



# Application for 3 Year Disability Hunting and Fishing License

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Mail application & attachments to: LBRU–Disability, 2065 US Hwy. 278, SE, Social Circle, GA 30025

Please see the reverse side (or 2<sup>nd</sup> page) for instructions and detailed documentation requirements.

Georgia Law O.C.G.A. 27-2-4 provides that a person may receive an honorary license provided he/she is permanently and totally disabled so as to prevent gainful employment, and provided the certification of such disability is made by one of the agencies listed below. Disability licenses are valid for three (3) years from date of issuance. Disability licenses may be renewed upon satisfactory documentation of continuing disability. It is unlawful for persons to possess or use the license when the disability is no longer total or permanent.

**Step 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION** \*Indicates Required Field

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| LAST*  | FIRST*                 | MI*  | DRIVER'S LICENSE #*   | DL State* |
| MAILING ADDRESS*   |                        | CITY*  | STATE*  | ZIP*      |
| PHYSICAL ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Mailing Address* |                        | CITY*  | STATE*  | ZIP*      |
| SSN*   | DATE OF BIRTH*         | GENDER*  | PROOF OF RESIDENCY PROVIDED (COPIES ONLY)*  |           |
|  | M D Y                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female              | <input type="checkbox"/> GA Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/> State of GA ID Card |           |
| PHONE  | TEXT NUMBER (optional) | EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional, will be used to send a pdf of the issued license) |   |           |
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| HUNTER EDUCATION # COUNTY OF RESIDENCE                             |                        | HUNTER ED STATE  | COUNTY OF RESIDENCE   |           |

Hunter Education required if born after Jan. 1, 1961 (Only a fishing license will be issued without a Hunter Education #)

BY PLACING YOUR INITIALS HERE YOU WILL RECEIVE ONLY A FISHING LICENSE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2. RESIDENCY VERIFICATION**

Residency is defined as being domiciled within Georgia for a period of at least three (3) months prior to applying for license.

**\*\*Critical:** Attach a photocopy of **one** of the following documents that is valid, **and** shows an issue date of more than **three (3) months before** application for the disability hunting and fishing license.

Mark One:  GA Driver's License  State of GA ID Card

**STEP 3. AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

Check the agency below that has certified you as disabled. Photocopies of the referenced documents **must** be attached. Please **see reverse for instructions and detailed information** on documentation requirements and what the document must contain.

- Social Security Administration  
A photocopy of the BPQY form (SSA-2459) AND the BPQY cover letter (SSAL634) dated within the past year.  
**Social Security Office:** call 1-800-772-1213, and ask for a BPQY (SSA-2459) form and cover letter (SSA-L634).
- United States Department of Veterans Affairs (100% disability).  
A photocopy of the Hunting and Fishing License Authorization letter dated within the past year.  
**Veterans Office:** 1-800-827-1000, or go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). See instructions on reverse how to obtain a **Hunting and Fishing License Authorization Letter**.
- Railroad Retirement Board (Disability Retirements Only). Letter or documentation dated within 1 year.
- Other Governmental Agency. Letter or documentation dated within 1 year.
- Physician's Certification of Total Blindness (Lifetime Fishing License). Certification of no light perception (NLP) required.

**Applicant's Statement:** In accordance with Ga. Code 27-2-4, I certify that I am totally disabled and unable to hold gainful employment and that I am a resident of Georgia and a U.S. citizen. I further certify that my disability is permanent. I understand that it is unlawful for any person to use an honorary license for which they are not entitled.

**STEP 4. SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO AVOID DELAYS, READ REVERSE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. ALLOW UP TO 2 WEEKS TO PROCESS.**  
APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PROOF OF GA RESIDENCY, AGENCY DOCUMENTATION, AND SIGNATURE.

**Paper disability licenses are issued automatically at no charge. To receive an optional Durable Plastic License card, remit a check for \$9 (\$4 plus \$5 trans fee) to Georgia DNR with this application, or provide a**

**Credit Card #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Security Code#** \_\_\_\_\_  
(MasterCard or VISA Only)

**NOTE: Disability Licenses are valid for three (3) years from date of issue. They may be renewed within 60 days of expiration upon satisfactory documentation of continuing disability. Persons disabled because of mental impairment are eligible for honorary fishing license only.**

## **Instructions for Completing Disability License Application Form**

### **STEP 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Completely fill in all requested information. The mailing address may be a PO Box rather than a physical address.

### **STEP 2. RESIDENCY VERIFICATION**

A resident for the purpose of this application is defined as a U.S. citizen domiciled within Georgia for a period of at least three (3) months prior to application. Domiciled has legal meaning beyond simply living in Georgia for a period of time or owning or renting property, and means establishing a permanent legal residence in Georgia by acts such as obtaining a Georgia Driver's license or official State Identification Card. A person cannot be a resident of more than one state.

Attach a photocopy of **one** of the following documents that shows an issue date of **more than three (3) months before** application for the disability hunting & fishing license: GA Driver's License OR State of GA ID Card.

### **STEP 3. AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

**To qualify for your Disability License, you must satisfy several criteria:**

1. You must be disabled to the extent that you **cannot hold gainful employment.**
2. You must be a Georgia resident and a U.S. citizen.
3. The disability must be considered to be **permanent.**
4. You must be certified as being disabled by one of the following agencies: 1. The Social Security Administration; 2. The Department of Veterans Affairs; 3. The Railroad Retirement Board (**but only for Disability Retirements**). 4. Any unit of federal, state, county or municipal government recognized by the board, such as the United States Civil Service Commission, the State Merit System etc. **and from which you are receiving disability benefits.**

In very rare cases, your private physician may certify your disability. Such cases are limited to the following situations only:

1. You have never worked in a job covered by any of the above referenced agencies, or did not work long enough to receive disability benefits from such agency (Note: documentation must include a copy of the rejection letter from the Social Security Administration Office);
2. You are totally blind. A physician or agency must certify you totally blind with no light perception (NLP). You may obtain a **Lifetime Honorary Fishing** license if you are totally blind even if gainfully employed. To obtain a 3 Year Honorary Disability Combination Hunting and Fishing License you must be certified totally and permanently disabled with no gainful employment.

**Proper documentation must be attached to the application.** Please send a copy – forms will not be returned. Documentation from agencies varies as to form, but in general documentation should contain the following elements.

1. Social Security Administration – you are disabled and receiving benefits.
2. Veterans Affairs – you have a 100% disability.
3. Other Agencies – you have a 100% permanent and total disability.
3. Document must be **dated less than one (1) year prior** to the date of application. Date stamped documents are not acceptable. If dated older than one (1) year obtain an updated dated document from the certifying agency.

The following documents are acceptable.

- **Social Security Administration** - A photocopy of the BPQY form (SSA-2459) AND the BPQY cover letter (SSAL634) dated within one year of this application OR a Notice of Award Letter dated within one year of this application  
**Social Security Office:** call 1-800-772-1213, and ask for a BPQY (SSA-2459) form & cover letter (SSA-L634).  
**(DO NOT SUBMIT: SSA 1099 Form, Notice of Decision-Fully Favorable letter, and Yearly Income Statements from Social Security – these are not acceptable documentation.)**
- **United States Department of Veterans Affairs** - Hunting and Fishing License Authorization Letter (100% disability).  
**Veterans Office:** 1-800-827-1000, or go to: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) select "Contact Us" then "Ask a Question" which links to <https://iris.custhelp.com> then "Ask Question" near the bottom of the page. Request a "Hunting and Fishing License Authorization Letter," and ask that it include name, address, current date, date of disability and a statement that you are (100%) totally and permanently disabled. Under Topic select Compensation, and complete the rest of the Customer Form.  
**The authorization letter must be dated within the last year.**
- Railroad Retirement Board (Disability Retirements Only). Must show 100% permanent and total disability, and be dated within the last year.
- Other Governmental Agency. Must show 100% permanent and total disability, and be dated within the last year.
- Physician's Certification of Total Blindness (Lifetime Honorary Fishing License Only). Document must state you are totally blind with no light perception (NLP), and be dated within the last year.

### **STEP 4. SIGN THE APPLICATION**

**NOTE:** Your Disability License is a full privilege Sportsman License, unless it is designated "FISHING ONLY". The only other licenses you may need in addition to the Disability License are a no-charge SIP permit for fishing in salt water, a no-charge Deer Harvest Record for hunting deer, a no-charge HIP license for migratory birds, a no-charge deer-dog license for hunting deer with dogs, and/or a Federal Duck Stamp for hunting waterfowl. The SIP, Deer Harvest Record, HIP, and deer-dog license are available anywhere Georgia licenses are sold. The Federal Duck Stamp is available for a fee at Post Offices, online at <http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/stamps.htm> and from many Georgia retail hunting and fishing license dealers.