



## **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.

### **Reduced Fee Licenses - Available to Residents Only**

Reduced fee fishing licenses, game hunting licenses 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 can cause comparable substantial functional limitations.

A reduced fee license may be purchased online, at any hunting and fishing license vendor, or at a Department of Game and Fish office. Individuals must be able to provide proof of disability to legally hold a reduced-fee handicapped license. Reduced-fee handicapped licenses allow the license holder to be accompanied by another person to assist in tracking, retrieving and killing the game.

### **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 State Veterans Service Commission (address is on Form DV). Once the State Veterans Service Commission 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.

DAV 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 to 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.

DAV 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 hunting migratory birds, a federal Migratory Bird Permit (\$1 vendor fee) is required. In addition, if hunting waterfowl, a federal Migratory Waterfowl (duck) stamp is required (available from US Post Offices and Game & Fish offices). For species other than deer, all other rules and fees apply.

### **Reasonable Accommodations** - Available to Residents and Non-residents

Reasonable accommodations are available to residents and nonresidents who have temporary, unique or special needs. 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. 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 mobility impaired hunter.
- C. The option of using a crossbow on archery only hunts.
- D. Other accommodations, as requested and approved by the Director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

To request reasonable accommodations please contact the Department at 888-248-6866 or at [specialhunts@state.nm.us](mailto:specialhunts@state.nm.us).

**Mobility Impaired Privileges** - Available to Residents and Non-residents with permanent conditions or disabilities that limit the ability to walk. The application form is available on the Department's website.

Privileges include:

- 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 mobility impaired hunter.
- C. The option of using a crossbow on archery only hunts.
- D. Opportunity to apply for Mobility Impaired only draw hunts for antelope, deer, elk, and oryx.