



New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

U.S. Military and Veteran Opportunities: 2016-17 License Year

100% Disabled Resident Veterans

New Mexico Residents who are 100% disabled as a result of having served in the armed services are eligible for a free lifetime Game- hunting and Fishing License. Eligible disabled veterans can apply for a Disabled American Veteran card, issued by the Department, which allows the cardholder to fish, hunt small game and to obtain a free deer license. The deer license portion of this privilege must be procured annually either by drawing a public-land deer license or purchasing a private-land-only deer license. DAV cardholders may apply for deer draw hunts at no charge, but no preference is given.

50% Discount on all Licenses, Permits and Stamps for Resident Active Duty Military and Veterans

50% discounts on all licenses, permits and stamps are available to New Mexico residents who are active duty military or veterans, as defined by the NM Department of Veterans Services. The discount may be claimed by applying for or purchasing any license, permit or stamp online, by telephone or at any license vendor. Residents claiming this discount must be able to provide proof of active duty military or veteran status upon request. The discount does not apply to the Resident Disabled Veteran Game-hunting & Fishing license.

Resident Disabled Veteran Game Hunting and Fishing

Resident veterans who have a service related disability of less than 100% are eligible to purchase a discounted combination Game-hunting and Fishing license for \$10.00. Applicants must attest that they are eligible for this license. A Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation are required, if applicable. All other laws and rules must be followed.

Resident Pricing Available for Fort Bliss Draw Hunts

Nonresident active duty soldiers stationed at Fort Bliss may receive resident pricing for draw hunts that occur on the portions of Fort Bliss military reservation that are in New Mexico. Proof of assignment is required. To receive the resident price for draw applications, verification of assignment must be received prior to the draw application deadline. Documents must be submitted annually.

Military Only Draw Hunts on Fort Bliss

Active-duty military personnel are eligible to apply for Military Only draw hunts for several species. These opportunities are available for both residents and nonresidents. Proof of service is required each year.

Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans-Only Oryx Hunts

Premier, Once-in-a-Lifetime hunts have been established for New Mexico Resident Veterans who served active military duty in Iraq or Afghanistan. All hunts occur on White Sands Missile Range. Proof of service is required each year. A Habitat Management and Access Validation are required. Please check the current Hunting Rules and Information Booklet for more information.

One-Time Free Game Hunting and Fishing License

New Mexico residents who are members of the National Guard or the U.S. Armed Forces and were called to active duty on or after 04/03/2003 are eligible for a free Game-hunting and Fishing license for the year following their deactivation and return to the state. Proof of service must be presented at a Game and Fish office. A Habitat Management and Access Validation and Habitat Stamp is not required in conjunction with the free game hunting and fishing license, however all other hunting activities require the purchase and possession of these stamps. All other laws and rules must be followed.

Military Rehabilitation Fishing License

Members or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who are undergoing a rehabilitation program that involves learning and practicing fishing skills are eligible for free fishing licenses. The rehabilitation program must be sponsored by the federal government or a nonprofit organization authorized by the federal government and it must be under the direction of a military or federal veteran's administration rehabilitation center. The Habitat Management and Access Validation and the Habitat Stamp are not required with this fishing license. All other laws and rules must be followed. For more information, call the Special Permits office at 505-476-8064.

Non-Resident Disabled Active Duty and Veteran Licenses for Rehabilitation Enrollees

Non-resident active duty members or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who are undergoing a rehabilitation program that involves hunting activities are eligible for resident pricing on deer, elk, antelope, javelina, oryx and turkey licenses. The rehabilitation program must be sponsored by the federal government, or a non-profit organization authorized by the federal government and it must be under the direction of a military or federal veteran's administration rehabilitation center. This benefit is not available through the public draw. Proof of eligibility must be provided.

If required, submit proof of service to: specialhunts@state.nm.us,
mail to NMDGF Special Hunts, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504
or fax to 505-476-8180.

For more information call 888-248-6866