



# Cross-bow eligibility criteria

## Information sheet

**Note: Incomplete or incorrect completion of this form will render it void and its holder ineligible to use a cross-bow in an archery only season.**

**Cross-bows are only permitted in an archery season ONLY if an individual has certain prescribed disabilities. When eligible, this individual may hunt using a cross-bow during big game seasons that are otherwise open only for hunting with conventional archery equipment.**

Regulations under the *Wildlife Act* state that a person shall not hunt big game with a cross-bow in an archery season unless that individual:

- a) is a paraplegic, quadriplegic, hemiplegic,
- b) has a single above-the-knee lower limb amputation,
- c) has a double lower limb amputation,
- d) has another physical condition, affliction or impairment that is permanent in nature and that involves an upper limb paralysis or amputation that prevents that individual from utilizing conventional archery equipment, or
- e) has another physical condition, affliction or impairment involving an upper limb that is medically certified as one that:
  - i. will persist for more than one year, **and**
  - ii. prevents that individual from using a bow and arrow.

For the purpose of determining eligibility for cross-bow use in an archery only season, an individual claiming eligibility must provide, on request, confirmation, in the form and manner set by the department, from a physician, nurse practitioner, occupational therapist or physiotherapist that the person has one or more of the conditions listed above, including the duration of the condition, if applicable.

*If further information is required, please contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division Office or online [www.mywildalberta.ca](http://www.mywildalberta.ca)*

## Cross-bow eligibility – medical certification letter

Letter must be carried at all times while using a cross-bow during an archery only season.

Incomplete or incorrect completion of this form will render it void and its holder ineligible to use a cross-bow in an archery only season.

The holder of this medical form is responsible for its accuracy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is declaring to Alberta  
(Full Name)

Forestry and Parks their eligibility to use a cross-bow during an archery only season.

Cross-bow use in archery only seasons is made available to persons that have specified physical disabilities only. These are described in the "Information Sheet - Cross-bow Criteria".

*IMPORTANT NOTE: A licence of this kind is not issued for therapeutic reasons.*

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.

- 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 impairment that is **permanent** in nature, and that involves an **upper limb paralysis or amputation** which prevents them from utilizing a bow and arrow, **or**
- c) Suffers from any other physical condition, affliction or impairment that will persist for more than one year and prevents that individual from utilizing conventional archery hunting equipment (being archery equipment consisting of a bow and arrow where the bow requires 35 pounds of pull to draw an arrow 28 inches in length to its head).

**The following section is MANDATORY and all sections must be complete:** Please describe the nature of the applicant's condition or disability, which pertains to this request based on the **Wildlife Regulations** criteria indicated above, or attach a separate signed letter with a more comprehensive written description. (Do not include confidential medical documents such as lab results or x-rays)

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**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 35 pounds of pull to draw an arrow 28 inches in length to its head (must be 'yes' to be eligible)?

Yes     No

**Question 2:**

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

Yes     No

If 'YES', then this exemption to use a cross-bow in archery season is permanent and ongoing.

If 'NO' then this exemption to use a cross-bow will expire after the duration noted below in question 3.

**Question 3:**

In your professional opinion, will the applicant's condition persist for more than one year (must be 'yes' to be eligible)

Yes     No

Estimated duration of condition from date of assessment \_\_\_\_\_

**The exemption to use a cross-bow will expire after this time period.**

**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 No.                      Physician/Therapist Signature

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Ensure the above is filled in completely.**

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