

NOTICE

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is committed to providing individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from our programs, activities, and services. Individuals may request reasonable accommodations from the PFBC that they believe will enable them to have such equal opportunity to participate in our programs, activities, and services. To request reasonable accommodations, contact Craig Miller, EEO Analyst at cramiller@pa.gov or 717-705-7824.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

The following FAQ provides information on requesting reasonable accommodations in Pennsylvania's programs and activities.

1. What is a reasonable accommodation in Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's program?

A reasonable accommodation is a change or modification to afford a qualified individual with a disability full enjoyment of PFBC's programs or activities, unless modifications of policies, practices, and procedures would fundamentally alter the nature of the program, service, or activity, or result in undue financial and administrative burdens to PFBC.

2. How do I request a reasonable accommodation?

If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact Craig Miller, EEO Analyst at cramiller@pa.gov or 717-705-7824.

3. Does my request for a reasonable accommodation need to be in writing?

No, you do not need to put your request in writing, however, making a written request can be helpful documentation for ensuring that PFBC provides the desired accommodation. In addition, you do not need to use the specific words "reasonable accommodations" when making your request.

4. When should I request a reasonable accommodation?

You may request a reasonable accommodation from PFBC at any time. However, making the request in advance of a meeting, conference call, or visit will help ensure that PFBC is able to fulfill the request for an accommodation. For certain requests, such as requests for sign language interpretation, PFBC requests at least two week's advance notice.

5. May someone request a reasonable accommodation on my behalf?

Yes, anyone can request a reasonable accommodation on behalf of an individual with a disability who seeks to interact with PFBC staff or participate in its programs or activities.

6. What will PFBC do upon receiving my request for a reasonable accommodation?

PFBC may contact you to obtain more information about your request and to better understand your needs. In addition, PFBC may review your request to determine:

- Whether the requested accommodation will be effective in allowing you to participate in the activity or program in which you are seeking participation;

- Whether the requested accommodation is reasonable, or an equally effective alternative to the requested accommodation is available; and
- Whether providing you with the requested accommodation would fundamentally alter the nature of PFBC program or impose undue financial or administrative burdens on PFBC.

In addition, in some cases, PFBC may consult with you in an interactive process to determine on a case-by-case basis what accommodations can be made. If PFBC determines that your requested accommodation would fundamentally alter the nature of the program or impose an undue financial or administrative burden, PFBC may deny your request. However, in the unlikely event that this occurs, PFBC will work with you to identify an alternative accommodation that allows you to effectively participate in PFBC program, activity, or service.

7. May PFBC request medical documentation from you after receiving your request for a reasonable accommodation?

No, PFBC may not request medical documentation after receiving your request for a reasonable accommodation. PFBC questions will be limited to understanding the barrier to your ability to participate in the program or activity in which you are interested and the nature of an accommodation that will remove this barrier.

8. May PFBC charge you the cost of providing the reasonable accommodation?

No, you are not responsible for the cost of an auxiliary aid or service PFBC provides to you.

9. What are some examples of reasonable accommodations?

There are many types of reasonable accommodations. Some examples of how PFBC provides reasonable accommodations include:

- Arranging for qualified sign language interpreters
- Providing on-site captioning
- Producing alternate formats of print materials in braille, large print, or in an electronic format
- Providing remote conference captioning services
- Furnishing a temporary ramp to access the dais or other areas with one or more stairs to ensure accessibility for individuals who have physical disabilities and may be using a wheelchair or walker