

Disabled Veterans Programs

The **Disabled Veterans Special Big Game Tag Program** allows a qualified organization to apply for a special big game hunt tag on behalf of a disabled veteran. A qualified organization is defined as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, or a government agency with a mission to afford opportunities, experiences and assistance to disabled veterans. The program is not limited to organizations in Idaho. Idaho Fish and Game makes five tags available each year for disabled veterans for any deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, black bear or mountain lion hunt. Tags may be requested for general or controlled hunts. An additional five tags may be available each year. Participants are exempt from licensing requirements. The program is a first-come, first-served, once in a lifetime opportunity. The application provided by Fish and Game must be used to apply.

Resident Disabled American Veterans

Resident disabled American veterans may be eligible for DAV reduced fees for licenses and tags. The DAV license, \$5, allows the disabled veteran to purchase reduced fee Disabled American Veteran tags for deer \$10.75, elk \$16.50, bear \$6.75, or turkey \$10.75. They must submit a letter from the Veterans Affairs office verifying a service-connected service-connected disability rating of 40 percent or greater. Such documentation may bear any date prior to license application. Documentation for the resident DAV license will be required only for the initial application and will not be required for subsequent applications.

Nonresident Disabled Veterans

Nonresident disabled veterans participating in a hunt in association with a qualified organization may be eligible for discount licenses and tags. To qualify, nonresident disabled veterans must meet the definition and provide the three documentation items listed below to an Idaho Department of Fish and Game office in person or by mail to: License Supervisor, P.O. Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707.

- A letter from the Veterans Affairs office verifying a service-connected disability rating of 40 percent or greater. Such documentation can bear any date prior to license application.

- A current letter from a qualified organization documenting that shows the license applicant is participating in a hunt in association with the organization. For the purposes of this program participation includes but is not limited to: arranging access for the hunt through a landowner or outfitter, connecting the participant with an outfitter, organizing a group of individuals to participate in the hunt, providing funds, equipment or other direct support for the hunt.
- Documentation of the participating organization's mission to offer opportunities, experiences, and assistance to disabled veterans (typically provided by including a copy of the organization's mission statement) and their nonprofit status under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the qualified organization is a government agency with a mission to offer opportunities, experiences, and assistance to disabled veterans.

This documentation must be provided annually.

Nonresident disabled veterans who meet these conditions may be eligible for reduced fees: hunting license \$5; deer tag \$10.75; elk tag \$16.50; bear tag \$6.75; and turkey tag \$10.75.