



Volunteer Firefighter and Rescue/Emergency Medical Services Squad Lifetime License Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible for a volunteer firefighter lifetime license?

A: Any volunteer firefighter who appears as a volunteer on the certified roster of eligible firefighters submitted to the North Carolina State Firefighters' Association for five consecutive fiscal years, including the last fiscal year. The state fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

Q: Who is eligible for a volunteer rescue and emergency medical services squad lifetime license?

A: Any member of a rescue or emergency medical services squad who appears as a volunteer on the certified roster of eligible rescue or emergency medical services squad members submitted to the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services, Inc for five consecutive fiscal years including the last fiscal year. The state fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

Q: Why aren't paid firefighters, rescue squads, and EMS personnel eligible for this license?

A: The fee reduction on lifetime licenses was included by the General Assembly in an effort to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and rescue squad and EMS squad members. As such, this license fee reduction only applies to volunteers.

Q: I'm a volunteer. Are my family members eligible for a reduced-price lifetime license?

A: No. The license fee reduction only applies to a volunteer firefighter or rescue/EMS squad member.

Q: How do I apply for a lifetime license and get the reduced fee?

A: You must fill out an application for a lifetime license and complete the Volunteer Lifetime License Certification Form. The [application and certification](#) form can be found on the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's [website](#). Once the application and certification form are complete, the license can be obtained via mail or at the NC Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters building in Raleigh.

Q: Who can sign the certification?

A: Your station chief or their designee must sign the certification document.

Q: If I served as a volunteer firefighter for more than 5 years but am not currently on the roster, am I eligible.

A: No, the law was intended as an incentive to retain current volunteers.