

Restricted Species Endorsement Exemption
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The following language will be incorporated into a rule amendment:

h. An honorably discharged resident military veteran certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor or by any branch of the United States Armed Forces to be at least 10% permanently service-connected disabled, upon proof of the same, shall not be required to provide documentation of the income requirement with the initial application for a restricted species endorsement.. Documentation of the income requirement shall be required beginning with the renewal of the restricted species endorsement after such veteran has possessed a valid restricted species endorsement for a complete license year. This exemption may only be issued on an individual saltwater products license and is a one-time exemption. A restricted species endorsement may be issued on an individual saltwater products license thereafter where such disabled resident veteran documents that at least \$2500 of such person's income is attributable to the sale of saltwater products.

i. Beginning July 1, 2014, a resident military veteran who applies to the Commission within 48 months after an honorable discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves, the Florida National Guard, or the U.S. Coast Guard shall not be required to provide documentation of the income requirement with the initial application for a restricted species endorsement. Documentation of the income requirement shall be required beginning with the renewal of the restricted species endorsement after such veteran has possessed a valid restricted species endorsement for a complete license year. This exemption may only be issued on an individual saltwater products license and is a one-time exemption per military enlistment.

j. Until June 30, 2014, a resident military veteran who applies to the Commission and who received an honorable discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves, the Florida National Guard, or the U.S. Coast Guard between September 11, 2001, and June 30, 2014, shall not be required to provide documentation of the income requirement with the initial application for a restricted species endorsement. Documentation of the income requirement shall be required beginning with the renewal of the restricted species endorsement after such veteran has possessed a valid restricted species endorsement for a complete license year. This exemption may only be issued on an individual saltwater products license.