

crossing the barriers

Hunting
and
Fishing Opportunities
for
Those With Disabilities

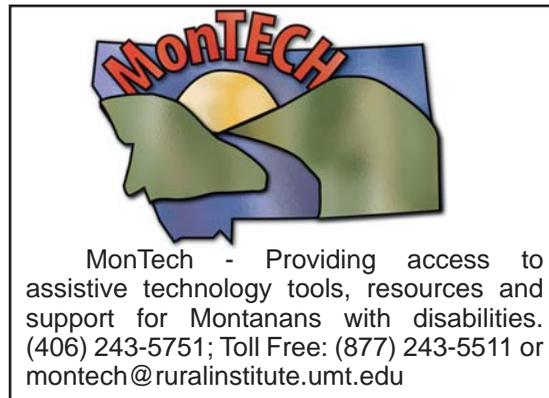
Information on:

- Resident Person with a Disability Conservation License
- Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle
- Permit to Modify Archery Equipment



Definition of a Montana Resident:

A person who has physically lived in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days (six months) immediately before purchasing any resident license; has filed Montana state income tax returns as a resident if they are required to file; has registered their vehicles in Montana; if they are registered to vote, they are registered in Montana; and they may not possess or apply for any resident hunting, fishing or trapping privileges in any other state or country. Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive). See MCA 87-2-102 for complete definition. Call your local Fish, Wildlife & Parks office if you have questions.



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FWP's Crossing the Barriers
fwp.mt.gov/recreation/ctb/

Montana Relay Program 711

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Resident with a Disability Conservation License

Who can apply?

To qualify for this license, the applicant must be a **legal resident of Montana** and must be certified as **permanently** disabled by a physician (MD, DO or APRN) licensed to practice in Montana.

A person is eligible for the Resident with a Disability Conservation License if the person is: (i) A person whose disability has been medically determined to be **permanent** and substantial, and resulting in significant impairment of the person's functional ability and specifically includes amputations, blindness, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, deafness, heart disease, hemiplegia, respiratory or pulmonary dysfunction, mental retardation, mental illness, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, neurological disorders (including stroke and epilepsy), paraplegia, quadriplegia, other spinal cord conditions, and renal failure OR; (ii) a person who, because of lack of social competence, mobility, experience, skills, training or other successful characteristics, is in need of and is receiving sheltered employment or work activities services in a protective setting.

How much does it cost?

No charge for the certification
\$8.00 for the conservation license

When and where can I buy the license?

Once certified through Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MFWP), your annual conservation license may be obtained at any MFWP office, license provider or through our website at fwp.mt.gov - Online Licensing.

What does a Resident with a Disability Conservation License entitle me to? Purchase at 1/2 the cost:

- Upland Game Bird - \$3.75
- Fishing - \$10.50
- General Deer - \$8.00
- General Elk - \$10.00
- 1/2 price overnight camping fee at Montana State Parks

How to Apply?

The Resident with a Disability

Conservation License application is available from any MFWP office, by calling 406-444-2535 or print the application from our website at fwp.mt.gov.

1. **Section 1 of the application must be completely and correctly filled out.** This includes providing your physical address. MCA 87-2-106 requires the applicant to provide a physical address - your application cannot be processed if you list only your post office box.

2. **You must submit a photocopy of your valid Montana driver's license or valid Montana identification card with your application if applying by mail.** If you purchase your license in person, you must present a valid Montana driver's license or valid Montana identification card. (MCA 87-2-102 and 106).

3. **Section 2 of the application must be certified by a physician, (MD, DO or APRN) licensed to practice in Montana, that your permanent disability meets MFWP eligibility requirements.**

4. **Return your application by mail or in person to any MFWP office.** If applying by mail be sure to obtain the correct physician information and a copy of your Montana drivers license or Montana identification card.

Montana's license year is March 1 through the end of February of the following year. EACH YEAR an individual must obtain a conservation license in order to fish, purchase any hunting licenses or apply for special drawings.

Note: A physician's certification will not be required each year.

Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE)

How to Apply?

Who can apply?

To qualify for PTMAE, the applicant--resident or nonresident--must be certified by a licensed physician (MD, DO or APRN) and must meet at least one of the following **permanent** medical conditions:

- Amputation involving 4 fingers at the proximal interphalangeal joint, wrist, elbow or shoulder.
- Spinal cord injury at the level of T-1 or above, resulting in permanent disability of at least 80% to a hand, wrist, arm or shoulder.
- Muscle weakness resulting in a permanent disability of the muscles of the shoulder, arm and back used in drawing and holding a bow.
- Impaired range of motion of the shoulder, elbow or wrist that would prohibit the applicant from raising and holding a bow in the horizontal position.
- Coordination deficit. Coordination is the ability to execute smooth, accurate, controlled movement. Incoordination or coordination deficit describes abnormal motor function characterized by awkward, extraneous, uneven or inaccurate movements. This deficit may be caused by central nervous system disorders, including, but not limited to, Parkinson's Disease, Cerebral Palsy, Hemiplegia, Hemiparesis and closed head trauma; or by progressive neuromuscular diseases, such as Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. The physician must assess the ability of the applicant to use his or her muscles or groups of muscles in a coordinated manner necessary to adequately and safely shoot a standard bow.

How much does it cost?

No charge.

When and where can I get the permit?

This permit is available throughout the license year and is only available from a MFWP office.

What does PTMAE entitle me to do?

The PTMAE allows a legally licensed person with a disability to use modified archery tackle that supports the bow, and draws, holds and releases the string to accommodate the individual disability (arrows, however, are not exempt, and still need to meet current requirements for the archery season as defined in the annual regulations). **Crossbows may not be used during the archery season.**

The **PTMAE** application is available from any MFWP office, by calling 406-444-2535 or print the application from our website at fwp.mt.gov.

1. The application must be completely and correctly filled out.
2. All applicants applying for this permit must be certified by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) as meeting the permanent disability criteria listed on the current application.
3. Return your application by mail or in person to any MFWP office for certification. Eligible applicants will be issued:
 - a) a *wallet card*, which must be carried on their person and used with their **current year's archery and hunting license**,
 - b) *specific guidelines* regarding **PTMAE**. Permit-holders **must** have a companion to assist in aspects of the hunt such as bow set-up, transporting the game animal(s), etc. The companion may also assist the permit holder by hunting (by the legal use of archery equipment only) a game animal that has been wounded by the permit holder when the hunter with a disability is unable to pursue and kill the wounded animal.

Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV)

How to Apply?

Who can apply?

To qualify for this permit, the applicant--resident or nonresident -- must be certified by an appropriate health care provider (MD, DO, APRN, PA or DC) and must meet at least one of the following **permanent** medical conditions:

- **Nonambulatory**--means permanently, physically reliant on a wheelchair or similar compensatory appliance or device for mobility;
- **Substantially Impaired Mobility** means virtual inability to move on foot due to a permanent physical reliance on crutches, canes, prosthetic appliances or similar compensatory appliances or devices;
- **Documented Genetic Condition** means a diagnosis derived from genetic testing and confirmed by a licensed physician that causes permanent mobility issues.

How much does it cost?

No charge.

When and where can I get the permit?

This permit is available throughout the license year, beginning March 1.

This permit is only available from MFWP offices.

What does PTHFV entitle me to do?

The PTHFV authorizes the permit-holder to hunt from a vehicle **wherever vehicular traffic is allowed and permission to hunt is authorized.** The permit **DOES NOT** provide any automatic waiver or exemption from travel restrictions imposed by a private landowner or land management agency, except on state school trust lands as provided for under ARM 36.25.149. Any such waiver or exemption from travel restrictions must be specifically granted by the private landowner or land management agency. Some restrictions do apply and permit-holders will receive specific guidelines regarding **PTHFV**.

The **PTHFV permit application** is available from any MFWP office, by calling 406-444-2535 or print the application from our website at fwp.mt.gov.

1. The application must be completely and correctly filled out.
2. All applicants applying for this permit must be certified by an appropriate health care provider (MD, DO, APRN, PA or DC) as meeting the **permanent** disability criteria listed on the current application. This is necessary to ensure all holders of this permit comply with MCA 87-2-803.
3. Return your application by mail or in person to any MFWP office for certification. Eligible applicants will be issued :
 - a) *four hunter orange placards* that **must** be clearly displayed on the front, rear, and both sides of the vehicle from which they are hunting,
 - b) *specific guidelines* regarding **PTHFV**. Permit-holders **must** be accompanied by a companion who is able to assist in immediately dispatching, field dressing and retrieving any game animal wounded or killed.

