Military and Veteran Licenses and Hunt Opportunities

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish acknowledges the contribution and sacrifice of active duty military and veterans with several discounted licenses and special hunting opportunities. Information about active duty military and veteran hunting and fishing opportunities and how to apply is available online and by telephone.

50% Discount 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 honorably discharged veterans. 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 (page 120) or honorably discharged veteran status (page 125) upon request. **Discount does not apply to:** application fees, license vendor fees, administrative fees (i.e. landowner authorization certificate fee), duplicate license fees, the federal duck stamp, or the resident disabled veteran game-hunting & fishing license.

Proof of Active Military Status Required Prior to Application(s) for All Military-only Hunts

Each license year, applicants must provide proof of full-time active duty status. Veterans are not eligible for these hunts. Proof of service must be received by NMDGF prior to application. Proof may be submitted by email: specialhunts@state.nm.us, fax: (505) 476-8180 or U.S. Mail: NMDGF Special Hunts, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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 & fishing license. The disabled veteran must apply for a Disabled Veteran card. This card is issued by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and allows the cardholder to fish, hunt small game and obtain a deer hunting license free of charge. The deer hunting license will be issued only if the cardholder has applied and been successful in a public-land deer draw or if the cardholder obtains written permission from a landowner for a private-land deer hunt. The free deer hunting license must be applied for each license year, and no preference is given for public-land deer draws. A habitat stamp, if applicable, is required for any privilege not covered by the Disabled Veteran card.

Disabled Veteran Game-hunting & Fishing License

New Mexico residents who are disabled veterans of the armed services, but do not meet the 100% disabled qualification, are eligible for a $10 combination game-hunting & fishing license. Disabled veterans may purchase this license online, by telephone or at license vendors. A habitat management & access validation and a habitat stamp if applicable (pages 9–10) are required.
Oryx Hunts for Returning Iraq-Afghanistan Veterans

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has established a once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunt available only to New Mexico residents who have been deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan. This is in addition to the once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunt available to all hunters. New Mexico resident fees apply. Each year, the applicant must submit proof of service prior to application. Copies may be submitted by email: specialhunts@state.nm.us, fax: (505) 476-8180 or U.S. Mail: NMDGF Special Hunts, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Fort Bliss Opportunities

Active-duty military personnel stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas are eligible for resident fees on draw hunt licenses only for hunts that occur on Fort Bliss military reservation in New Mexico. Each year, proof of assignment must be submitted by email: specialhunts@state.nm.us, by fax: 505-476-8180 or received by mail prior to application.

Nonresident Disabled Active Duty and Veteran Licenses for Rehabilitation Enrollees

Nonresident active-duty members or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who are undergoing a rehabilitation program that involves hunting activities are eligible for a resident fee on deer, elk, javelina, oryx, pronghorn 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 Veterans Administration rehabilitation center. **This benefit is not available through the draw.** Proof of eligibility must be provided. This benefit is available only through the NMDGF Santa Fe office.

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)