

License Information

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Licenses, Stamps

Licenses, stamps and validations are available through the Department's website, from local vendors, any Department office or by mail using Form 3. See page 10, for eligibility requirements for Jr/Sr/Handicapped/Veteran reduced-fee licenses. For information about Habitat Stamps and Habitat Management and Access Validations, see pages 9-10.

All hunters must purchase a Game-hunting or Game-hunting and Fishing License before applying for any big game draw license or before purchasing any over-the-counter big game or turkey license.

License Type	Resident	Nonresident
Game-hunting Squirrel and game birds other than turkey.	\$15	\$65
Game-hunting and Fishing Squirrel and game birds (other than turkey) and fishing	\$30	Not Issued
Junior Game-hunting	\$10	\$15
Junior Game-hunting and Fishing	\$15	Not Issued
Senior or Handicapped Game-hunting	\$15	Not Issued
Senior, Handicapped or Military Game-hunting and Fishing (Military available only at Department offices)	\$20	Not Issued
Disabled Veteran Game-hunting and Fishing (Available only at Department offices)	\$10	Not Issued
Private Land Deer (Standard)	\$34	\$270
Private Land Deer (Quality)	\$34	\$355
Private Land Junior/Senior Deer The above deer licenses are valid only for deer hunting on private land.	\$22	Not Issued
Turkey (spring or fall)	\$25	\$100
Bear	\$47	\$260
Cougar	\$43	\$290
Oryx (Private land and off-WSMR only)	\$153	\$1,610
Barbary Sheep Available ONLY at a Department office, on the Department's web site or via Form 3.	\$103	\$360
Ibex (off Florida Mountains only) Available ONLY at a Department office or via Form 3.	\$103	\$1,610
Temporary Game-hunting (4 days) Squirrel and game birds other than turkey. This temporary license does NOT allow the purchaser to apply for any big game hunting license or bear or turkey draw permit.	NA	\$33
Trapper All trapper licenses are sold only at Department offices, on the Department's website or via Form 3.	\$20	\$345
Junior Trapper (Residents age 12-17) Apply ONLY at a Department office, on the Department's website or via Form 3.	\$9	Not Issued
Nongame Hunting Rabbits, ground squirrels, etc. Does not include trapping coyotes or skunks. See page 7.	Not Required	\$65
Habitat Stamp Mandatory on all U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management properties. See page 9.	\$5	\$5
Habitat Management and Access Validation This fee will NOT be charged to anglers or trappers younger than 18 years of age. 100% Disabled Resident Veterans or resident anglers 70 years of age and older will not be charged for this validation in conjunction with their free licenses. This Validation does NOT replace the Habitat Stamp. See page 9.	\$4	\$4
Duplicate License (For lost or destroyed license)	\$6	\$6

Draw Licenses/Permits

Fees below include the nonrefundable application fee. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately and possessed while hunting. These must be purchased only once per year.

Elk Licenses

Residents age 18 to 64 and all Nonresidents	Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
A-Antlerless	S-Standard		\$61	Not issued
MB-Mature Bull	S-Standard		\$91	\$555
ES-Either Sex	S-Standard		\$91	\$555
A-Antlerless	Q-Quality		\$61	Not issued
MB-Mature Bull	Q-Quality		\$91	\$780
ES-Either Sex	Q-Quality		\$91	\$780
A-Antlerless	HD-High Demand		\$61	Not issued
MB-Mature Bull	HD-High Demand		\$91	\$780
ES-Either Sex	HD-High Demand		\$91	\$780

Junior/Senior Elk Licenses*

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
A-Antlerless	All	\$59	Not issued
MB-Mature Bull	All	\$59	Not issued
ES-Either Sex	All	\$59	Not issued

*See pages 6 and 7 for eligibility requirements

Deer Licenses

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	S-Standard	\$42	\$290
ALL	Q-Quality	\$42	\$375
ALL	HD-High Demand	\$42	\$375
ALL	Junior/Senior	\$30	Not issued

Pronghorn Antelope Licenses

Bag Limit	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	\$61	\$290

Javelina Licenses

Bag Limit	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	\$66	\$185

Bighorn Sheep Licenses

Bag Limit	Resident	Nonresident
Ram	\$161	\$3,180
Ewe	\$86	\$3,180

Oryx Licenses

Bag Limit	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	\$161	\$1,630

Ibex Licenses

Bag Limit	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	\$111	\$1,630

Barbary Sheep Licenses

Bag Limit	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	\$111	\$380

Bear Draw Permits**

Application Fee Only	Resident	Nonresident
	\$8	\$20

Turkey Draw Permits**

Application Fee only	Resident	Nonresident
	\$8	\$20

Successful applicants for these draw permits also must purchase a **Game-hunting or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** plus an over-the-counter license.

License Information continued

Habitat Management and Access Validation

A \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased and possessed by hunters, anglers and trappers. This once-per-license year fee will be used to lease private land for public use, provide public access to landlocked areas of public land and provide for the improvement, maintenance, development and operation of property for fish and wildlife habitat management. This fee will NOT be charged to those younger than 18 years of age. 100% Disabled Resident Veterans or resident anglers 70 years of age and older will not be charged for this validation in conjunction with their free licenses.

Habitat Stamp

All anglers, hunters and trappers who use U.S. Forest Service (including the Valles Caldera) and BLM lands in New Mexico must have a current Habitat Stamp. Only one stamp is required per license year to hunt, fish or trap on these lands. The stamp is not required on other public property (such as state, county or municipal lands or parks or on other federal lands, such as Bureau of Reclamation or Army Corps of Engineers), on private property or on military reservations. The stamp is NOT required in Unit 28, which is largely Bureau of Land Management property under military withdrawal. This fee will NOT be charged to anglers or trappers younger than 12 years of age. 100% Disabled Resident Veterans or resident anglers 70 years of age and older will not be charged for this validation in conjunction with their free licenses.

Habitat Stamps must be for the current license year (April 1-March 31). Users must sign the stamp across the face in ink, affix it to a current fishing, hunting or trapping license and have it in their possession while fishing, hunting or trapping on U.S. Forest Service or BLM lands. Alternatively, users can buy the stamp with the license and sign the license.

A \$5 Habitat Stamp is available from the Department, by using Form 3, online or from license vendors statewide. Stamps are not transferable to other persons and no one may use a stamp signed by another person. Funds derived from these stamps go for improving wildlife habitat. Note: it is not necessary to purchase a Habitat Stamp when applying for a draw hunt. However, you must purchase one after receiving the license or permit if you will be hunting where one is required.

A New Mexico Resident Is:

1. A United States citizen who, for a period of not less than 90 days immediately preceding the date of application for the license, has been domiciled in New Mexico and does not claim residency elsewhere for any purpose. Temporary or seasonal residents, who maintain a primary residence outside of New Mexico, DO NOT qualify for resident licenses;
2. A citizen of another country who is legally within the United States and has actually lived in New Mexico for 90 days immediately preceding his license application;
3. A student who has attended an educational institution in New Mexico and has actually lived in the state for at least 1 full term immediately preceding license application and who presents, at

the time of purchase, a certificate or letter of their enrollment and attendance signed by the proper authorities of such institution;

4. A member of the U.S. Armed Forces permanently assigned to a military installation located within New Mexico and who presents with their application, a certificate or letter verifying their military assignment signed by their commanding officer;
5. A member of the U.S. Armed Forces, who presents with their application, a certificate or letter verifying their military assignment signed by their commanding officer and who is officially stationed at a military reservation located partially in New Mexico and an adjacent state, but only for a special license valid only for hunting and fishing in New Mexico and only on those reservations.

Reduced-Fee Resident Handicapped Licenses

A reduced-fee **Game-hunting** or combination **Game-hunting and Fishing License** is available to any New Mexico resident that has a severe physical or developmental disability. To qualify, an applicant must have one or more disabilities that substantially limit one or more major life activities. This license requires the holder to purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation as required (see pages 7 and 13). All other laws and rules must be followed.

Once a handicapped licensee has clearly wounded a legal game animal, another person may assist in tracking, retrieving and killing the game. Reasonable accommodation to shoot from a stationary vehicle or receive other assistance may be granted on an individual basis. Call (505) 476-8030 or write to the Human Resources Division, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504.

Mobility-impaired Certification (MI)

To apply for MI designated pronghorn antelope, oryx, deer or elk hunts, the individual must be registered with the Department PRIOR to submitting an application.

To qualify for MI certification, an individual must have a permanent impairment that limits their mobility to a walker, wheelchair, two crutches, severely restricts the movement in both arms or have a combination of permanent mobility type disabilities that cause comparable substantial functional limitation which they are unlikely to recover. This form may be obtained by calling (505) 476-8087 or online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/. This form must be signed by the applicant's physician attesting that one of the above mobility-impaired conditions applies.

The MI card allows the licensee to shoot from a stationary vehicle that is not on a public road or highway. Once the licensee has clearly wounded a legal game animal, another person may assist in tracking, killing and retrieving the game. The MI card requires the holder to purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation as required (see pages 7 and 13). All other laws and rules must be followed.

Reduced-Fee Junior Licenses

A reduced fee **Junior Game-hunting** or **Junior Game-hunting and Fishing** or **Junior Deer License** or **Junior Elk License** is available only to residents who have

NOT reached their 18th birthday. Junior hunters wishing to take advantage of any reduced-fee license to hunt deer or elk on public land must apply for a Deer Draw or Elk Draw License by the application deadline of **March 28**. Junior licenses to be used for hunting deer on private land can be purchased at local license vendors, at any Department office, with Form 3 or online at the Department's website. It is recommended the hunter not purchase the private land deer only license until the hunter knows whether they were successful in the draw.

Reduced-Fee Senior Licenses

A reduced-fee **Senior Game-hunting** or **Senior Game-hunting and Fishing License** and a **Senior Elk License** or **Senior Deer License** is available only to residents age 65 or older. Senior hunters wishing to take advantage of any reduced-fee license to hunt deer or elk on public land must apply for a Deer Draw or Elk Draw License by the application deadline of **March 28**. Senior licenses to be used for hunting deer on private land can be purchased at local license vendors, at any Department office, with Form 3 or online at the Department's website. It is recommended the hunter not purchase the private land deer only license until the hunter knows whether they were successful in the draw.

Military and Veteran Licenses and Hunt Opportunities

New Mexicans who serve their country as members of the armed services earn more than the state's appreciation and respect when it comes to hunting and fishing privileges. The Department of Game and Fish rewards active military and disabled veterans with several discounted licenses and special hunting opportunities. Information about veteran and active military hunting and fishing opportunities and necessary documentation are available on the Department's website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us, or by calling (505) 476-8000.

Free Licenses For 100% Disabled Veterans

New Mexico residents who are 100 percent disabled as a result of having served in the armed services are eligible for a free, lifetime **Game-hunting and Fishing License**. Disabled veterans can apply for a Disabled American Veteran card, issued by the Department, which allows the card holder to fish, hunt small game and to receive a Deer Hunting License, free of charge. Card holders do not need to buy or possess a Habitat Stamp or Habitat Management and Access Validation when hunting small game or deer, or fishing. Hunters who apply for a Public-land Deer License will not be charged an application fee.

Disabled Veterans Small Game & Fishing Licenses

Resident veterans who have a service-related disability of less than 100 percent are eligible for a \$10 combination **Game-hunting and Fishing**, a savings of \$23. Veterans can obtain these licenses by presenting a copy of their Veterans Administration Award Letter or by presenting proof of a service related disability to any Department office.

Discounted Licenses For Active-Duty Military

New Mexico residents who are active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces or the National Guard and who are on leave for 30 days or less are eligible for reduced-fee temporary licenses.

A Four-day Temporary Small Game License is available for \$16. A Five-day Temporary Fishing license is available for \$12.

A **Game-hunting and Fishing License** is available for \$20. All of these licenses are sold only at Department offices. Applicants must provide a current, valid military identification card and proof of New Mexico residency. A Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation are required.

Resident Veteran Game-Hunting & 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 April 3, 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 any Department office. A Habitat Management and Access Validation and Habitat Improvement stamp are not required.

Oryx Hunts For Iraq-Afghanistan Returnees

Once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunts are available through a drawing limited to resident applicants who are returning from service in Iraq or Afghanistan. Applicants must submit a copy of their orders or DD-214 with their draw application by mail, fax or e-mail before the application deadline. Please call (505) 476-8087 for more information.

Fort Bliss Opportunities

Active-duty soldiers stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso can purchase hunting and fishing licenses at New Mexico resident prices for activities that occur on portions of the Fort Bliss military reservation in New Mexico. Proof of assignment is required to be submitted before the draw. For more information call (505) 476-8087.

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 Improvement Stamp are not required. For more information contact Special Permits at 505-476-8064.

Nonresident Disabled Active Duty And Veteran Licenses For Rehabilitation Enrollees

Nonresident active-duty 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 and turkey 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. This benefit is not available through the public draw. Proof of eligibility must be provided. This benefit is available at Game and Fish offices. Information: (505) 476-8000.