



LICENSING INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish offers reduced fee licenses to hunters and anglers with disabilities. In addition the Department offers privileges to license holders with permanent or temporary impairments.

Handicapped Licenses - Available to Residents Only

Handicapped fishing, game hunting and game hunting and fishing combination licenses are available to resident hunters and anglers with severe disabilities. A severe disability 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 cause comparable substantial functional limitations. A handicapped license may be purchased online, at any hunting and fishing license vendor, or at a Department of Game and Fish office. Individuals must attest that they qualify to legally hold a reduced-fee handicapped license. Handicapped licenses allow the license holder to 1) be accompanied by another person to assist in tracking, retrieving and killing the game, 2) to shoot from a stationary vehicle not on a public road and 3) drive off road to retrieve downed game and to hunt squirrels and game birds with the permission of the landowner during open seasons.

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

Resident veterans who have a 100% disability as a result of serving in the United States Armed Forces are eligible for a free deer license and a free game hunting and fishing license. To obtain these privileges eligible veterans must complete and submit Form DV to the New Mexico Department of

Veterans Services (address is on Form DV). Once the Department of Veterans Services has verified eligibility and forwarded that information to the Santa Fe office of the Game and Fish Department, a permanent card will be issued. This card is considered the license for game hunting and fishing and it must be in possession of the hunter or angler while pursuing these activities. Disabled Veteran cardholders may apply for the big game deer draw for free. If they are successful in the draw they will be issued a license at no charge. Disabled Veteran cardholders are not given preference in the big game draw. To obtain a free private-land only deer license, the cardholder may go online to their account, go to any license vendor or go any office of the Department of Game and Fish or by phone at 888-248-6866. It is illegal to obtain or possess more than one deer license in a single license year.

Disabled Veteran cardholders do not need to purchase a \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation, a \$4 second-rod validation or a \$5 habitat stamp if hunting deer, small game or fishing. If a Disabled Veteran cardholder possesses a turkey or big game license (other than deer) they must purchase and possess the required stamps. If hunting migratory birds, a federal Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) is required. In addition, if hunting waterfowl, a federal Migratory Waterfowl (duck) stamp is required (available from US Post Offices and Game & Fish offices). All other rules and fees apply.

Reasonable Accommodations - Available to Residents and Non-residents

Reasonable accommodations are available to residents and nonresidents who have a temporary disability. Reasonable accommodations are handled on a case-by-case basis. Please provide proof of disability or impairment, a brief description of limitations, and which accommodations you are requesting.

The required medical documentation should reflect the requested accommodations for the specific hunt dates.

Examples of reasonable accommodations are:

- A. The opportunity to shoot at and kill protected species, with a proper and valid license, during their respective seasons from a stationary motor-driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway.
- B. The option to have assistance in tracking, killing and retrieving big game which has been wounded by the licensed hunter.
- C. The opportunity to drive off road to retrieve game where permissible.

- D. The option of using a crossbow on archery only hunts. Crossbows used on these hunts may not have scopes, telescopic sights or magnifications devices.
- E. Other accommodations, as approved by the Director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

To request these reasonable accommodations please contact the Department at 888-248-6866 or at specialhunts@state.nm.us.

Mobility Impaired Privileges - Available to Residents and Non-residents.

Privileges include:

- A. The opportunity to shoot at and kill protected species, with a valid license, during their respective seasons from a stationary motor-driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway.
- B. The option to have assistance in tracking, killing and retrieving big game which has been wounded by the licensed mobility impaired hunter.
- C. The option of using a crossbow on archery only hunts. Crossbows used on these hunts may not have scopes, telescopic sights or magnification devices.
- D. Opportunity to apply for Mobility Impaired Only draw hunts for antelope, deer, elk, and oryx.

To receive mobility impaired certification, applicants must complete a Form MI available online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us or call 888-248-6866. The applicant will need to have their medical professional complete the medical verification portion of the Form MI and then mail the completed form to the address shown on the form. This certification will be effective for four years from the date of processing.