

What type of fishing needs a licence?

You need a licence for the following types of recreational sea fishing:

- abalone;
- rock lobster dive;
- rock lobster pot;
- rock lobster ring;
- scallop;
- graball net;
- mullet net;
- beach seine net; and
- set line (includes longline and dropline).

You don't need a licence for rod and line fishing in marine waters but an Inland Fisheries Licence is required for any fishing in inland waters including some river mouths and estuaries. See page 72.

Where do I buy or renew a licence?

Fishing licences are available from all Service Tasmania shops and on the internet at www.fishing.tas.gov.au/licence.

When will my licence expire?

The recreational licensing year begins on 1 November each year. Licences are valid from the date of issue to 31 October.

Age Restrictions

You must be at least 10 years of age to hold a rock lobster, graball net, mullet net or set line licence.

Biotoxin closures

Please note refunds are not granted if you are unable to fish due to biotoxin closures.

Licence Fees

From 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2018, the following costs apply:

Standard Licence:	\$54.25 - first licence (base fee of \$46.50 plus \$7.75 for first licence). Each additional licence type - \$7.75 .
Concession Licence: Commonwealth Pension, DVA Concession, Government Seniors cardholders and persons under 16. <i>Health Care cardholders are not eligible.</i>	\$31.00 - first licence (base fee of \$23.25 plus \$7.75 for first licence). Each additional licence type - \$7.75 .
Additional Licence:	\$7.75 - add a licence type plus the cost of the new licence.
Replacement Licence:	\$7.75 - replacement licence card. Order online or from Service Tasmania.
Special Rock Lobster Licence: (increased possession limit for 14 days)	\$46.50 - must hold a recreational rock lobster licence. Western Region only.

Check your existing licence online

To check your existing licences or your licence number go to:

www.fishing.tas.gov.au/licence and select 'Check my existing licence'.



Your Contact Details

Please keep your contact details up to date. They are used to return lost gear and contact you about fishery matters such as surveys.

Digital licences

When you buy a licence online, you can be emailed an image of your licence.



Save a copy of your licence on your phone.

Marking Your Gear

When you apply for a licence you will be issued with a unique licence number (two letters and four numbers) that you can continue to use in future years. You must mark your buoy with this number for rock lobster pots, caufs and unattended rings (see page 41), graball and mullet nets (page 31) and setlines (page 28).









A marker buoy with licence number

Aboriginal Fishing

Aboriginal persons engaged in aboriginal fishing activities in marine waters are exempt from holding a fishing licence but must comply with all other fisheries rules as if they were licensed. If using pots, caufs, unattended rings, gillnets or set lines, they must mark and display on their gear a unique identifying code (UIC). Further details about aboriginal fishing and how to apply for a UIC are available at **www.fishing.tas.gov.au**.



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Your licence fees at work

Species	Season
Banded morwong 	Closed from 1 March to 30 April inclusive each year.
Striped trumpeter 	Closed from 1 September to 31 October inclusive each year.
Rock lobster and giant crab Western Region 	Females Open from 4 November 2017 to 30 April 2018 inclusive. Males Open from 4 November 2017 to 31 August 2018 inclusive.
Rock lobster and giant crab Eastern Region 	Open from 18 November 2017 to 30 April 2018 inclusive.
Scallops 	Open from 24 March 2018 to 31 July 2018 inclusive. A closure for scallop fishing remains in place for the D'Entrecasteaux Channel for the 2018 season.
Squid / Calamari 	East Coast Upper south east coast waters including Great Oyster Bay and Mercury Passage closed from 15 October to 14 November each year. North Coast A 2017 closure applied from 6 – 22 October 2017 – see page 5. For 2018 dates, check www.fishing.tas.gov.au .

Fisheries may be closed at spawning times for some species to protect breeding stock or to limit the catch for a fishery. There may also be closures under emergency provisions for public health reasons.

If not listed, no recreational season applies. Any changes to published fishing seasons or biotoxin closures will be posted at www.fishing.tas.gov.au.