



# Weapons discharge permit criteria

## Information sheet

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 50 yards of a vehicle.

Regulations under the *Wildlife Act* state that a Weapons discharge permit may only be issued to individuals who have specified disabilities:

- a) paraplegic, quadriplegic or hemiplegic, or
- b) has a permanent restriction, caused by cardiopulmonary disease, neuromuscular disorders, orthopedic disorders, skeletal conditions, strokes or other conditions, that prevents that person, either physically or due to pain, from walking more than 50 yards on level ground without the use of a walker, 2 canes or similar assistive devices.

**NOTE:** The term “**medically certified**” involves the provision for confirmation by a physician, nurse practitioner, occupational therapist or physiotherapist on the attached approved form that the applicant meets the criteria set out in the *Wildlife Regulation*.

If further information is required, please contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division Office

## Weapons discharge permit – Physician or Therapist letter

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

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

Forestry and Parks for a weapons discharge permit.

Weapons discharge permits are made available to persons that have specified physical disabilities only. These are described in the "[Weapons discharge permit criteria information sheet](#)".

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** A permit 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 set out in the *Wildlife Regulation* section 61.1:

- a) Applicant is a paraplegic, quadriplegic or hemiplegic, **or**
- b) has a permanent restriction, caused by cardiopulmonary disease, neuromuscular disorders, orthopedic disorders, skeletal conditions, strokes or other conditions, that prevents that person, either physically or due to pain, from walking more than 50 yards on level ground without the use of a walker, 2 canes or similar assistive devices

**The following section is MANDATORY to be considered 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 support that the applicant's condition is permanent in nature?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Question 2:

Does this condition require the applicant to use a walker, 2 canes or similar assistive device to walk 50 yards on level ground?

☐ 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 No.      Physician/Therapist Signature

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

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

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