

TRAPPING PERMITS

What do I need to obtain a Manitoba trapping licence or permit?

To obtain a Manitoba Trapping Licence you must:

- a. Be a resident of Manitoba (no licences are available to non-residents), and
- b. Be at least 12 years of age, and
- c. Successfully meet the mandatory Manitoba Trapper Education requirement **or** have previously held a valid trapping licence in any jurisdiction.

Note: You do not need the Trapper Education requirement if you obtained your first ever trapping licence prior to 1990.

Which of the “Additional Questions” must I check off for my trapping licence qualification(s)?

The “Trapper Education” question must be answered and the education certificate information provided, if you are:

- turning 12 years old on or after September 1 of this year, or
- getting your first ever trapping licence.

Otherwise, either the “Trapper Education” or “Previously Held a Valid Licence” options can be checked off; the appropriate information can be entered as an option.

I obtained my first Manitoba trapping licence after 1990 without successfully taking a Trapper Education course or previously holding a valid trapping licence or permit elsewhere.

You are still required to meet the Trapper Education requirements (see the options above for the course and exam challenge).

Where do I find my Manitoba Trapper Education Certificate?

You can send a request to wildlife@gov.mb.ca to determine if your certificate is on file. Please indicate the date, location, and instructor/organization of the course you took.

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Does a Hunter Education course meet the requirement for a trapping licence?

No the Hunter Education course does not meet the requirement for a trapping licence.

What happens if I do not have a copy of a trapping licence?

Currently, a copy of the licence or its information is not required to obtain a new one, if you attest that you have held a valid licence in the past.

However, you must obtain another trapping licence if you wish to sell any raw fur trapped under your lost licence.

What is the difference between an Open Area Trapping Zone and a Local Fur Council area?

An Open Area Zone is a large, regional area where different trapping seasons and regulations may apply.

A Local Fur Council area is a sub-regional area, which is part of the Manitoba Trappers Association.

Furbearer management information is collected at the Local Fur Council Area level, and collectively applied to the related Open Area Zone.

If I do most of my trapping in the Netley LFC area and list that on my licence, can I still trap in another LFC area or Open Area zone?

Yes, you can trap anywhere in Open Trapping Areas Zones 1-5 if:

- it is during a valid season and
- you have legal access to the area (e.g. private land with permission, most Wildlife Management Areas and Provincial Forests)

Consult the annual Manitoba Trapping Guide for more information on areas with restrictions.

[Click this link to view the Manitoba Trapping Guide.](#)

I want to trap in a Special Trapping Area, what do I need to do?

You must contact a Conservation Officer nearest to the Special Trapping Area to determine if you qualify to access the area.

How do I obtain a Resident (Treaty) Open Area Trapping licence?

These licences are available only from Manitoba Conservation and Climate District offices and from most Manitoba First Nations band offices in the Open Trapping Area.

You must meet the Treaty status and the above education/previous licence requirements.

What are the requirements if I wanted to trap on a Registered Trapline?

Permits for these lines are limited and usually issued only to local, qualified trappers by the Manitoba Conservation and Climate District office.

For more information on registered traplines, [click this link to view the Manitoba Trapping Guide.](#)