

Draw Hunt License Fees

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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.

Draw Hunt Licenses

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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.

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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Military & Veterans

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Military and Veteran Licenses and Hunt Opportunities

NMDOW acknowledges the contribution and sacrifice of active military and veterans with several discounted licenses and special hunting opportunities. Information about active military and veteran hunting and fishing opportunities and how to apply is available online and by telephone.

50% Discount for Resident Active Military and Veterans

A 50% discount on all licenses, permits and stamps is 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 158) or honorably discharged veteran status (page 163) upon request. **Discount does not apply to:** application fees, license vendor fees, administrative fees, duplicate license fees, the federal Duck Stamp or the resident Disabled Veteran Game-Hunting & Fishing License.

Military-Only Draw Hunts:

Proof of Active Military Status Required Prior to Application

Military-only draw hunts are available on McGregor Range in GMU 28 (Fort Bliss) for deer, elk, pronghorn, oryx, Barbary sheep and javelina. Each license year, applicants must provide proof of full-time, active-duty status. Veterans and reservists are not eligible for military-only hunts. Orders or other documentation (excluding military ID cards) of current active-duty service must be received by NMDOW prior to application. Proof of service may be submitted by email: special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov fax: **505-476-8180** or U.S. Mail: **NMDOW Special Hunts, One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507.**

100% Disabled Resident Veterans

New Mexico residents who are 100% disabled as a result of having served in the U.S. military 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 NMDOW 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 the draw for deer, 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 HMAV and a Habitat Stamp (page 14) are not required.

Disabled Veteran Game-Hunting & Fishing License

New Mexico residents who are disabled veterans of the U.S. military, 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.

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Oryx Draw Hunt for Resident Veterans on White Sands Missile Range

New Mexico resident veterans who have never held a once-in-a-lifetime Oryx License are eligible to apply for a once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunt, available by drawing each license year. New Mexico resident fees apply. Applicants must submit their DD-214 demonstrating honorable discharge prior to application each year, unless their resident veteran status has already been verified by NMDOW, or they are registered as a 100% Disabled Veteran. Copies may be submitted by email:

special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov fax: **505-476-8180** or

U.S. Mail: **NMDOW Special Hunts, One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507.**

Fort Bliss Opportunities

Active-duty military personnel stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas are eligible for resident fees on draw hunts that occur on Fort Bliss Military Reservation in New Mexico. Each year, prior to application, proof of assignment must be submitted by email: **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov** by fax: **505-476-8180** or received by mail.

Resident Fees for Non-resident Active-duty and Veteran Rehabilitation Program Enrollees

Non-resident 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 NMDOW Santa Fe office.

Special Oryx Draw for Injured Service Members

Injured active-duty and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces with a disability rating of 50% or greater qualify for a special drawing for oryx on White Sands Missile Range. License(s) must be purchased by successful applicants, but there is no fee to apply. For eligibility and application information, please call **888-248-6866** after June 1, 2026.

Special Military/Veteran Pronghorn Draws

Resident Purple Heart recipients and full-time active-duty military personnel permanently stationed in New Mexico qualify for special drawings for pronghorn on Melrose Airforce Range. License(s) must be purchased by successful applicants, but there is no fee to apply. For eligibility and application information, please call **888-248-6866** after June 1, 2026.

Hunter Education

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Hunter Education Program

Before purchasing a Game-Hunting License, all hunters 17 years of age and younger must obtain a Hunter Education number issued by New Mexico or another state or possess a New Mexico mentor-youth number. Hunter Education numbers issued by other states are no longer valid for hunters younger than 9 years of age. The Hunter Education number is valid for hunting all game species. The mentor-youth number is valid only for deer, pronghorn, turkey, javelina and small-game hunting (page 24).

Online Hunter Education Course: Hunters 9 years of age or older can obtain a Hunter Education number by completing an online Hunter Education course. Online course options can be found at: <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/education/hunter-education/>. A service fee may apply.

Instructor-Led Hunter Education Courses: New Mexico Hunter Education numbers can also be obtained by completing a NMDOW, instructor-led Hunter Education course. NMDOW offers two types of in-person courses, a traditional course for students of all ages or a field-day course for students 10 years of age and older. Please note that students 10 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult to attend an in-person course. Before the first class session for all instructor-led courses, students are required to complete a homework assignment. Homework may be completed online through a downloadable PDF file or a hardcopy manual. Hardcopy manuals are available at local NMDOW locations, after registration. Students must attend all class sessions and pass both a written exam and a firearm proficiency evaluation to be issued a New Mexico Hunter Education number. Courses are offered year-round and statewide. Early registration is encouraged to avoid missing a deadline to apply for a hunt. For complete information on course types, dates, locations, and requirements, as well as course content and homework, visit NMDOW at: <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/education/hunter-education>.

Registration for Hunter and/or Bowhunter Education Courses

All students wishing to register for a Hunter and/or Bowhunter Education course must have their own NMDOW account with a customer identification number (CIN). If you require assistance obtaining class information or a Hunter Education number please contact the New Mexico Hunter Education Program: **505-222-4731** or dgf-he@dgf.nm.gov. Bowhunter Education is not mandatory for bowhunters in New Mexico, but is highly recommended.

White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss

All hunters, regardless of age, on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) and Fort Bliss – including all of GMUs 19 and 28 and portions of GMU 34 – are required to have proof of passing a state-certified Hunter Education course. Mentor-youth hunters are not eligible.

Mentor-Youth Hunter

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Mentor-Youth Hunter Program

First-time hunters 8–17 years of age who do not have a Hunter Education number may pass an online quiz and receive a mentor-youth number. This number enables a youth to hunt under the supervision of an adult mentor, and allows purchase of a Game-Hunting or Game-Hunting & Fishing License. Mentor-youth hunters 8–9 years of age may hunt small game only. Mentor-youth hunters 10–17 years of age may apply for or purchase hunting licenses for deer, pronghorn, turkey, javelina and small game.

Youth participation in this program is a one-time opportunity and valid for two consecutive license years, beginning when a Game-Hunting License is initially purchased. When the mentor-youth hunter has completed the program and successfully passed a Hunter Education course, he or she can hunt any legal species independently with no age restriction.

Mentors must be either a parent, guardian or an adult with parental consent; be 18 years of age or older; possess a valid Game-Hunting License; and possess an NMDOW-issued Mentor Certification Number or an NMDOW-approved Hunter Education Certification Number. Courses are available on the NMDOW's website. The mentor-youth hunter and mentor must be in unaided sight and audible distance from one another at all times while hunting.

For more information about the mentor-youth hunter program visit:

<https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/education/hunter-education/mentored-youth-hunter> or call: **505-222-4731**.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play an important role helping NMDOW provide programs and services across the state. From hunter and angler education to off-road vehicle safety and wildlife conservation, volunteers share time and talent to support initiatives that otherwise would not be possible.

If you enjoy hunting, fishing and New Mexico's great outdoors, consider giving back to your community by becoming a volunteer with the NMDOW. For information about the variety of volunteer opportunities available, go to: **<https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/home/contact/job-applicants/>**.



Hunter Education videos are available on the NMDOW's YouTube channel at:
youtube.com/user/NMGameandFish/videos