

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 2018 to 31 October 2019, the following costs apply:

Standard Licence:	\$55.30 - first licence (base fee of \$47.40 plus \$7.90 for first licence). Each additional licence type - \$7.90 .
Concession Licence: Commonwealth Pension, DVA Concession, Government Seniors cardholders and persons under 16. <i>Health Care cardholders are not eligible.</i>	\$31.60 - first licence (base fee of \$23.70 plus \$7.90 for first licence). Each additional licence type - \$7.90 .
Additional Licence:	\$7.90 - add a licence type plus the cost of the new licence.
Replacement Licence:	\$7.90 - replacement licence card. Order online or from Service Tasmania.
Special Rock Lobster Licence: (increased possession limit for 14 days)	\$47.40 - 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 update your contact details when you renew your licence. They are used to return lost gear. We may also contact you about fishing matters such as public health alerts, closures and 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.

Marker Buoys

Marker buoys must be:

- at least 195 mm in diameter;
- marked in figures not less than 70mm high and 12 mm wide; and
- are specifically designed as a buoy and float on the surface of the water.

Additional buoys may be used for visibility.



A marker buoy with licence number

Marking Your Gear

You will be issued with a unique licence number (two letters and four numbers) that you can continue to use in future years. Mark a gear code and this number on your buoy for:

- rock lobster pots, caufs and unattended rings (see page 39);
- graball and mullet nets (page 29); and
- setlines (page 26).

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.

Unique Identifying Code (UIC)

If using pots, caufs, unattended rings, gillnets or set lines, you must mark and display on your gear a unique identifying code (UIC) from a recognised Aboriginal organisation. Further details about aboriginal fishing and how to apply for a UIC are available at

www.fishing.tas.gov.au.

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 (see map on page 36)  	<p>All waters outside the East Coast Stock Rebuilding Zone (ECSRZ) Open from 3 November 2018.</p> <p>East Coast Stock Rebuilding Zone Open from 8 December 2018.</p> <p>Eastern Region (including ECSRZ) Closes 30 April 2019</p> <p>Western Region (Females) Closes 30 April 2019</p> <p>Western Region (Males) Closes 31 August 2019.</p>
Scallops 	Open from 13 April 2019 to 31 July 2019 inclusive. The D'Entrecasteaux Channel is closed for the 2019 season.
Squid / Calamari 	<p>East Coast Upper south east coast waters including Great Oyster Bay and Mercury Passage closed from 15 October to 14 November inclusive each year.</p> <p>North Coast 2018: A closure applied from 1 – 31 October 2018 – see page 5. 2019: For dates, check www.fishing.tas.gov.au.</p>

Fisheries may be closed for reasons including to protect breeding stock, to limit the catch or under emergency provisions for public health reasons. If not listed, no recreational season applies. For changes to published fishing seasons or biotoxin closures see www.fishing.tas.gov.au.