

**571—15.24 (483A) Free lifetime fishing license for persons who have severe physical or mental disabilities.**

**15.24(1) Purpose.** Pursuant to Iowa Code subsection 483A.24(9), the department of natural resources will issue a free lifetime fishing license to Iowa residents 16 or more years of age who have severe mental or physical disabilities who meet the definitions of “severe mental disability” and “severe physical disability” in 15.24(2).

**15.24(2) Definitions.** For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

“*Severe mental disability*” means a person who has severe, chronic conditions in all of the following areas which:

1. Are attributable to a mental impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
2. Are likely to continue indefinitely;
3. Result in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activities: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, or economic self-sufficiency; and
4. Reflect the person’s need for a combination and sequence of services which are of lifelong or an extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

“*Severe physical disability*” means a disability that limits or impairs the person’s ability to walk under any of the following circumstances:

1. The person cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest.
2. The person cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device.
3. The person is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person’s forced expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest.
4. The person must use portable oxygen.
5. The person has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person’s functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association. They include:
  - Class 3—Persons with cardiac disease resulting in marked limitation of physical activity. The person is comfortable at rest, but less than ordinary activity causes fatigue, palpitation, dyspnea, or angina pain.
  - Class 4—Persons with cardiac disease resulting in inability to carry on any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms of heart failure or the anginal syndrome may be present even at rest. If any physical activity is undertaken, discomfort is increased.
6. The person is severely limited in the person’s ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

**15.24(3) Procedure.** Each person shall apply to the department of natural resources for a license as follows:

*a.* Application shall be made on a form provided by the department and shall include the name, address, home telephone number, height, weight, eye and hair color, date of birth, and gender of the applicant.

*b.* The application shall be signed and certified by the applicant’s attending physician and, based upon the criteria listed in this rule, declare that the applicant has a severe mental or physical disability.