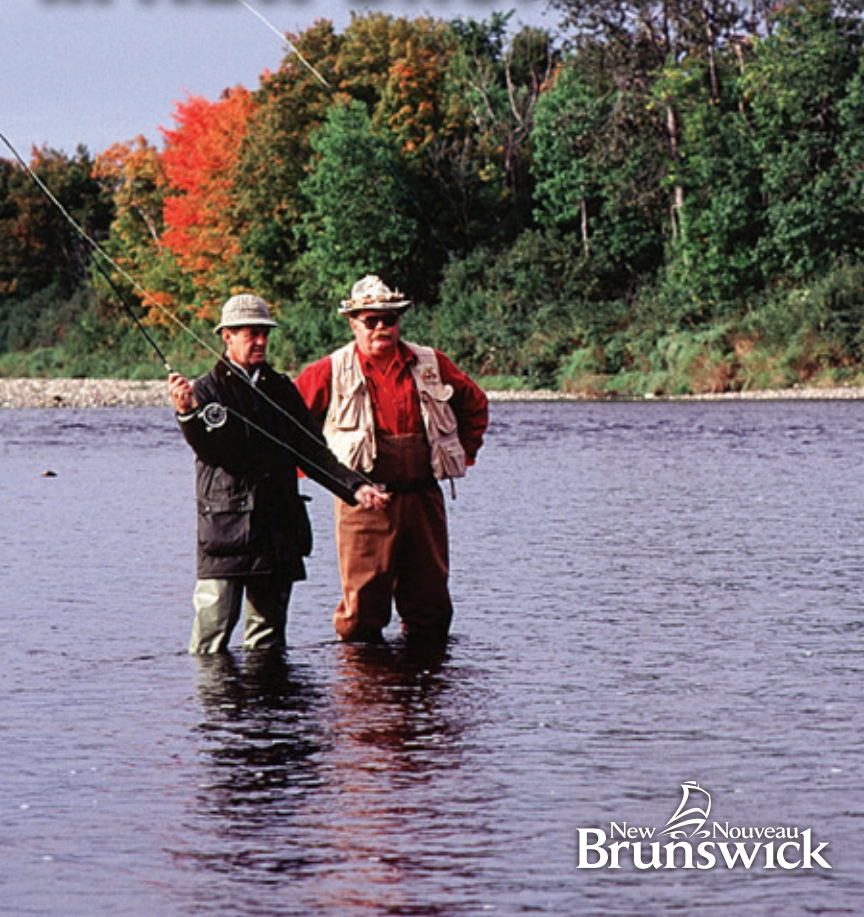


BECOMING a GUIDE in NEW BRUNSWICK



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

Licensed guides are an integral part of a New Brunswick angling or hunting experience. They provide expertise, local knowledge and help ensure the safety and regulatory compliance of their clients. Guides also enhance the quality of experience and increase the success rates of visiting sportsmen and sportswomen.

What are the legal requirements concerning guides?

The New Brunswick *Fish and Wildlife Act* requires that non-residents are accompanied by a licensed guide to hunt in the province or to angle for Atlantic salmon or other fish species on **Guide Required Waters** after the designated date. These waters are listed in the Fish book and the *General Angling* regulation (*Fish and Wildlife Act*) and include rivers of the province that support sea-run Atlantic salmon.



Where can I apply for a guide licence?

First-time applicants can apply for a guide licence at any district office of the Department of Energy and Resource Development (ERD). [See following table.] Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements to hold a New Brunswick guide licence will be assigned an appointment to write the provincial guide exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, an oath of office will be administered, the appropriate licence fee collected, and your application for a guide licence processed.

Energy and Resource Development district offices*

Bathurst	506-547-2080	Hampton	506-832-6055
Campbellton	506-789-2336	Miramichi	506-627-4050
Canterbury	506-279-6005	Plaster Rock	506-356-6030
Chipman	506-339-7019	Richibucto	506-523-7600
Dieppe	506-856-2344	Saint-Quentin	506-235-6040
Doaktown	506-365-2001	St. George	506-755-4040
Edmundston	506-735-2040	Sussex	506-432-2008
Florenceville-Bristol	506-392-5105	Tracadie-Sheila	506-394-3636
Fredericton	506-453-2345	Welsford	506-486-6000

* List current as of Feb. 2017



What types of guide licences are available?



New Brunswick guide licences are valid for both hunting and angling guiding situations and are of two types:

- 1) A **Professional Guide Licence (Guide I)** 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 Protection Act*.
- 2) A **Licence to Accompany (Guide II)** 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 provincial *Fish and Wildlife Act*.

Applicants who have been convicted of certain offences under the *Fish and Wildlife Act* or its regulations may not be eligible to obtain a guide licence.

Which type of guide licence is best for me?

The Professional Guide Licence (Guide I) is for a person who intends to charge a fee or collect a reward for their guiding service. A professional guide may guide up to 3 clients at one time but cannot hunt or fish while guiding. Exceptions to this rule apply during certain angling situations. For example, a Professional Guide may accompany only one (1) licensed angler while angling from a boat in *Guide Required Waters*. Refer to the current Fish book for more details concerning exceptions and special rules that apply to professional guides.

The Licence to Accompany (Guide II) is for persons 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 mandatory training requirements associated with a guide licence at this time.

How will I be tested?

The guide exam consists of 50 multiple choice and true/false questions that test applicants on their knowledge of legal requirements related to guiding in New Brunswick. Questions are divided into the following categories: guide licensing, duties and responsibilities of a guide, hunting regulations, and angling regulations.

The exam pass mark is 80% and in the event of an exam failure applicants must wait 30 days before they can be retested. At the request of the applicant, the guide exam may be done orally.

How can I prepare for the guide exam?

The following documents should be reviewed prior to testing and are available at any Energy and Resource Development district office, Service New Brunswick centre, or online at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources.

- 1) *Hunt and Trap* book (regulation summary)
- 2) *Fish* book (regulation summary)
- 3) *Becoming a Guide in New Brunswick* booklet

Can I obtain both types of guide licences?

Current regulations prohibit a person from holding a 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 your guide licence status, the original 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 for?

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

How do I renew my guide licence?

Guide licences may be renewed in person at any Energy and Resource Development district office or Service New Brunswick centre. You can also renew your licence by regular mail using a renewal form available online at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources. Proof of identification is required at the time of your licence renewal.

Duties and responsibilities of guides

Guides have certain duties and responsibilities when it comes to providing a quality guiding service. These involve the exercise of good judgment and common sense treatment of clients while 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 are legal requirements under the *Fish and Wildlife Act*. For instance, the Act:

- requires a guide to swear an oath that they will “endeavour to prevent the illegal taking of fish and wildlife”,
- makes it an offence for a guide to fail to report to a conservation officer any violations committed by his/her client(s), and
- 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 its regulations may be purchased by contacting the Queen’s Printer for New Brunswick at 506-453-2520 or by email at queens.printer@gnb.ca. An online version of the *Fish and Wildlife Act* and its regulations may also be downloaded at no cost from www.gnb.ca.

Where can I obtain more information?

If you require additional information about obtaining a New Brunswick guide licence, contact any Energy and Resource Development district office or:

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