

Information sheet

Crossbow licence criteria

Hunters with disabilities

Crossbow licences for hunters with disabilities: who is eligible

Crossbow licences are available to individuals that have certain disabilities. This licence allows the holder to hunt using a crossbow during big game seasons that are otherwise open only for hunting with conventional archery equipment.

Under Alberta's Wildlife Regulation, a Crossbow licence may only be issued to persons who have specified disabilities:

- Paraplegic
- Quadriplegic
- Hemiplegic
- Single above-the-knee lower limb amputee
- Double lower limb amputee
- A physical condition, affliction or disability that is permanent in nature and that involves a upper limb paralysis or amputation that prevents that individual from utilizing conventional archery equipment.
- A physical condition, affliction or disability involving an upper limb that is medically certified as one that:
 - will not improve within the next 3 years, and
 - prevents the individual from utilizing conventional archery hunting equipment (consisting of a bow and arrow where the bow requires 40 pounds of pull to draw an arrow 28 inches in length to its head).

Note about medical certification

The term "medically certified" involves written confirmation by a licensed physician, occupational therapist or physiotherapist, using the provided medical certification letter stating the applicant meets the criteria set out above. Ensure the Physician/Physiotherapists info is completed.

If further information is required, please visit www.mywildalberta.ca or contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Office.

Crossbow Licence: Medical Certification Letter

Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Year Month Day

_____ is applying to Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) for a Crossbow Licence.

Crossbow Licences are made available to persons that have specified physical disabilities only. These are described in the Information Sheet: Crossbow Licence Criteria. **Important note: This licence will not be issued for therapeutic reasons.**

Certain physical conditions or disabilities involving an upper limb may allow an individual to qualify only if they have been medically certified using this approved letter format by a physician, occupational therapist or physiotherapist regarding the disability.

In order to be "medically certified" it must be confirmed whether the applicant suffers from a physical condition or disability that meets specific regulated criteria. In specific, whether the applicant:

- a. Is a paraplegic, quadriplegic, hemiplegic, single above-the-knee lower limb amputee, double lower limb amputee, or
- b. Suffers from any other physical condition, affliction or disability that is permanent in nature, and that involves an upper limb paralysis or amputation which prevents them from utilizing conventional archery hunting equipment, or
- c. Suffers from any other physical condition, affliction or disability that will not improve within the next three years, and prevents that individual from utilizing conventional archery hunting equipment (being archery equipment consisting of a bow and arrow where the bow requires 40 pounds of pull to draw an arrow 28 inches in length to its head).

Please describe below the nature of the applicant's condition or disability which pertains to this permit/licence based on the Wildlife Regulations indicated above (or attach a separate page).

Comments/notes:

Question 1: In your professional opinion, does this condition prevent that individual from utilizing conventional archery hunting equipment, consisting of a bow and arrow where the bow requires 40 pounds of pull to draw an arrow 28 inches in length to its head? YES NO

Question 2: In your professional opinion, is the applicant's condition permanent in nature? If NO proceed to Question 3. YES NO

Question 3: In your professional opinion, will the applicant's condition improve within the next 3 years? YES NO

I have read and understand the contents of this letter and am medically certifying that the applicant meets all criteria as set out in Alberta's Wildlife Regulation.

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| Physician/Therapist (printed name) | Registration Number | Physician/Therapist (signature) |
| Address | Telephone Number | Date |

Ensure the above is filled in completely.

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Information for hunters: <https://mywildalberta.ca/hunting/default.aspx>