

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Verification of Disability to Hunt with a Crossbow

Crossbows Regulations

- Crossbows may be used to hunt deer only, with the exception of special crossbow permits for disabled hunters, who may pursue all game legal for a vertical bow. The crossbow shall have a draw of not less than 75 pounds and the use of telescopic sights is permitted.
- Deer hunting with a crossbow during the Deer Bow Season in accordance with the current Deer Bow Season regulations.
- Any hunter who is 65 years of age or older or possesses a Resident Senior Hunting License can hunt deer with a crossbow in all Maryland deer hunting seasons.
- Hunters with physical disabilities that prevent them from using a traditional bow may apply for a special crossbow permit to hunt deer during the bow season.

Regulations Pertaining to Both Vertical Bows and Crossbows

- Arrows for vertical bows (recurve, compound, or straight limb) and crossbows must have a sharpened broadhead with a metal cutting surface having a minimum width of 7/8 of an inch.
- The vertical bow and crossbow may be used for hunting deer during the Deer Firearms Season and Muzzleloader Season, in accordance with Firearms and Muzzleloader Season regulations.
- Firearms may not be carried while hunting deer during the Bow Season.

Definition

A crossbow is normally a shoulder-mounted weapon, which may be operated with only one hand. A bow means a longbow or compound bow, which is normally operated by using both hands. A bow must have a full draw and pull of not less than 30 pounds.

If you have additional questions, please send e-mail to:
customerservice@dnr.state.md.us

Or call the Wildlife & Heritage Service at 410-260-8540
Toll-free in Maryland: 1-877-620-8DNR, Ext. 8540
TTY users call via the MD Relay.

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**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES CROSSBOW FORM
VERIFICATION OF DISABILITY TO HUNT WITH A CROSSBOW**



COMAR REGULATION 08.03.10.01 Crossbows.

A. A person may not hunt wildlife in the State by means of a crossbow except as provided by special permit.

B. A person who cannot operate a longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow due to a physical disability, and who possesses a valid hunting license, may submit an application form, provided by the Service, for a permit to hunt wildlife with a crossbow. A person requesting the permit shall file the application form, accompanied by a physician's certificate, to the Service. The physician's certificate shall describe the physical disability and shall state that the person is not capable of operating a longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow. The permittee shall have the permit on his person when hunting with a crossbow.

Via completion of this form in full by the applicant and by a licensed physician, and upon submission of a copy of this form to the Wildlife and Heritage Service, holders of this fully completed form (or a legible copy) are authorized to use a crossbow, either temporarily or permanently, based on the determination of the physician.
All Sections Must be Completed.

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

1. Name:		3. City:	4. County:
2. Address:		5. State:	6. Zip:

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the regulation on hunting with a crossbow.

7. Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

A physician licensed to practice medicine to determine the applicant's eligibility to use a crossbow must complete the remainder of this form below. Note: A crossbow is normally a shoulder-mounted weapon, which may be operated with only one hand. A bow means a longbow or compound bow, which is normally operated by using both hands. A bow must have a full draw and pull of not less than 30 pounds.

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION

1. Does the applicant's physical disability preclude (prevent) the use of a longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow? (Normally operated with two hands with a full draw and pull of not less than 30 pounds) (Check One)

Yes No

2. Is this condition: (Check One) Permanent Temporary

3. If **temporary**, please indicate date when applicant may continue with the use of a longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow: _____
Month/Year

4. Provide a written description of the patient's disability below

5. Via my signature, I hereby certify that the applicant is unable to hunt with a conventional bow and arrow due to a physical disability. Physician's Signature: _____	6. Date of Examination _____ Month/Day/Year
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7. Printed Name of the Physician:

8. Office Address:	9. Office Phone:
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MAIL ONE COPY OF THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:
Wildlife & Heritage Service, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources
580 Taylor Ave., E-1, Annapolis MD 21401

ONCE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN, THE APPLICANT SHALL RETAIN THE ORIGINAL FORM, WHICH THEN BECOMES THE PERMIT REQUIRED FOR HUNTING WITH A CROSSBOW.

The permit holder is responsible for replacing the permit, should it become lost. To replace a lost permit, the applicant must apply for a new permit. The Department of Natural Resources will not provide replacements.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF CROSSBOW FORM

1. Both the applicant and a licensed physician must fully complete the crossbow form (Verification of Disability to Hunt with a Crossbow).
2. One copy of the fully completed form must be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Wildlife & Heritage Service
Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources
580 Taylor Ave., E-1
Annapolis MD 21401

3. Upon submission of a copy of the form to the Wildlife & Heritage Service, holders of this completed form are authorized to use a crossbow, either temporarily or permanently, based on the determination of the physician. The original completed form (or a legible copy) becomes the permit required to hunt with a crossbow and must be on the applicant's person when hunting with a crossbow. You will **NOT** receive any other document from DNR.
4. If the physician has indicated the disability is temporary, the permit will expire on the date indicated by the physician and the applicant shall discontinue use of the crossbow for hunting in Maryland
5. The permit holder is responsible for replacing the permit, should it become lost. To replace a lost permit, the applicant must apply for a new permit. The DNR will not provide replacements.