

TAXIDERMY FAQs

1. Is there any type of certification needed to be a taxidermist? To buy a taxidermy license?
No, a certification is not required to become a taxidermist or to purchase a license.
2. What does License Number mean on Taxidermy license? Do I have to include it with anything?
The license number has no significant purpose and does not need to be included on anything (at this time).
3. What are approved facilitators?
Facilitators are Preservation Facilities where a taxidermy can temporary store wildlife specimens. (We will be changing the text in Alvin from Facilitators to Preservation Facility.)
4. Taxidermist keeping log sheets. What is expected? Do I have to turn them in to WRC?
Yes, a taxidermist is required to keep records concerning any wildlife taken or possessed by him/her; to keep records of the names and addresses of the persons bringing him/her wildlife, the names and addresses of persons taking wildlife if different, and other information concerning the origin of the wildlife; to inspect any applicable license and permits pertaining to the taking or possession of wildlife brought to him/her; to restrict him/her to taxidermy upon lawfully acquired wildlife; and to keep other pertinent records. These records are not required to be submitted to WRC however must be made available to Commission staff at any time at the Commission's request.
5. What if no one comes and picks up mount? As a taxidermist can I sell it? What do I need to do?
Taxidermist can sell unclaimed mounts to recoup expenses only by following the lien of "personal property" procedures ([Chapter 44A](#))
6. What if I just do it for my own pleasure and do not take money, do I need taxidermy license?
No, a person can practice taxidermy without a license if no money is exchanged.
7. When do I need a trophy permit?
A trophy sale permit is needed when selling personal mounts.
8. What if I just taxidermy my own stuff, do I need a license?
No, a license is not required for personal use.
9. Does my business get inspected? If so, how?
Yes, taxidermist facilities are inspected by Wildlife Enforcement Officers annually.
10. Can I use my receipt to operate my business or do I have to wait for the actual license?
Yes, as long as the effective date and expiration date is on the receipt.

11. Is there any type of approval process?

No, there is not an approval process.

12. What if someone brings me a dead animal they found (road kill), do I need a license?

- Raccoons, Opossums and Bobcats do not require road kill permits.
- Deer require road kill permits. Road kill permits can be issued by any law enforcement department investigating the accident, permission can be written or verbal.
- Migratory birds require a federal permit refer to USFWS.
- Bears cannot be claimed as road kill.

13. I have a several mounts that I used as practice, can I sell?

Yes, with a trophy sale permit.