

# Temporary rod licences

## Customer information sheet



Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975

**Please read this information sheet carefully before you fill in the form.**

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We issue temporary rod licences for groups of people over the age of 12 who need to own a rod licence for fishing at a specific event or for events over a short period.

The purpose of the temporary rod licence is to cover people who organise fishing events so that the anglers who fish at these events do not need to buy a rod licence. It will be cheaper for the angler to buy an individual rod licence if they are going to use a temporary rod licence for more than a few days.

### Rates for individual rod licences

	Non-migratory trout and coarse (Minimum fee to cover our administration costs is £25)	Migratory salmon and sea trout (Minimum fee to cover our administration costs is £50)
Full licence	£27.00	£72.00
Disabled concession	£18.00	£48.00
Senior concession (for people 65 and over)	£18.00	£48.00
Junior (for people aged 12 to 16 inclusive)	£5.00	£5.00
8-day licence	£10.00	£23.00
1-day licence	£3.75	£8.00

We work out the cost of a temporary rod licence by multiplying the number of anglers who visit an area of water by the rate we charge for an angler to fish there for one day (for either trout and coarse or salmon and sea trout). There is a minimum fee to cover our administration costs, shown in the table above.

The Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act says that we can only issue temporary rod licences for a maximum of 14 days. So, if an event is going to last longer than 14 days you will need to apply for extra licences.

If you are a licensed angling coach (at level 2 and over) and you have a valid rod licence, you can use the rod licence to cover all the people you teach formally who are trying angling for the first time. You must make a record of the names and addresses of the people you teach. You can get forms from your angling association to help you keep these details and you must send these forms to the association. You should have your rod licence and coaching identification with you at all times.

We can issue temporary rod licences under the following circumstances.

- 1 Corporate fishing events (for example, an office team-building event)
- 2 Occasional fishing events (for example, a fishing match)
- 3 Fishing tuition (for more than one day)
- 4 Fishing tuition (for up to 24 hours)

We do not charge for a licence for anglers who receive up to one day's angling tuition. In these cases the licence must cover a different angler on each day that the licence is valid. We expect that if you are organising this kind of event you will have your own individual rod licence and do not need to be covered by the temporary licence.

### 5 Worthy causes

In exceptional cases, we can give you a temporary rod licence free of charge, for example, if the licence is to cover groups of disabled or disadvantaged people. If you are organising this kind of event we expect you will have your own rod licence and do not need to be covered by the temporary rod licence. If you think your event may qualify for a free temporary rod licence, you should attach a short letter to your application to explain the work your organisation carries out and why you need the licence. You should write the letter on your organisation's official letterhead paper.

## 1 Applying for a temporary rod licence

You must apply for a temporary rod licence in writing, using the appropriate application form. **You must apply at least 14 days before your event takes place.**

Please make sure that you fill in all the relevant details in full on the form as this will help to speed up the application process.

When we have received your application we will work out how much your licence will cost and send you the details. We will issue you with a licence when we have received your payment. Please make sure you keep the temporary rod licence at the event at all times, so you can show it to one of our enforcement officers, if they ask.

If, at any stage, you have any questions, please phone our National Customer Contact Centre on 03708 506 506. Or, write to them at:

Environment Agency  
National Customer Contact Centre  
PO Box 544  
Rotherham  
S60 1BY

## 2 Return forms

We will send you a form with your licence which you should use to write down the details of the anglers over the age of 12 at the event who are covered by the licence. Children under the age of 12 do not need a rod licence. You should return this form to us within 14 days of the end of the event. If you do not return the form to us we may refuse to give you a licence in the future.

