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Becoming a Guide in Newfoundland & Labrador

Department of Environment & Conservation
Wildlife Division

Guide Requirements

*A **Registered Guide** is a person who, having made application to the Minister of Environment and Conservation, has been registered as a guide and issued a certificate of that registration.*

Who Can Apply?

A resident of Canada may apply for registration as a guide in Newfoundland and Labrador by filing an application in the form set by the

Minister of Environment and Conservation and providing a hard copy of the minimal standards required.

License Requirements

A.) Must be a resident of Canada (see definition on **Page 3**) ;

C.) Proof of successful completion of a recognized guide training program;

B.) Successful completion of a firearm safety and hunter education course, boating safety course or equivalent, and a valid first aid course;
OR,

D.) Must complete a guide license application, available online at:
www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/wildlife/licences/guide.htm.

For more information:

Wildlife Division

Department of

Environment & Conservation

117 Riverside Drive

P.O Box 2007

Corner Brook, NL A2H-7S1

Tel: (709) 637-2009

www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/wildlife

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Training



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Boat Safety Requirements:

Office of Boating Safety, Canadian Coast Guard
1-800-230-3693

Online Boat Safety Testing

(e.g.) www.boaterexam.com

Transport Canada

www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety
613-991-3135

First Aid Courses:

St. John Ambulance

1-800-801-0181

Canadian Red Cross

1-902-423-3680

Guide Training:

College of the North Atlantic

1-888-982-2268

**Certified training from other institutions
or agencies is also accepted**

Firearm Safety/Hunter Education

For information on Firearm Safety/Hunter Education training, please contact your nearest College of the North Atlantic Campus. **(Area Code 709)**

NEWFOUNDLAND

Baie Verte: 532-8066

Bay St. George: 643-7730

Bonavista: 468-2610

Burin: 891-5600

Carbonear: 596-6139

Clareville: 466-6900

Corner Brook: 637-8530

Gander: 651-4800

Grand Falls-Windsor: 292-5600

Placentia: 227-2037

Port aux Basques: 695-3582

Seal Cove: 744-2047

St. John's: 758-7282

St. Anthony: 454-3559

LABRADOR

Happy Valley-Goose Bay:
896-6300

Labrador West: 944-7210

Definitions



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Resident:

- 1.)** A Canadian citizen who has lived in Newfoundland and Labrador for six consecutive months immediately preceding his/her application for a licence;
- 2.)** A person other than a Canadian citizen who has lived in Newfoundland and Labrador for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding his/her application for a licence;
- 3.)** A member of the Canadian Armed Forces or member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, while stationed in Newfoundland and Labrador; OR
- 4.)** A member of the Canadian Armed Forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who was born in Newfoundland and Labrador, but is stationed outside the province;
- 5.)** A person ordinarily a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador who leaves to attend a recognized educational institution and who intends to return to the province upon completion of studies.

Non-Resident: (Canadian): A person who is a Canadian citizen, but is not a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador. **(Alien):** A person who is not a Canadian citizen.

Licensed Guide: A person who, for payment or remuneration, accompanies and helps another person to hunt wildlife or fish.

Hunting: Includes chasing, pursuing, worrying, following after or on the trail of, or searching for or lying in wait for, wild life whether or not the wild life is then or later captured, injured or killed.

Angle/Angling: fishing or attempting to fish with a hook and line, with the line held in the hand or with a hook, line and rod held in the hand, and includes casting and trolling.

Direct Relative: a father, mother, grandparent, sister, brother, son, daughter, grand-child or in-law who is a resident of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Accompanied by a licensed guide: the person must, while angling, hunting, or shooting, be within hearing distance of the guide and, before discharging a firearm to kill big game, be in the immediate area of and in sight of the guide.

Questions & Answers

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Is there an age limit to become a guide?

A person under the age of 18 shall not be registered as a guide.

Does my guide licence expire?

A guide licence expires on December 31 after the date of issue. A new licence must be acquired each calendar year if you intend to guide.

How much does a licence cost?

The annual fee is \$10.00 + HST.

How do I pay the annual fee?

When you are approved for a NL guide licence, you will receive your guide registration. Your registration form outlines three payment options. (Note: Do not submit payment with your application.)

Option 1 (Resident only)

Upon registration, you will receive a login ID and password to WIMS (Wildlife Information Management System) and can make payment online. Visit:

www.wildlife.gov.nl.ca

Option 2

Mail your check or money order to the Central Cashier's Office.

Central Cashier's Office
Confederation Building
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL
A1B 4J6

Option 3

Call the Central Cashier's Office to pay with a credit card.

(709) 729-2135

Questions & Answers

Do I have to keep my guide licence with me ?

A licensed guide shall carry his or her licence whenever he or she is employed as a guide, and shall not refuse or neglect to produce that licence for examination when requested to do so by a wildlife officer or a person wishing to employ him or her as a guide.

Can I transfer my guide licence to another person?

A licensed guide shall not permit his or her licence, or a badge issued to him or her, to be used by another person.

Can I hunt or fish while employed as a guide?

A licensed guide, while employed as a licensed guide, shall not angle for salmon or trout in inland waters, or shoot or hunt wildlife. A licensed guide may, within reasonable limits, demonstrate the techniques of line casting and hooking of fish to an angler by whom he or she is accompanied. A licensed guide who hooks a fish while demonstrating the techniques of line casting to the angler by whom he or she is accompanied shall release the fish back into the water.

How many people can I guide?

A licensed guide is guilty of an offence if he or she, at the same time, accompanies as a guide:

- 1.) more than two non-residents licensed to hunt;
- OR,
- 2.) more than two non-residents licensed to fish.

Please Review all Guide Regulations

It is very important that all new and existing guides review guide regulations on a continuous basis. Regulations can change annually so the onus is on you to keep up with guiding changes.

For a complete list of guide regulations, please visit: www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/regulations/rc980060.htm



Questions & Answers

Can a non-resident guide or hunter angle or hunt in Newfoundland & Labrador without a resident guide?

Big Game Hunting

Non-residents must apply for a big game licence through one of the province's outfitting companies and must be accompanied by a licenced guide while hunting.

Small Game & Waterfowl Hunting

Non-residents do not need a licenced guide to hunt small game or waterfowl in Newfoundland and Labrador. However, non-residents are strongly advised to use the services of a local guide due to Newfoundland and Labrador's harsh terrain and unpredictable weather conditions in some areas.

Salmon or Trout Angling

On the Island of Newfoundland and south of 52° N in Labrador, non-residents wishing to angle for trout or salmon on any scheduled river, or angle for trout beyond 800 meters of a provincial highway, are required to use a guide or be accompanied by a direct relative.

In Labrador, North of 52°, non-resident trout and salmon anglers must engage an outfitting company, or fish at a co-operative camp, or be accompanied by a direct relative. When visiting a cooperative camp, non-residents may fish without the services of an outfitter, but must be accompanied by a licenced guide or direct relative anywhere in the lake or pond where the camp is located, or 800 meters above or below the camp if the camp is on a river.

Non-residents may angle in **non-scheduled** waters without a licensed guide or direct relative and without engaging the services of an outfitter as long as they remain within 800 meters of a provincial highway. Non-residents may angle in **scheduled** waters within 800 meters of a provincial highway without an outfitter, but must be accompanied by a licensed guide or direct relative.



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Contacts

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Important Note: *This publication is not a legal document, nor is it a complete collection of hunting/angling regulations for guiding. It is issued for the convenience of individuals interested in guiding in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Wild Life Act and Regulations should be consulted for interpreting and applying the law. Please contact your nearest Wildlife Division Office or a Forest Resources District Office.*

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Pleasantville
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL
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T: (709) 729-2630
F: (709) 729-0751

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P.O. Box 3014, Stn. B
Happy Valley-Goose Bay,
NL A0P 1E0
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**Dept. of Natural
Resources
Eastern Regional
Office:**
Gander
(709) 256-1460

**DNR Eastern District
Offices:**
Bay d'Espoir
(709) 882-2200

Bishop's Falls
(709) 258-5334

Clarenville
(709) 466-7439

Gambo
(709) 674-4625

Lewisporte
(709) 535-2706

Paddy's Pond
(709) 729-4180

**Eastern Satellite
Offices:**
Botwood
(709) 257-3596

Cape Broyle
(709) 432-2940

Carbonear
(709) 945-3024

Gander Bay
(709) 676-2260

Grand Bank
(709) 832-2170

Heart's Content
(709) 583-2902

Salmonier
(709) 229-7826

Southern Bay
(709) 462-3491

Trepassey
(709) 438-2660

Whitbourne
(709) 759-2933

Winterland
(709) 279-3980

**Western Regional
Office**
Corner Brook
(709) 637-2370

**Western District
Offices**
Pasadena
(709) 686-2071

Port Saunders
(709) 861-3502

Roddickton
(709) 457-2300

Springdale
(709) 673-3821

St. George's
(709) 647-3762

**Western Satellite
Offices**
Baie Verte
(709) 532-4067

Burgeo
(709) 886-2790

Millertown
(709) 852-4271

Sop's Arm
(709) 482-2325

St. Anthony
(709) 454-8435

Woody Point
(709) 453-2131

**Labrador Regional
Office**
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
(709) 896-2732

**Labrador District
Offices**
Cartwright
(709) 938-7362

North West River
(709) 497-8479

Wabush
(709) 282-6881

**Labrador Satellite
Offices**
Churchill Falls
(709) 925-8910

Hopedale
(709) 933-3785

Port Hope Simpson
(709) 960-0400

Red Bay
(709) 920-2004

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