

Fishing licence Structure and Duties

Briefing

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The Environment Agency has received Treasury and ministerial approval to implement a new fishing licence structure and associated duties in England from 1 April, 2017.

Anglers are legally required to hold a fishing licence to fish in rivers, lakes and other inland waters in England (except the River Tweed) and the Border Esk (and its tributaries) in Scotland. The Environment Agency charges for this licence which funds the fisheries service. The Environment Agency has not increased the cost of rod licences since 2010.

The Environment Agency is implementing a new structure and duties in order to;

- provide a better service for customers with more suitable licence products and a free licence for juniors (aged 12-16)
- increase angling participation
- increase investment in Fisheries

The changes reflect common feedback from customers, is supported by robust market research and angling stakeholder representatives. Statutory advertising was undertaken during May 2016 and the new structure and duties gained ministerial approval in October 2016. Table 1 details the new structures and duties that will come into effect in England from 1 April, 2017.

We will be updating stakeholder representatives and customers over the coming months to ensure everyone understands the changes. If you have any queries please contact us at our National Customer Contact Centre on 03708506506 (Mon to Fri, 8am to 6pm).

TABLE 1

Licence category	Type of licence	Current price	New price from 1st April 2017
<i>Coarse and Trout</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>£27</i>	<i>£30</i>
	<i>Full (concessionary)</i>	<i>£18</i>	<i>£20</i>
	<i>Short term 1 day</i>	<i>£3.75</i>	<i>£6</i>
	<i>Short term 8 day</i>	<i>£10</i>	<i>£12</i>
	<i>Junior (12 – 16yrs)</i>	<i>£5</i>	<i>Free</i>
	<i>3 rod licence</i>	<i>NA – new product</i>	<i>£45</i>
	<i>3 rod licence (concessionary)</i>	<i>NA – new product</i>	<i>£30</i>
<i>Salmon and Sea Trout</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>£72</i>	<i>£82</i>
	<i>Full (concessionary)</i>	<i>£48</i>	<i>£54</i>
	<i>Short term 1 day</i>	<i>£8</i>	<i>£12</i>
	<i>Short term 8 day</i>	<i>£23</i>	<i>£27</i>
	<i>Junior</i>	<i>£5</i>	<i>Free</i>

* These changes are also being implemented across Wales. Natural Resources Wales is the lead