

Fishing License Special Exemption Application

Pennsylvania law provides for an exemption to fishing license requirements for participants ages 16 and older taking part in qualifying angler education, aquatic field study or a therapeutic program. The exemption does not apply to the instructor(s). Instructors and participants must abide by seasons, sizes, creel limits and other regulations which are listed in the [Summary Book of PA Fishing Regulations & Laws](#).

Angler education programs which include hands-on fishing experiences are eligible if the program includes instruction in fishing and related skills and the time spent on that instruction makes up at least 30% of the total program length.

Aquatic field study in which aquatic organism collection occurs may also be eligible. This includes stream or lake studies, water quality testing or other related activities.

Therapeutic recreation programs where the goal is to promote psychological and physical health, recovery, and overall well-being *may* be eligible. Program and audience examples include physical therapy, rehabilitation, those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, veterans, substance use prevention/recovery, and detention prevention programs.

Submit completed application to RA-FB-FISHBOATPERMIT@pa.gov.

A. EXEMPTION TYPE				
Angler Education	Aquatic Field Study	Therapeutic		
B. APPLICANT INFORMATION				
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	Suffix	
Mailing Address:				
City:	State:	Zip:		
Organization:	Title:			
Email:	Phone:			
C. INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION				
Lead Instructor Information			Same as applicant	
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	Suffix:	
Mailing Address:				
City:	State:	Zip:		
Organization:	Title:			
Email:	Phone:			
Fishing License Customer ID # (9-digit number):				
Assistant Instructor(s) Information				
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Fishing License Customer ID #

D. PROGRAM INFORMATION

*Determine *Total number of participants* by counting individuals once, even if they participate in multiple programs.

Title: _____ Number of programs: _____ *Total number of participants: _____

Provide a brief overview:

Waterbody Name	County	Municipality (look up)	Dates	
			From	To

CERTIFICATION and SIGNATURE

I certify that the information contained in the application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. This certification is made subject to the penalty of Section 4904 of Crimes Code (18 Pa. C.S.A. § 4904) (relating to Unsworn Falsification to Authorities) and Section 908 of the Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa. C.S. § 908) (relating to False Identification or False or Fraudulent Statements on Reports).

I consent to receive electronic correspondence from PFBC regarding this permit application and related regulation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____