Wildlife Control Operator

Wildlife Control Operators are engaged in the practice of trapping nuisance animals outside the regular season. Nuisance animals are wildlife that a landowner wants excluded or removed to protect their family or property from injury or destruction by the wildlife. There are two types of licenses: Level I and Level II. Level I operators may only trap furbearers, woodchucks, porcupines, opossum, and coyote outside the season. Level II operators are engaged in the commercial practice of trapping nuisance animals.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 210:24-b
Administrative Rules: Chapter Fis 308

Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
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Licensure Requirements

Level I Wildlife Control Operators

- Must be a New Hampshire licensed trapper, requiring a certificate of competency, or proof of completion of a trapper education course, or proof of a previously issued trapping license issued by this state, or any other state, province, or country
- Submit annually by June 30 a report on all furbearing animals killed during the open season for trapping wildlife and all nuisance furbearing animals killed outside the open trapping season during the previous year for the period June 1 through May 31
- Level I wildlife control operators may only trap furbearers, woodchucks, porcupines, opossum, and coyote outside the season

Level II Wildlife Control Operators

- Complete a six-hour workshop covering topics related to wildlife control or be certified by the National Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA), or have held a previous Level II Wildlife Control Operator’s license
- Submit annually by June 30 a report on all nuisance furbearing animals killed outside the open trapping season and, if the operator also holds a regular trapping license, on all furbearing animals killed during the open season for trapping wildlife during the previous year for the period June 1 through May 31

Examination

Not required

Continuing Education

None, but annual licensing is required as specified above

Fees

| Level I license (plus trapper’s license)          | $11.00 |
| Level II license - residents                      | $101.00 |
| Level II license - nonresidents                    | $301.00 |

All Wildlife Control Operator licenses expire on June 30 each year

Reciprocity

Not specified

Residence or Citizenship

New Hampshire residency is not required
US citizenship is not required
## Wildlife Control Operator continued

### Active Licenses

143 Level I, Level II, and Nonresident licenses

### O*Net Code

45-3021.00 Hunters and Trappers

### Related Training

Not available

### Additional Information Sources

- **National Wildlife Control Operators Association**
  - web: [www.nwcoa.com](http://www.nwcoa.com)

- **New Hampshire Trapper Association**
  - web: [www.nhtassoc.org](http://www.nhtassoc.org)