

Draw Hunt License Fees

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: wildlife.dgf.nm.gov

All draw license fees include a nonrefundable application fee (residents: \$7; non-residents: \$13). Nonresidents are ineligible to apply for antlerless elk and WMA draw hunts.

Standard Elk License (Residents 18–64 years of age and all non-residents)	Resident	Non-resident
A (Antlerless)	\$70	Not Issued
MB (Mature Bull)	\$100	\$773
ES (Either Sex)	\$100	\$773
Quality or High-Demand Elk License (page 70)		
A	\$70	Not Issued
MB	\$100	\$998
ES	\$100	\$998
Junior/Senior Elk License (See page 19 for eligibility requirements)		
A	\$70	Not issued
MB	\$70	Not issued
ES	\$70	Not issued
Deer License		
Standard (S)	\$60	\$398
Quality (Q)	\$60	\$623
High-Demand (HD)	\$60	\$623
Junior/Senior	\$35	Not issued
Pronghorn License	\$70	\$423
Javelina License	\$65	\$178
Bighorn Sheep License		
Ram	\$160	\$3,523
Ewe	\$85	\$3,523
Oryx License	\$185	\$1,623
Ibex License	\$120	\$1,623
Barbary Sheep License	\$130	\$373
Bear Permit (application fee only ¹)	\$7	\$13
Turkey Permit (application fee only ¹)	\$7	\$13

¹ Successful applicants must purchase a 2026–27 Game-Hunting License or a Game-Hunting & Fishing License, plus the applicable over-the-counter license and stamp(s) beginning March 25. Carcass tag required, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

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Application Requirements

When applying for draw licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn, hunters must purchase a nonrefundable 2026–2027 Game-Hunting License or Game-Hunting & Fishing License and HMAV if applicable.

Game-Hunting Licenses and stamps are available online or by telephone through the draw application process. Before March 25, Game-Hunting Licenses and stamps for the 2026–2027 license year may be purchased only through the draw application process. Successful applicants for draw licenses will be mailed a combination license/tag, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

Application and full license fees for each species are charged at the time the application is submitted. Unsuccessful draw applicants will be refunded the draw license fee, but not the application or any other license fee.

To apply for Bear, Sandhill Crane, Pheasant or Turkey Draw Permits, no license purchase is required. **If the applicant is successful in the draw, purchase of a Bear or Turkey License with tag will be required; a Game-Hunting License will be required for pheasant and sandhill crane.** Permits will not be available until the appropriate license(s) are purchased.

How the Draw Hunt System Works

All draw applications are entered into an automated system that randomly assigns each application a sequence number. Based on this number, and the quotas listed below, the system matches the first, second then third choices on the application with available licenses or permits. If all choices have already been awarded, the system advances to the next application. New Mexico does not grant preference to previously unsuccessful applicants. If a fourth-choice hunt is entered for deer or elk, the applicant may be awarded any hunt for the same sporting arm as the first choice on the application that has not allocated all available licenses. **Only successful applicants will be notified by email.** Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified, but may check their NMDOW account online. For more information, visit: <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/applications-and-draw-information/>.

Drawing Quotas: State law establishes the following quotas for all draw hunts:

- A minimum of 84% of draw licenses are awarded to New Mexico residents.
- 10% of draw licenses are awarded to residents and non-residents applying with a New Mexico registered outfitter.
- 6% of draw licenses are awarded to non-residents applying without a New Mexico registered outfitter.
- 100% of draw licenses for antlerless elk and hunts held exclusively on Wildlife Management Areas are awarded to New Mexico residents.
- Population management hunts are not subject to quota.

Non-resident and Outfitted Applicants Please Note: It is extremely unlikely for an outfitted applicant to draw a hunt code with six or fewer licenses or for a non-resident to draw a hunt code with 12 or fewer licenses. Residents planning to apply with one or more non-residents should also be aware of this when applying.