



## Department of Fish and Game

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Below are some guidelines to help determine whether you meet the residency requirements to purchase/receive a State of Alaska resident sport fishing, hunting, trapping, or commercial crewmember license.

Per Alaska Statute 16.05.940 (28), “ ‘resident’ means (A) a person who for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the time when the assertion of residence is made has maintained the person’s domicile in the state and who is neither claiming residency in another state, territory, or country nor obtaining benefits under a claim of residency in another state, territory, or country;...”

“Residency” is further defined and explained in Alaska Statute 16.05.415 as:

“(a) a person ... is a resident if the person

- (1) is physically present in the state with the intent to remain in the state indefinitely and to make a home in the state;
- (2) has maintained the person’s domicile in the state for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the application for a license;
- (3) is not claiming residency in another state, territory, or country; and
- (4) is not obtaining benefits under a claim of residency in another state, territory, or country.

(b) A person who establishes residency in the state under (a) of this section remains a resident during an absence from the state unless during the absence the person

- (1) establishes or claims residency in another state, territory, or country; or
- (2) performs an act, or is absent under circumstances, that are inconsistent with the intent required under (a) of this section.”

“Domicile” is defined in Alaska Statute 16.05.940 (11) as “the true and permanent home of a person from which the person has no present intention of moving and to which the person intends to return whenever the person is away;...”

If you are a member, or a dependent of a member, of the military or U.S. Coast Guard stationed in Alaska, you should also review the provisions of AS 16.05.415 (c) - (d) and AS 16.05.940 (28) (C) - (D)).

If you have any questions about whether or not you meet the residency definition to obtain a sport or commercial crewmember license, please contact your local Department of Public Safety (Alaska Wildlife Troopers) available at <http://dps.alaska.gov/AWT/contact.aspx>.