



HANDICAPPED GAME HUNTING LICENSE INFORMATION

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish offers licenses and reasonable accommodations to hunters and anglers with disabilities. To obtain application forms or more information on specific programs please call (505) 476-8087, or visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us/

Reduced Fee Licenses - Available to Residents Only

Reduced fee fishing, game hunting licenses and game hunting and fishing combination licenses are available to resident hunters and anglers with severe disabilities. Examples of qualifying conditions include:

A severe disability which includes one or more physical or mental disabilities resulting from amputation, arthritis, autism, blindness, burn injury, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, mental retardation, muscular dystrophy, musculoskeletal disorders, neurological disorders, paraplegia, quadriplegia and other spinal cord conditions, sickle cell anemia, and end stage renal disease or a combination of permanent disabilities which can cause comparable substantial functional limitations.

No application form is needed. A reduced fee license may be purchased from the website www.wildlife.state.nm.us/ by accessing your account, at any hunting and fishing license vendor, or a Department of Game and Fish office. This license requires the holder to purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management Access Validation as required. All other laws and rules must be followed.

Persons with reduced fee handicapped hunting licenses may be accompanied by another person to assist in tracking, killing and retrieving any big game animal that has clearly been wounded by the licensed handicapped hunter.

Resident Veterans with 100-percent Service Connected Disability - Available to Residents Only

Resident veterans who have a 100 percent disability as a result of serving with the United States Armed Forces are eligible for free game hunting (deer, small game and waterfowl) and fishing license privileges. To obtain these privileges, eligible veterans must complete and submit Form DV to the State Veterans Service Commission, whose address is on the Form DV. Once the State Veterans Service Commission has verified eligibility and forwarded that information to the Special Hunts Santa Fe office of the Game and Fish Department, a permanent card will be issued. This card is considered the license for fishing and hunting small game and waterfowl, and must be in possession of the hunter or angler while pursuing these activities. You do not need to purchase a \$4 Habitat Management Access Validation, a \$4 Second Rod Validation or a \$5 Habitat Stamp if hunting deer, small game or fishing on US Forest Service or BLM lands. For migratory birds, a federal Migratory Bird Permit (\$1 vendor fee) is required. In addition, when hunting waterfowl, a federal Migratory Waterfowl (duck) stamp is required (available from US Post Offices and Game & Fish offices). To obtain a free private-land only deer permit and license, the cardholder can go directly to the Santa Fe office of the Game and Fish Department or obtain the license by mail using Form DV-1 (allow for a two-week turnaround time if processing through the mail). Resident veterans with 100 percent disability may also apply for a public draw deer permit by submitting the proper application. There is no fee for the deer draw application. However, it is illegal to obtain or possess more than one deer permit or license in a single license year, so the cardholder may **not** obtain a private-land permit if they are successful in the public drawing.

Other Special Accommodations Termed **Reasonable Accommodations** - are available to Residents and Nonresidents who have unique or special needs. Reasonable accommodations are handled on a case-by-case basis. Please provide proof of disability, a brief description of limitations, and what accommodations you are requesting. Examples of reasonable accommodations requested are:

- A. A request allowing a hunter to shoot at and kill protected species during their respective open seasons from a stationary motor-driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway.
- B. A request that the hunter may be accompanied by another person to assist in tracking, killing and retrieving any big game animal which has clearly been wounded by the licensed handicapped hunter.

To request these reasonable accommodations please write to: Human Resources Division, Department of Game and Fish, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe NM 87504 or call (505) 476-8029.