

Fishing licence system for recreational fishing in Finland

Fishing method	under 18, over 65 years	18–64 years old
Angling with a hook and line Ice-fishing Herring fishing with a rig	Free of charge	Free of charge
Lure fishing with one rod	Free of charge	Fishing management fee
All other types of fishing e.g. nets, long-lines Cray fishing Fishing with more than one rod	No fishing management fee BUT permission by water owner	Fishing management fee AND permission by water owner
Fishing at special fishing sites	No fishing management fee BUT permission by water owner	Fishing management fee AND permission by water owner

NOTE! All fishing is prohibited in rapids and running waters where there are migratory fish species. Fishing can also be prohibited by decrees given by the Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY-Centres), check the website kalastusrajoitus.fi.

Special sites means areas where fishing is prohibited, but fishing can take place with special permits, i.e permits by water owner.

The fishing management fee in 2018

All fishers aged 18–64 years have to pay a fishing management fee, except for angling with a hook and line, ice-fishing, and herring fishing with a rig, which are free of charge.

The fishing management fee entitles you to lure fishing using one rod, reel and lure in the whole of Finland, except Åland islands or areas where fishing is prohibited. For other fishing methods and for fishing with more than one rod 18-64 year old fishers need to pay the fishing management fee as well as have permission by the water owner.

The fishing management fee is:

45 euros / 1 year

15 euros / 7 days

6 euros / 1 day

How to pay the fishing management fee

The fishing management fee is sold by Metsähallitus (Finnish Park and Forest Services). The fee can be paid in three different ways.

1. Web shop Eräluvut www.eraluvat.fi

Log in to the web shop [Eräluvut.fi](http://www.eraluvat.fi), register and pay the fee. In the registration you will be asked your name, address and date of birth. You can print the receipt or save it on your mobile device. NB. The web shop is only in Finnish, the English version will be opened in spring 2016.

2. Service number + 358 (0)20 69 2424 (weekdays 9–16)

Call the service number, you will be asked to tell your name, address and date of birth. You will be sent a bill, which contains the data for paying. Save the receipt.

3. Service desk

You can register and pay the fishing management fee at Metsähallitus' Nature Centers as well as in R-kioski's news stands. You will be given a receipt.

Note

- The receipt has to be kept with you at all times while fishing
- If you are under 18 years old or over 65 and therefore released from paying, please keep an ID on you while fishing
- The fishing management fee is valid in the whole of Finland, except Åland Islands where you always need the water owners permit..