

# Information sheet

## Weapons discharge permit criteria

### Hunters with disabilities

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#### Weapons discharge permits for hunters with disabilities: who is eligible

Weapons Discharge Permits are available to individuals that have certain disabilities. This permit allows the holder to do the following:

1. Have a loaded firearm on or in, or discharge a weapon from, a parked vehicle (a vehicle licensed for highway travel or an off-highway vehicle) in circumstances where the discharge of that weapon is otherwise lawful,
2. Transport a weapon on or by means of an off-highway vehicle between 1 hour before sunrise and 12 noon during an open season for big game in an area where a restriction on transporting weapons on an OHV is otherwise in effect, and
3. Discharge a weapon at antelope from within 46 metres (50 yards) of a vehicle.

Regulations under the Wildlife Regulation state that a Weapons Discharge Permit may only be issued to individuals who have specified disabilities:

- Paraplegic or quadriplegic or suffers from any other physical condition, or handicap that is permanent in nature and renders the person incapable of walking, and
- Person requires a wheelchair or similar wheeled equipment for daily ambulation.

#### 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](http://www.mywildalberta.ca) or contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Office.

# Weapons Discharge Permit: Medical Certification Letter

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Month Day

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) for a Weapons Discharge Permit.

Weapons Discharge Permits are made available to persons that have specified physical disabilities only. These are described in the Information Sheet - Weapons Discharge Permit Criteria. **Important note: This licence will not be 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 set out in the Wildlife Regulation.

- a. Applicant is a paraplegic or a quadriplegic or suffers from any other physical condition, affliction or handicap that is permanent in nature and renders the person incapable of walking, and
- b. Applicant requires a wheelchair or similar wheeled implement for daily ambulation.

Please describe below the wheeled implement required for daily ambulation and 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 support that the applicant's condition is permanent in nature? YES  NO

**Question 2:** Does this condition require that individual to use a wheelchair or similar wheeled equipment for daily ambulation? 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.**

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

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

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