

(iii) Has successfully completed a 2-year course of study in commercial fisheries which includes instruction on fisheries conservation and regulation and is offered in a vocational-technical program approved by the State Board of Education;

(iv) Applies to obtain a tidal fish license before September 1, 1991 to use pots or other devices to catch eels;

(v) Applies for a new tidal fish license under § 4-701 of this subtitle to use nets, seines, trawls, and pots in the ocean but including not more than 200 yards of gill nets;

(vi) Applies to exchange a current license issued under § 4-701(d)(1)(iv) of this subtitle to catch crabs for sale with more than 50 crab pots for a limited license to catch crabs for sale; or

(vii) Applies for a new tidal fish license under § 4-701 of this subtitle within 1 year of completion of active military service.

(b) ~~After September 1, [1988] 1992, the Department may not issue a new tidal fish license to an applicant to catch crabs for sale, finfish, oysters, or clams, OR TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A FISHING GUIDE, unless the~~ UNLESS AN applicant complies with the provisions of this section, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A NEW FISHING LICENSE:

(1) AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1988, TO CATCH CRABS FOR SALE, FINFISH, OYSTERS, OR CLAMS; OR

(2) AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1992, TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A FISHING GUIDE UNDER § 4-210 OF THIS TITLE.

(c) Before the Department may issue to a person a new tidal fish license, the person must:

(1) Register with the Department on a form provided by the Department at least 2 years before the year of license issuance;

(2) SUPPLY VERIFIABLE EVIDENCE OF ANY FEDERAL LICENSE THAT IS ISSUED IN THE APPLICANT'S NAME BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD TO OPERATE A VESSEL CARRYING PASSENGERS FOR HIRE; and

~~(2)~~ (3) Pay all applicable tidal fish license fees set under § 4-701 of this subtitle at the time of registration.

(d) An applicant is not required to pass a test to obtain a new tidal fish license under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1992.

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