

## Commercial License Application Instructions and Forms

This site can be used to download application instructions and application forms for NC Division of Marine Fisheries Commercial licenses.

### General Instructions

Before downloading any applications or forms please read the following:

1. Although license application forms are available for downloading, you may find it easier to stop in any DMF license office to apply for a license or permit. Our offices have photocopiers and notary publics that can make the process easier. Our offices also have well trained staff that can also assist you in obtaining the proper permits for specific fisheries and answer any questions you may have.
2. If you chose to download an application, please take care to read the specific instructions for each application. Requirements may differ between the various licenses.
3. If you do not currently hold a DMF license or permit or have not applied to the License Eligibility Board for a standard commercial fishing license then you must also complete the **Application for Participation with the Division of Marine Fisheries Program**.
4. A **Certification Statement Form** must accompany all license applications. A notarized signature is required for all new licenses. Be sure to use the proper certification form as they differ for new licenses versus renewals.
5. The following license and permit applications are not available for downloading:
  - a. **Standard Commercial Fishing License** or **Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License**. We require applicants for either of these licenses to visit a DMF license office.
  - b. **License or Vessel Registration transfer**. We require applicants for either of these licenses to visit a DMF license office.
  - c. **Assignment forms**. These are currently three-part carbon forms available from any license office or by calling the phone numbers listed below to request forms be sent to you.
  - d. **Permits**. We require applicants for any permit to visit a DMF license office.
6. Some license applications have a survey at the end. Please complete all surveys to the best of your ability.

7. If you have any questions about any license requirements please call (800) 682-2632 or (252) 726-7021 and ask for the License Office.

Applications available for downloading:

- [Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration](#) – *commercial vessel license*
- [Land or Sell License](#) – *license for out of state vessels to sell seafood harvested from federal waters in NC*
- [Shellfish License for NC residents](#) - *license for NC residents to harvest clams, oysters and mussels*
- [Fish Dealer License](#) – *license for dealers to purchase seafood from commercial fishermen*
- [Eligibility Participation](#) – *application to the Eligibility Board for a commercial fishing license*
- [Application for Participation](#) – *required for all new participants*