



## Why are guides an important part of a New Brunswick hunting and angling experience?

Licensed guides are a necessary and integral part of a New Brunswick angling or hunting experience. They provide expertise, direction, and local knowledge, helping ensure regulatory compliance and client safety in order to enhance the experience of and increase the success rates of visiting sportsmen and women.

## What are the legal requirements concerning guides?

As a general rule, the *NB Fish and Wildlife Act* requires that non-New Brunswick residents must be accompanied by a licensed guide to hunt in the province or to angle for sea-run Atlantic salmon or any other fish species on *Guide Required Waters* after the designated date. To become a licensed guide, you must meet the eligibility and examination requirements as described in this pamphlet.

## Where can I apply for a guide licence?

An application for a guide licence may be made at any Department of Natural Resources (DNR) District Office (See *Table 1*) during regular office hours. Eligibility requirements are dependent upon the type of guide licence you apply for. If you meet these requirements and successfully complete a guide exam, an oath of office will be administered, the appropriate licence fee will be collected and your application for a guide licence will be processed.

## What types of guide licences are available?

There are two types of guide licences available: a **Professional Guide Licence** (Guide I Licence) and a **Licence to Accompany** (Guide II Licence).

A **Professional Guide Licence** is available to an applicant who:

- is 18 years of age or over,
- has passed the provincial guide exam, and
- is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada as defined by the federal *Citizenship Act* and the *Immigration and Refugee Act*.

A **Licence to Accompany** is available to an applicant who:

- is 18 years of age or over,
- has passed the provincial guide exam, and
- is a resident of New Brunswick as defined by the *NB Fish and Wildlife Act*.



## Which type of guide licence is best for me?

The **Professional Guide Licence** is for a person who intends to charge a fee or reward for their guiding service. A professional guide may guide up to 3 clients at one time but cannot hunt or fish while guiding. An exception and special rules apply to professional guides who wish to fish for a client. Special rules also apply to guides when accompanying clients who choose to fish from a boat. Please refer to the current *NB Fishing Regulations Booklet* for more details concerning exceptions and special rules that apply to professional guides.

The **Licence to Accompany** is designed for those who wish to provide a no-fee or no-reward guiding service to a visiting non-resident friend or relative. The holder of a Licence to Accompany may hunt or fish while guiding but can only guide one person at a time.

## Are there any training requirements?

There are no training requirements associated with a guide licence at this time.

## What does the guide exam contain?

The guide exam consists of 50 multiple choice and true or false type questions that pertain to guide licensing, duties and responsibilities of a guide, hunting, and fishing related regulations. Applicants for both types of guide licences must successfully complete the guide exam. A pass mark of 80% is required in order to be successful. There is no appeal in the case of an unsuccessful exam result. An applicant must wait 30 days from the date of failing the exam before re-examination can occur. If special circumstances exist, the guide exam may be administered orally.

## How can I prepare for the guide exam?

The following publications can be used to prepare for the guide exam and are available at any DNR District Office (See *Table 1*), Service NB Centre (See *Table 2*), or online at [www.gnb.ca/naturalresources](http://www.gnb.ca/naturalresources). Link 1: Site map; Link 2: "G" for Guides.

- *NB Hunting Regulations Booklet*
- *NB Fishing Regulations Booklet*
- *Becoming a Guide in New Brunswick Pamphlet*

To arrange an appointment for writing the guide exam, contact your local Department of Natural Resources office.

## Can I obtain both types of guide licences?

Current regulations prohibit a person from holding a valid **Professional Guide Licence** and a **Licence to Accompany** at the same time. However, guides are able to change their licence status once during the given year, (i.e. from a Professional Licence to a Licence to Accompany or from a Licence to Accompany to a Professional Licence) provided that they are eligible for both types of licences.

When changing guide licence status, the old guide licence must be returned and the appropriate fee paid in order for a new licence to be issued. There is no refund or crediting of fees when changing your guide licence status.

## How long is a guide licence valid?

A guide licence may be applied for or renewed at any time of the year and is valid until Dec. 31 of the year for which it was purchased.

**Guide Licence Renewal Forms** are available from DNR Public Services (506-444-5000), DNR District offices (See *Table 1*), Service New Brunswick Centres (See *Table 2*), or can be downloaded online at [www.gnb.ca/naturalresources](http://www.gnb.ca/naturalresources). Link 1: Services; Link 2: Guide I/II Licence.

Table 1 – DNR District Offices

Bathurst	506-547-2080	Miramichi	506-627-4050
Blackville	506-843-2908	Nackawic	506-575-6005
Boucher	506-735-2043	Petitcodiac	506-756-3152
Bouctouche	506-743-7300	Plaster Rock	506-356-6030
Campbellton	506-789-2336	Rogersville	506-775-2002
Canterbury	506-279-6005	Saint-Léonard	506-423-3010
Chipman	506-339-7019	Saint-Louis-de-Kent	506-876-3409
Coles Island	506-362-2705	Saint-Quentin	506-235-6040
Dieppe	506-856-2344	St. George	506-755-4040
Doaktown	506-365-2001	Sunny Corner	506-836-7009
Florenceville	506-392-5105	Sussex	506-432-2008
Fredericton	506-453-2345	Tracadie-Sheila	506-394-3636
Hampton	506-832-6055	Welsford	506-486-6000
Kedgwick	506-284-3413		

Table 2 – Service NB Centres

Bathurst	506-547-2077	Neguac	506-776-3180
Campbellton	506-789-2300	Perth-Andover	506-273-4718
Caraquet	506-727-7013	Richiboucto	506-523-7610
Edmundston	506-735-2085	Sackville	506-364-4076
Fredericton	506-453-2834	Saint John	506-658-2500
Grand Falls	506-473-7708	Shippagan	506-336-3017
McAdam	506-784-6809	St. Stephen	506-466-7378
Miramichi	506-627-4040	Sussex	506-432-2002
Moncton	506-856-2204	Woodstock	506-325-4476

## Where can I obtain more information about guiding in New Brunswick?

You may contact any DNR office for additional information concerning licenced guides and guiding in New Brunswick.

For information concerning licenced New Brunswick Outfitters who offer guiding and outfitting services, contact Tourism New Brunswick at 1-800-561-0123 or go online at [www.tourismnewbrunswick.ca/](http://www.tourismnewbrunswick.ca/).

## Duties and responsibilities of guides

Guides have certain duties and responsibilities when it comes to providing a good guiding service. These involve the exercise of good judgement and common sense treatment of clients and ensuring that they have a proper hunting or angling licence and any other required legal documents. Guides must also be aware that some of their duties and responsibilities have become legal requirements under the *NB Fish and Wildlife Act*.

For instance, the *Fish and Wildlife Act* requires a guide to swear an oath that they will "endeavour to prevent the illegal taking of fish and wildlife". Secondly, the Act makes it an offence for a guide to fail to report to a conservation officer any violations committed by his/her client(s). Thirdly, the Act requires every guide, "so far as they are able", to prevent his/her client(s) from violating fish and game laws. This duty is important. After all, the legal requirement for non-residents to be accompanied by a guide when hunting or angling in the province exists in large part in order to prevent offences by non-residents. The Act further provides that guides may be liable for failing to meet that duty.

For a complete summary of laws respecting guides, a copy of the *Fish and Wildlife Act* and regulations may be obtained by contacting the NB Queen's Printer at 506-453-2520 or E-mail at [queens.printer@gnb.ca](mailto:queens.printer@gnb.ca)

An on-line version of the *Fish and Wildlife Act* and its regulations may also be viewed at [www.gnb.ca/naturalresources](http://www.gnb.ca/naturalresources). Link: Legislation.

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