

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FREE DISABLED VETERANS RIFLE PERMIT

Legislation signed by former Governor Whitman provides for the issuance of free hunting and fishing licenses for resident disabled veterans.

For the purposes of this program, the legislation defines **Disabled Veterans** as:

"...any resident of the State who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability of any degree..."

Disabled veterans may apply for a rifle permit via mail to the Trenton office (send copies of disability documents and copy of old New Jersey rifle permit or **original** NJ hunter education course certificate or out-of-state resident hunting license).

Applicants must provide:

1. proof of disability by producing a letter of certification from the Veterans Administration, a wallet sized card from the VA indicating their status or a photocopy of your monthly disability check which indicates your status.
2. proof of honorable discharge (DD-214 or similar document).
3. proof of residency by showing driver's license, hunting license, etc.
4. provide a hunter education course (rifle/muzzleloader) certificate, a previous NJ rifle permit. Resident licenses from other states issued to hunters prior to establishing residency in NJ will be accepted if the license indicates it is used for rifle/muzzleloader hunting in that state. Non-resident licenses for other states are **not** acceptable.

DISABLED VETERAN RIFLE PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

Division of Fish and Wildlife
501 East State Street, 3rd Floor
PO Box 431
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0431
(Mercer County) 609-984-1400

PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY BY MAIL