

Discounted/Special Licenses

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Reduced-Fee Licenses for Juniors

Reduced-fee licenses for resident junior game hunting and fishing, junior deer, junior elk, junior trapper and junior game hunting (resident and non-resident) are available to individuals 17 years of age and younger at the time of purchase, on or after April 1, 2026. Resident junior licenses for hunting deer and/or elk on private land may be purchased at license vendors, NMDOW offices, by telephone or online.

Youth-Only Hunts

To qualify for youth-only hunts, applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education number or mentor-youth number (page 23-24). The mentor-youth number is valid only for deer, pronghorn, turkey, javelina and small-game hunts.

Reduced-Fee Licenses for Resident Seniors

Reduced-fee licenses for senior Game-Hunting & Fishing, senior elk or senior deer are available to residents 65 years or older at the time of purchase, on or before April 1, 2026. Senior licenses for hunting deer and/or elk on private land can be purchased at NMDOW offices and license vendors, by telephone or online.

Off-Range Oryx Hunt for Seniors 70 Years and Older

To qualify for the off-range oryx senior hunt, applicants must be 70 years of age or older on the opening day of the hunt.

Reduced-Fee Licenses for Disabled Residents

A reduced-fee Game-Hunting & Fishing License is available to New Mexico residents with a permanent disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Applicants must attest that they have one or more disabilities that substantially limit major life activities.

Resident disabled license holders must purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and HMAV (page 14) as applicable. All other laws and rules must be followed.

Mobility-Impaired Certification (MI)

MI certification by NMDOW is required prior to submitting an application for MI-only pronghorn, oryx, elk or deer draw hunts. To qualify for MI Certification, an individual must have a permanent impairment that limits his/her mobility to a walker, wheelchair or crutches and/or have one or more permanent disabilities or conditions that substantially limit his/her ability to walk. The MI Certification form is available online or may be requested by telephone. This form must be signed by the applicant's physician and attest that one or more of the above mobility-impaired conditions apply.

The MI card is valid for 48 months from the date approved/issued by NMDOW. All other laws and rules must be followed.

For further information call: **1-888-248-6866** or email: special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov

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Mobility-Impaired (MI) Hunters

A Mobility-Impaired Card allows a hunter to: 1) shoot from a stationary motor-driven vehicle only when it has been parked completely off of the established road surface and there is no right-of-way fence; 2) have one assistant to help track and kill big game that has been clearly wounded by the MI hunter. **The assistant must have written authorization from the MI hunter and must use the same sporting-arm type as the MI hunter;** 3) use a crossbow during a bow hunt.

Reasonable Accommodation Permits

Hunters with injuries or conditions that don't qualify for the Mobility Impaired certification may request specific disability accommodations on a case-by-case basis. For more information, email special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov or call **1-888-248-6866**.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Discount

New Mexico residents participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) are eligible to receive a 25% discount on all licenses as established in 17-3-13 NMSA for the following license year. The Department will qualify individuals for the following license year discount between January 1 and January 10 annually. If not qualified by the Department in January, applicants may prove eligibility in person at any Department office to have the discount applied. No refunds will be offered for full-fee purchases made prior to verification of eligibility.

Title VI Funding

This agency receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any facility, program, or activity, or if you need more information, please write to:

Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civil Rights, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240

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