

Licenses, Tags and Permits

To Buy a License, Tag or Permit

- Visit an Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor.
- By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.
- From your computer or mobile device, go to idfg.idaho.gov/buy
- Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.

When buying licenses by telephone, the buyer, on request, will be assigned a confirmation number that may be used in lieu of the actual license for 14 days from the date of issue. When this number is used, the person must carry their driver's license or identification card. A confirmation number may not be used in lieu of a tag or salmon/steelhead permit. Purchasers must wait until tags or permits arrive in the mail.

Licenses purchased online must be printed from the buyer's computer; they will not be mailed. A confirmation number may not be used in lieu of a tag or salmon/steelhead permit. Purchasers must wait until tags or permits arrive in the mail.

The charge for phone-in purchases is three percent of the transaction plus \$5.50; the charge for online purchases is three percent of the transaction plus \$3.50.

Any license, tag or permit that is defaced or altered is invalid from the date and time of issue. It is unlawful to use or attempt to use any license that has been defaced or altered.

Nonresidents: If you hunt with an outfitter in Idaho, the outfitter should buy your tags through the "outfitter set-aside" pool of tags. No outfitter should suggest that you buy your own tags from the general nonresident pool of tags.

Sale Dates: Most licenses and tags go on sale December 1, but resident deer, and elk tags are not available until after the controlled hunt drawings are done. Most licenses are valid only for the calendar year for which they are issued.

Hunter and Bowhunter Education

- To buy a hunting license, all hunters must show proof that they have completed a hunter education course if they were born on or after January 1, 1975, unless they have held a valid hunting license from Idaho or another state.
- To buy an archery permit, all bowhunters must possess a valid hunting license and show proof they have completed an approved bowhunter education course or show evidence of having been licensed for an archery-only hunt in Idaho or another state, or complete an affidavit to that effect.
- Course and registration information can be found on Fish and Game's website or by contacting any Fish and Game office.

- **Individuals planning to participate in fall hunts are encouraged to enroll in a course before June 30, as the number of courses offered becomes very limited closer to fall hunting seasons.**
- Prospective hunters have two course options to receive their certification: **Instructor-led Course** – 12 to 18 class hours plus an outdoor field day and final written exam. **Online Course** – A two-phase course begins with a self-paced, online instruction and an online exam. An additional outdoor field day is required for hunter education.

Refund Policy

No refunds will be made on resident licenses, tags or permits. Nonresident hunting licenses and tags may be refunded less issuance fees and a \$50 processing fee, in the event of:

- Illness or injury that disables a license holder for the entire applicable hunting season.
- Military deployment of license holder due to armed conflict.
- Death of the license holder's parent, spouse or child.

Tags and license must be returned with proof (death certificate, obituary, written justification by a licensed medical doctor, or copy of military orders). Hunting license fees will not be refunded after the license is used to apply for a controlled hunt or to buy a turkey, mountain lion, bear or gray wolf tag. The request must be postmarked by December 31 of the year in which the license was valid, except for "event of death" refund, which must be submitted within 1 year of the death.

A controlled hunt permit and tag may be made available in the same hunt for purchase by an immediate family member of a person who died before using his or her tag, and whose family had the fees refunded. Contact Licenses at (208) 334-2592.

If a refund is requested for any other reason, only the tag fees (not the license or permit fee) may be refunded at the following sliding scale rate:

- Postmarked before April 1 – 75 percent refund.
- Postmarked April 1 through June 30 – 50 percent refund.
- Postmarked July 1 through August 31 – 25 percent refund.
- Postmarked September 1 through December 31 – No refund.

Resident Disabled Licenses

Anyone certified as eligible for federal supplemental income (SSI), social security disability income (SSDI), railroad retirement board disability, a nonservice-connected veteran's pension, or a service-connected veteran's disability benefit with 40 percent or more combined/overall disability rating, may qualify for a "disabled" license. Bring current year documentation when applying. Disabled licenses may be purchased at Fish and Game offices, selected license vendors (see website for list), and through the mail.

Disabled Hunter/Companion

The rules for a companion assisting a disabled hunter allow the companion to take an animal that has been wounded by the disabled hunter and to place and validate the disabled hunter’s tag on the animal.

The rules apply for disabled hunters who possess a valid disabled combination license, a nonresident disabled American Veteran hunting license, a disabled archery permit, or a disabled hunt-from-a-motor-vehicle permit and a valid tag.

The companion is not required to have a tag or controlled hunt permit to assist a disabled hunter. However, the companion must have a valid license and applicable special weapon permit (i.e. – for an archery only hunt, the companion would need an archery permit) when assisting a disabled hunter.

The companion must have a written statement of designation from the disabled hunter while hunting with the disabled hunter or assisting them with taking and tagging their harvested animal. The statement must include the disabled hunters name, address, hunting license, big game tag number and the dates of the designation as a companion.

The companion must accompany the disabled hunter while hunting and they are required to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

For more information about the rules for a companion to a disabled hunter, please contact your local Fish and Game office.

Resident Lifetime License Certificates

The purchase of a lifetime certificate could be the best investment you ever make. Lifetime certificates authorize all privileges associated with a corresponding annual license, are valid for the life of the certificate holder and are available to Idaho residents. The lifetime certificate does not include tags and permits. If a lifetime certificate holder moves out of Idaho, they will continue to receive an annual license, but will pay nonresident tag and permit fees. Lifetime certificates can be purchased at IDFG offices only.

Applicant	Combination	Hunting	Fishing
0 - 1 year	\$795.50	\$276.75	\$601.75
2 - 50 years	\$1,113.00	\$386.75	\$841.75
51 and older	\$636.75	\$221.75	\$481.75

Idaho Residency Requirements

Proof of residency is required to buy any resident license. A previous year’s license is not proof of residency.

1. Drivers must present: A valid Idaho driver’s license and must have been domiciled in the state of Idaho for the last six months immediately prior to purchasing a resident license, tag or permit. Owning real property or paying property taxes within the state of Idaho does not in itself establish residency. Claiming resident privileges in any other state or country will compromise your resident status in Idaho.

2. Non-drivers must present: An Idaho identification card issued by the Department of Transportation; or a combination of two documents bearing your name and address but not issued by yourself.

Examples include:

- Home utility bills for the previous six months.
- Rent receipts or mortgage statements for the previous six months.
- Notarized statement from an employer on business letterhead.
- Proof of voter registration dated six months prior.
- For a minor child under 18, identification from a parent.

3. Military members: A member of the military service of the United States or a foreign country, state National Guard or Air National Guard, together with spouse and children under 18 years of age, residing in his/her household, who have been officially transferred, stationed, domiciled and on active duty in the state of Idaho for a period of 30 days last preceding application, as long as such assignment continues, is eligible to purchase a resident license.

To show eligibility you need: A current “Military Status and Residency Affidavit” signed by first sergeant, section commander or commander; or a current request and authorization for permanent change of station showing a ‘report no later than’ date within the last 60 days; or a combination of two documents given in number two (2) above dated thirty (30) days prior.

This is a summary of residency requirements, for additional details see Idaho Code 36-202(S) and 36-405; <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title36/T36.htm> or contact your local Fish and game office. Persons who do not qualify as residents must purchase a nonresident license.

Hunting Passports

Hunting Passports are available only to first time hunters. Anyone who has previously held a hunting license in any state is not eligible. For more information, visit: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/hunter-passport>, or contact your local Fish and Game office.



To purchase a license go to:
idfg.idaho.gov/buy

Resident License, Tag and Permit Fees

The amounts listed include all tags, permits and application fees as of November 28, 2016.

*Fees may change without notice. Licenses, permits, validations and tags **expire December 31**, except where noted.*

Adult Licenses: 18 years of age and older

Sportsman's Package ¹	\$124.25
Combination ⁷ (3 year license)	97.00
Combination Hunting and Fishing	33.50
Disabled Combination ⁷ (3 year license)	11.50
Disabled Combination - SSI, SSDI, DAV	5.00
Military Furlough Combination	17.50
Hunting ⁷ (3 year license)	34.75
Hunting	12.75
Fishing ⁷ (3 year license)	73.75
Fishing	25.75
Daily Fishing (first day)	11.50
Each consecutive day at initial time of purchase add	5.00
Disabled Fishing ⁷ (3 year license)	11.50
Disabled Fishing	5.00
Military Furlough Fishing	17.50
Trapping (expires June 30)	26.75
Taxidermist/Furbuyer ² - 1 year (expires June 30)	40.00
Taxidermist/Furbuyer ² - 5 year (expires June 30)	176.75
Hunting Passport ⁶ (8+ years, Junior or Adult)	1.75

Youth licenses

Sportsman's Package ¹	\$124.25
Junior Combination ⁷ (3 year license)	49.00
Junior Combination Hunting and Fishing (14-17)	17.50
Junior Hunting ^{5,7} (10-17) (3 year license)	18.25
Junior Hunting ⁵ (10-17)	7.25
Junior Fishing ⁷ (14-17) (3 year license)	37.75
Junior Fishing (14-17)	13.75
Youth Trapping	7.25

Senior license 65 years and older

Senior Combination ⁷ (3 year license)	\$31.75
Senior Combination Hunting and Fishing	11.75

Permits and Validations

Archery Permit	\$18.25
Muzzleloader Permit	18.25
Hound Hunter Permit	12.75
Bear Baiting Permit ²	12.75
WMA Pheasant Permit (18+ years)	each 23.75
Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit	4.75
Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit	1.75
Disabled Archery Permit ^{2,3}	1.75
Disabled Motor Vehicle Permit ^{2,3}	1.75
Salmon or Steelhead Permit	12.75
Two-Pole Permit	13.75

Adult Tags

Deer	\$19.75
Elk	30.75
Pronghorn	31.25
Bear and Second Bear	each 11.50
Mountain Lion and Second Mountain Lion	each 11.50
Gray Wolf	each 11.50
Gray Wolf Trapping (expires June 30)	each 11.50
General Turkey	19.75
Extra Turkey	each 12.25
Special Unit Turkey	each 5.00
Sandhill Crane	each 15.00
Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (controlled hunt tag only, does not include application fee.)	166.75

Youth, Senior and DAV Tags⁴

Deer ⁴	\$10.75
Elk ⁴	16.50
Bear and Second Bear ⁴	each 6.75
Turkey and Extra Turkey ⁴	each 10.75

Controlled Hunts

Controlled Hunt Application	each \$6.25
Turkey Controlled Hunt Permit	7.75

Notes:

¹ The sportsman's package includes deer, elk, turkey, bear, gray wolf and mountain lion tags, and archery, muzzleloader, salmon and steelhead permits.

² Available only at Idaho Fish and Game offices.

³ Disability must be certified by a medical doctor on a Fish and Game form.

⁴ Must have a senior combination license, a junior combination or hunting license, a Junior Hunting Passport, or a DAV combination license.

⁵ A 9-year old may buy a license to apply for a controlled hunt tag, but he or she must be 10 years old at the time of the hunt. All youth younger than twelve must be accompanied in the field by an adult license holder close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

⁶ Anyone hunting with this license must be accompanied in the field by an adult license holder close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

⁷ If a three year resident hunting, fishing or combination license holder moves out of Idaho, the license will remain valid, but the holder will be required to purchase nonresident tags and permits.

Nonresident License, Tag and Permit Fees

The amounts listed include all tags, permits and application fees as of November 28, 2016.

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Adult Licenses: 18 years of age and older	
Combination (3 year license)	\$716.50
Combination Hunting and Fishing	240.00
Hunting (3 year license) (Includes three-day fishing license each year of license)	460.75
Hunting (Includes three-day fishing license)	154.75
Disabled American Veteran Hunting (DAV) (Includes three-day fishing license)	31.75
Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season)	97.75
Three-Day Nonresident Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season)	35.50
Nongame Hunting	35.50
Shooting Preserve Hunting	23.75
Fishing (3 year license)	291.25
Fishing	98.25
Daily Fishing (first day)	12.75
Each consecutive day at initial time of purchase add	6.00
Three-day Salmon/Steelhead (includes three-day general fishing license)	37.50
Trapping (expires June 30)	301.75
Taxidermist/Furbuyer ¹ (expires June 30)	170.00
Hunting Passport ² (8+ years, Junior or Adult)	1.75
Junior Mentored & Youth Licenses	
Junior Mentor Hunting ⁵ (10-17) (3 year license)	\$91.75
Junior Mentored Hunting ⁵ (10-17)	31.75
Junior Fishing (under 18) (3 year license)	61.75
Junior Fishing (under 18)	21.75
Permits and Validations	
Archery Permit	\$20.00
Muzzleloader Permit	20.00
Hound Hunter Permit ¹	169.75
Bear Baiting Permit ¹	31.75
WMA Pheasant Permit (18+ yrs)	each 51.75
Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit	4.75
Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit	4.75
Disabled Archery Permit ^{1,3}	1.75
Disabled Motor Vehicle Permit ^{1,3}	1.75
Salmon or Steelhead Permit	25.75
Two-Pole Permit	15.50

Adult Tags	
Deer	\$301.75
Elk	416.75
Pronghorn	311.75
Bear	186.00
Reduced Bear and Second Bear	each 41.75
Mountain Lion	186.00
Reduced and Second Mountain Lion	each 41.75
Gray Wolf	each 31.75
Gray Wolf Trapping (expires June 30)	each 31.75
Turkey and Extra Turkey	each 80.00
Special Unit Turkey	each 5.00
Sandhill Crane	each 15.00
Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (Controlled hunt tag only, does not include application fee.)	\$2,101.75

Junior Mentored/DAV Tags ⁴	
Deer ⁴	\$23.75
Elk ⁴	39.75
Bear and Second Bear ⁴	each 23.75
Turkey and Extra Turkey ⁴	each 19.75

Controlled Hunts	
Controlled Hunt Application	\$14.75
Turkey Controlled Hunt Permit	7.75

Notes:

¹ These licenses and permits are only available at Idaho Fish and Game offices.

² Anyone hunting with this license must be accompanied in the field by an adult license holder close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

³ Disability must be certified by a medical doctor on a Fish and Game form.

⁴ Must have a junior mentored hunting license, Junior Hunting Passport or a DAV license. The accompanying adult must have a tag(s) for the same species. The junior mentored/DAV deer and elk tags are not valid for bear, gray wolf or mountain lion. Price not valid for leftover nonresident, general season deer or elk tags purchased as second tags.

⁵ A 9-year old may buy a license to apply for a controlled hunt tag, but he or she must be 10 years old at the time of the hunt.

Note: Nonresident lifetime license holders must buy tags, if available, at Fish and Game offices when nonresident deer and elk tags are sold out.

For licenses not listed, please visit our web page at: idfg.idaho.gov.

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