\$125	
Restricted commercial lobster pot fishing license	\$125	
Quota-managed species endorsement	\$15 per species endorsement	
License to take whelk in excess of one-half bushel daily	\$100	

*The fee charged for those who are under 18 is 50% of the fee specified, rounded to the next highest dollar ([CGS § 26-28\(d\)\(2\)](#))

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