



**Rhode Island
Department of Environmental Management**

Office of Boat Registration and Licensing

235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
Third Floor, Room 360

2026 STUDENT SHELLFISH LICENSE NEW/RENEWAL APPLICATION

Customer ID: _____ Office Use only

Applicant Mailing Address

Residence Address (Cannot be a PO Box)

Name: _____

Street: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ RI 02 _____

City: _____ RI 02 _____

DOB: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

STUDSF Lic # _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

RI Drivers License #(if applicable): _____

E Mail Address: _____

Has your commercial fishing license and/or permit been revoked or suspended in any state or jurisdiction?
 Yes No (Check One)

***** (APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 06/30/2026) *****

**Student Shellfish (Quahog Only) License \$50.00
License year valid January 1 – December 31, 2026
License must be issued/renewed no later than 06/30/2026
Applicants may be no older than 23 years
of age as of 06/30/2026
Renew Online at www.RIO.RI.Gov or Mail to address above**

- All applicants must submit written proof of full-time student status as of 06/30/2026
- Submit requirements of Taxpayer Certification
- Notary Public signature required for new license applicants only
- Every vessel engaged in Commercial Fishing must be declared on Commercial Vessel Declaration Application

250-RICR 90-00-11: I declare that I have completed the online shellfish tutorial located at <https://www.ri.gov/dem/training/shellfish/> within five (5) years prior to the issuance of the license.

RIGL §20-1-3(10) “Resident” means an individual who has had his or her actual place of residence and has lived in the state of Rhode Island for a continuous period of not less than six (6) months.

Under penalty of perjury I declare I am a Rhode Island resident and the information contained herein is true and accurate:

Applicant’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Telephone #** _____

Notary Public Signature _____ **Comm. Exp.** _____

Note: Licensed fishers are obligated to comply with possession limits for finfish as provided in the Marine Fisheries listserve, dedicated phone line at (401) 423-1920, or webpage at www.dem.ri.gov/programs/fish-wildlife/marine-fisheries/mfsizes.php. Licensed shellfishers are obligated to comply with conditional closure areas as provided on DEM’s dedicated phone line at (401) 222-2900.

Payments: Checks/Money Orders Payable: RI DEM, Exact Cash, or Credit Cards accepted (convenience fees apply)



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Taxation Certification Requirements

A new state law, enacted in 2004, requires everyone applying for any license from the state to first certify that they have filed all required state tax returns and paid all taxes due to the State, or entered into a written installment agreement with the Tax Administrator to pay delinquent state taxes. Accordingly, all applicants for new or renewed commercial fishing licenses must first complete one of the following two requirements:

- a) Sign a Taxation Certification, certifying compliance with all state tax obligations as noted above; the form must also include the applicant's social security number or FEIN, or
- b) Furnish a Letter of Good Standing from the Tax Administrator. (401)574-8756.

The Taxation Certification form is available from DEM; it may be completed at the counter while applying for a license or may be filled out online and submitted as part of the online renewal process. Letters of Good Standing must be obtained from the RI Division of Taxation, Collections Division, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 (401) 574-8756. **DEM will not issue any new or renewed license until the applicant has submitted a properly completed Taxpayer Affidavit or a Letter of Good Standing.**

Any questions regarding the new tax law should be directed to the RI Division of Taxation at 401-574-8941.



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Taxpayer Certification

You are required to furnish your Social Security # or FEIN pursuant to Chapter 76 of Title 5 and Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the RI General Laws, as amended. Any person applying for any license or permit to conduct a business or occupation within Rhode Island or any person renewing a motor vehicle operator's license or motor vehicle registration within Rhode Island must have filed all required state tax returns and paid all taxes due the state or must have entered into a written installment agreement to pay delinquent state taxes that is satisfactory to the Tax Administrator. Failure to provide the

Department with your Social Security # or FEIN will result in you having to obtain a Letter of Good Standing from the RI Division of Taxation, One Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908 **PRIOR** to the issuance or renewal of your license. If you have any questions regarding your tax status, please contact Taxation directly at 401-574-8941.

I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that I have filed all required state tax returns and have either paid all taxes due the state or have entered into a written installment agreement with the Rhode Island Division of Taxation.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Social Security # or FEIN _____

Marine License # _____



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RI Shellfish Harvester Education & Certification Program

January 2026

DEM launched an education and certification program in 2018 that is mandatory for everyone who commercially harvests and lands shellfish in RI. The goal of the program is to ensure that shellfish harvesters deliver a safe product to shellfish dealers and, in turn, to shellfish consumers. **This course must be completed prior to the issuance of a new shellfish license/endorsement.**

In accordance with US FDA requirements, and new regulations adopted by DEM in 2018, holders of all applicable commercial licenses and landing permits must obtain certification via the new program. Applicants must submit Certificate of Completion prior to license issuance (new applicants only).

The certification requirement applies to:

- All holders of commercial shellfish licenses -- i.e., Standard Fishing Licenses with Unlimited Shellfish endorsement; Over 65 Shellfish Licenses, and Student Shellfish Licenses.
- All holders of Multipurpose Licenses who harvest shellfish; and
- All holders of Landing Permits who land shellfish.

The certification requirement applies to both License/Permit renewals and new Licenses/Permits, beginning in 2018. Certification is valid for 5 years, after which re-certification will be required.

To obtain certification:

Complete a 30-minute online tutorial, which is available here:

<https://www.ri.gov/dem/training/shellfish/>