

# Recreational fishing licences

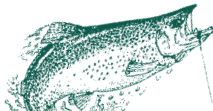
Information and application form

Licences are required for:

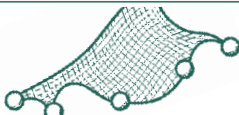
Recreational fishing  
from boat (Statewide)  
\$40



South-west  
freshwater angling  
\$50



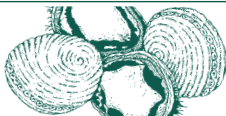
Net fishing  
(haul, set and throw)  
\$50



Rock lobster  
\$50



Abalone  
\$50



Marron  
\$50



## Fishing licences

In WA, licences are required for:

- use of a powered boat to fish or to transport your catch or fishing gear to or from a land-based fishing location (Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence – RFBL)
- rock lobster
- abalone
- marron
- South-west (south of 29°S) freshwater angling
- net fishing (set, haul and throw nets).

Further information about the licensed recreational fisheries listed above is available from select DPIRD offices or at **[fish.wa.gov.au/guide](http://fish.wa.gov.au/guide)**

**Note:** Fishing licences issued in other states are not valid in WA.



## Your fees help fishing

All revenue from recreational fishing licences is placed in a recreational fishing fund and reinvested in projects that directly benefit recreational fishing in Western Australia.

## Concessions

You only pay half the fee if:

- a. you are under the age of 16 years\*.
- b. you hold a Seniors Card issued by the Department of Communities WA Seniors Card Centre.
- c. you receive:
  - i. an age, disability support or widows pension or allowance under the *Social Security Act 1991 of the Commonwealth*.
  - ii. a pension under the *Coal Industry Superannuation Act 1989*.
  - iii. a pension as a widow of a member of the forces, a service pension or the special rate of pension as a person who is totally and permanently incapacitated, under the *Veterans Entitlements Act 1986* of the Commonwealth.
- d. you are:
  - i. the spouse, de facto partner, widow or widower of a person referred to in paragraph (c), or if you were the de facto partner of a person referred to in paragraph (c) immediately before their death.

## Applying for and renewing licences

You can apply for or renew your fishing licence:

- online at [fish.wa.gov.au](http://fish.wa.gov.au) – click on the ‘Fishing licence’ button, follow the instructions and you will be redirected to DoTDirect.
- in person at any of our offices listed in this guide.
- by mail.

You will receive your licence card in the mail. You may fish while waiting for your card to arrive provided you can produce the receipt. If you have been convicted of a fisheries offence, or had a recreational fishing licence cancelled or not renewed, or are not in possession of the receipt when fishing, you **cannot** use your receipt to fish.

Existing licence holders will be sent an application for renewal before their current licence expires.

Licences cover a 12-month period from the date of issue. If you lose your licence and need a replacement, phone or attend your nearest DPIRD licensing office – details are on the back of this form. A fee may apply.

Report shark sightings  
to Water Police on

**9442 8600**

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## Recreational fishing by Aboriginal people

If you are Aboriginal, you do not need a recreational fishing licence. This applies when you take fish from any waters in accordance with continuing Aboriginal tradition and the fish are taken only for you or your family to eat and not for a commercial purpose.

To identify gear, such as nets or rock lobster pots, use the letter 'A' followed by the day, month and year of your birth (e.g. if born on 21 May 1961, your gear identification number is A21/5/61). You may choose to take out a fishing licence, in which case normal fees will apply.

## Fishing rules and information

You must produce your licence when requested to by a Fisheries Officer. Breaking the fishing rules may result in you being issued an infringement notice or being prosecuted in court. Fines may be as high as \$400,000 and up to 10 times the dollar value of the species.

Information and guides covering rules and regulations for licensed fisheries are available from our website and on the Recfishwest app. For full details of legislation contact one of our offices or visit **[fish.wa.gov.au/legislation](https://fish.wa.gov.au/legislation)**

Printed information is current at the date of printing but may be subject to change.

## Contact us

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### **Albany Office**

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Albany WA 6330  
08 9845 7400

### **Broome Office**

401 Port Drive,  
Broome WA 6725  
08 9193 8600

### **Busselton Office**

48A Bussell Highway,  
Busselton WA 6280  
08 9752 2152

### **Carnarvon Office**

262 South River Road,  
Carnarvon WA 6701  
08 9956 3333

### **Fremantle Office**

14 Capo D'Orlando  
Drive, South Fremantle  
WA 6162  
08 9432 8000

### **Geraldton Office**

69-75 Connell Road,  
Geraldton WA 6530  
08 9920 8400

### **Hillarys Office**

39 Northside Drive,  
Hillarys WA 6025  
08 9203 0111

### **Mandurah Office**

107 Breakwater  
Parade,  
Mandurah Ocean  
Marina  
Mandurah WA 6210  
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▶ Fish kills  
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24 HOUR REPORTING



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report online

## Recreational fishing licence application

In accordance with the *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995* (regulations 124 and 124C), I am applying for the grant of a recreational fishing licence:

### Applicant (please use block letters)

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Given names \_\_\_\_\_

Residential address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address (if different to residential)

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### Concessional licence fee

(see notes on inside page)

I am under 16 years of age

I am a pensioner/Seniors Card holder  
Pensioner/Seniors Card no:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** A person is not entitled to the grant of an authorisation (licence) as of right (section 136 of *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*).

## Application fees (tick appropriate boxes):

### Standard Concession

Abalone fishing	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Marron fishing	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Net fishing (haul, set, throw)	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational fishing from boat	\$40 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>
Rock lobster fishing	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>
*South-west freshwater angling	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You are eligible for a 10% discount if applying for two or more activities.

\*Anglers under the age of 16 do not require a south-west freshwater angling licence.

I enclose my cheque/money order, made out to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

or debit my Visa/Mastercard for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's name \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose your cheque/money order or credit card payment with this form and send it to Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Locked Bag 4 Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983.

## Declarations

Tick where appropriate

**I declare that I have not** been convicted of any offence against the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* or *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995*.

**I declare that** the details in this application are true and correct.

Penalties apply under section 176 of *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* for providing false or misleading information in an application.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_