

Ohio Lake Erie Fishing Guide License Information Sheet



The Ohio *Lake Erie Fishing Guide* License is an annual license which is valid until April 15 the year following issuance. The license fee is \$50. Prior to obtaining the Ohio *Lake Erie Fishing Guide* license, applicants must hold a valid United States Coast Guard (USCG) Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC).

APPLYING FOR 2022:

- There have been no Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) changes for this year.
- Renewal licensing runs 3/16/22 – 5/15/22. After 5/15/22, you'll need to submit a “new” application.
- All applicants must submit an Ohio *Lake Erie Fishing Guide* license application. Either a paper application by mail or through our online application system. Scanned/faxed applications will not be accepted.
- O.A.C. 1501:31-3-11 requires that boat guides submit a copy of their valid USCG MMC.
 - Required pages are those that contain your signature and photo. *Please make sure copy is legible.*
 - The number used for USCG MMC is the document number above your photo that begins with “USA”.
- Ice Guides:
 - Must provide the number of shanties used and general area of guiding.
 - Ice Guide only: USCG MMC and boat information is not required.
 - If using an **airboat** to transport people to/from ice shanties, a USCG MMC license **is required**.
- Online applications:
 - Payment accepted: credit card, service fee applies.
 - *Required to have an email address* – this is how we communicate with you about your application status and payment.
 - Digital copy of USCG MMC will need to be uploaded to your account.
 - See Applying Online Ohio Lake Erie Fishing Guide
- Mailed applications:
 - Payment accepted: check or money order.
 - Please do not submit your application prior to March 16; it will be returned to you.
 - Digital download available here: [Ohio Lake Erie Fishing Guide License \(ohiodnr.gov\)](http://ohiodnr.gov)
 - Submit completed, *original* application form, copy of USCG MMC, and payment to the address on the application.

Email questions to Katie Cade at katie.cade@dnr.ohio.gov.

USCG LICENSE INFORMATION

The USCG requires a license of all people taking passengers for hire on the Great Lakes. Information concerning the USCG license can be obtained online at www.uscg.mil or by contacting:

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