



DISABLED SPORTSMAN PROGRAM

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has developed three programs designed to benefit persons with disabilities. These three programs are outlined below. The required medical certification for each is attached.

I. The **Disabled Access Program** is designed to generally improve access for persons with disabilities on game lands where landowners agree. It allows persons with limited physical mobility to operate vehicles on open-gated or ungated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on certain game lands and to have access to special waterfowl hunting blinds designed for hunters with disabilities. A list of Game Lands affected by this is available in the *N.C. Inland Fishing, Hunting & Trapping Regulations Digest* available at Wildlife Service Agent locations or online at www.ncwildlife.org. There is no fee associated with this permit. Participants will be issued permanent identification cards, companion cards, and vehicular access permits valid for as long as the disability remains.

Qualifications: Competent medical evidence must be submitted indicating that a disability exists that limits physical mobility to the extent that normal utilization of the game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance.

II. The **Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification** is a medical certification used to establish eligibility for participation in disabled hunt opportunities. This certification is only necessary when the applicant does not possess a lifetime disabled veteran or totally disabled license. This certification is not a license; therefore, a valid hunting license, in addition to the hunt permit, is required when participating in a disabled hunt opportunity. There is no fee for this certification and it shall remain valid as long as the qualifying disability persists. A list of disabled hunt opportunities and special hunt application procedures is available in the *Permit Hunting Opportunities Guide* which is available at Wildlife Service Agent locations or online at www.ncwildlife.org.

Qualifications: Medical certification in one of the following disabilities:

1. missing fifty percent (50%) or more of one or more limbs, whether by amputation or natural causes;
2. paralysis of one or more limbs;
3. dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the individual unable to perform the task of grasping and lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;
4. disease, injury, or defect confining the individual to a wheelchair, walker, or crutches;
5. legal deafness.

III. The **Crossbow Hunting Permit** allows persons with the permanent or long term disabilities that render them incapable of sufficient arm movement to draw other legal bows to use a crossbow. There is no fee for this program. The following guidelines should be used to determine qualifications for this disability:

1. The disability restricting use of bows must be from an injury or deformity that cannot be overcome with exercise and physical therapy.
2. The disability must be long term (greater than 1 year).
3. The disability must prevent the person from drawing a bow with 35 pounds of pull 15 inches and holding at a reduced pull of 12 pounds for 5 seconds.

Enrollment in any of these programs may continue as long as the qualifying disability remains. Participants should remember that all normal rules and regulations concerning license requirements, bag limits, manner of take, etc. apply to these program opportunities.



APPLICATION DISABLED SPORTSMAN PROGRAM APPLICATION

Check Appropriate Program(s):

- Disabled Access Program (no fee required) Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification (no fee required) Crossbow Permit (no fee required)

Name: _____ Telephone: () _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Resident Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(if different from above) Street or PO Box City State Zip

Date of Birth: _____ Driver License # _____ WRC Customer # _____
Month Day Year If available

Email Address: _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Physician Must Complete Appropriate Medical Certification(s) Below Prior to Submission

I. Medical Certification for Disabled Access Permit

I hereby certify that _____ has a physical disability that limits ambulatory mobility to the extent that normal utilization of the game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance.

Print or Type Medical Doctor's Name Medical Doctor's Signature Date

Doctor's Mailing Address City State Zip Telephone

II. Medical Certification for Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification

I hereby certify that _____ has one or more of the following disabilities:

1. missing fifty percent (50%) or more of one or more limbs, whether by amputation or natural causes;
2. paralysis of one or more limbs;
3. dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the individual unable to perform the task of grasping and lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;
4. disease, injury, or defect confining the individual to a wheelchair, walker, or crutches;
5. legal deafness.

Print or Type Medical Doctor's Name Medical Doctor's Signature Date

Doctor's Mailing Address City State Zip Telephone

III. Medical Certification for the Crossbow Permit

I hereby certify that _____ has a physical disability that would prevent him/her from using a standard bow and arrow. The following guidelines have been applied in determining this disability:

1. The limitation on use of standard bows must be from a physical disability that cannot be overcome with exercise and physical therapy.
2. The disability must be long term (greater than 1 year).
3. The disability must prevent the person from drawing a bow with 35 pounds of pull for a distance of 15 inches and holding at a reduced pull of 12 pounds for 5 seconds.

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Doctor's Mailing Address City State Zip Telephone

Mail completed application to: N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission
 License Section
 1707 Mail Service Center
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