



NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF
Fish and Wildlife

Permits for People with Disabilities and Handicaps

What You Should Know



New Jersey Law provides for a variety of hunting permits to help people with disabilities enjoy the State's natural resources. The following is important if you have a permanent, non-correctable disability and wish to hunt in New Jersey.

PERMITS TO SHOOT OR HUNT FROM A STATIONARY VEHICLE

Hunters with certain PERMANENT physical disabilities can apply for a Permit to Shoot or Hunt from a Stationary Vehicle. This permit is designed to provide hunting opportunities for people who need physical or mechanical assistance for mobility.

A permit to hunt from a stationary vehicle also allows an individual to hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow from a stationary parked vehicle in compliance with NJSA 23:4-16, during the legal seasons.

Individuals hunting with this permit must have handicapped license plates on the vehicle used to hunt with or display an 11" x 11" disabled hunter sign in the window of the vehicle being utilized. A proper hunting license along with the permit must be in the hunter's possession at all times while hunting.

To qualify for a permit to hunt from a standing vehicle you must have a physician or licensed chiropractor complete [Form 301-01](#). The physician or chiropractor must verify that you have a permanent physical disability which either:

- Prevents mobility without the aid of a wheelchair, walker, single leg brace or prosthesis above the knee, two leg braces or prosthesis below the knees, two crutches or two canes;
- Prevents you from exhaling at least one liter of air per second, or displacing at least one liter of air per second, or displacing at least 60 mm of mercury in a lung capacity test;
- Reflects a cardiovascular disorder with a severity rating of III or IV by the standards of the American Heart Association. This is defined as a condition during which ordinary physical activity causes you to experience discomfort, fatigue, palpitation, dyspnea or anginal pain.

PERMITS TO HUNT WITH A CROSSBOW OR MODIFIED LONG, RECURVE OR COMPOUND BOW

The Division of Fish and Wildlife may also issue Crossbow or Modified Long, Recurve or Compound Bow permits to individuals who are unable to use a bow and arrow due to a PERMANENT disability.

To qualify for a Crossbow or Modified Long, Recurve or Compound Bow Permit you must complete and submit [Form 301-02](#) indicating you have either:

- An amputation or other loss of one or both arms above the wrist;
- An amputation or loss of the index or middle finger on the draw and release hand;
- Permanent, substantial loss of function in one or both hands, or one or both arms as determined through standard upper extremity pinch, grip and 9-hole peg test administered under the direction of a licensed physician or a permanent, substantial loss of function in one or both shoulders as determined by standard shoulder strength tests;
- Cardiovascular disease to the extent that functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or IV by the standards of the American Heart Association.

IF YOUR PERMIT APPLICATION IS REJECTED

Most permits are denied because applicants fail to include the required test results or otherwise do not complete the application. Please make sure both you and your doctor, chiropractor or licensed physical therapist have thoroughly reviewed and completed the application before it is submitted.

Under State Law, it is possible to ask for review of a department decision rejecting a permit application. Persons denied a permit may reapply. Subsequent examinations must

be conducted by physicians selected from the Division's list of licensed physicians. Costs associated with all permit application examinations are the responsibility of the applicant. The Division may issue a permit under the re-application procedure if the Division determines that, due to the nature of the disability, it is consistent with the intent of the laws covering disability/handicapped permits.

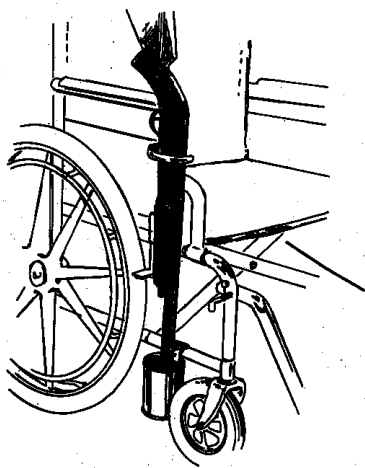
APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications for handicapped permits will be accepted by the Division year round.

Handicapped permit applications and additional information on the Division of Fish and Wildlife, hunting and fishing in New Jersey or wildlife-related information can be obtained by visiting our web site at: www.njfishandwildlife.com

Gun Caddy

A soup can attached to the legs of the wheelchair with a simple hook or loop can help wheelchair users transport their firearms. Line the can with soft materials.



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