

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

Prices listed below include prices for those who purchased an annual 2017 license and “Locked In” and prices for those subject to increased fees beginning Jan 1, 2018. Prices may change without notice. Licenses, tags and permits are valid through December 31, except where noted. All tags, permits and applications require the purchase of a license. See important notes on next page.

FEE OR LICENSE	WITH PRICE LOCK		WITHOUT PRICE LOCK	
	ANNUAL	3-YEAR ⁷	ANNUAL	3-YEAR ⁷
Access-Depredation Fee for Adults	\$5.00	10.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
Access-Depredation Fee for Jr./Sr./DAV/Furlough	2.00	4.00	2.00	4.00
A license buyer is required to pay this annual fee when purchasing their first annual license of the year. It will not apply to any additional annual licenses purchased later in the year, nor is it required to purchase a daily license.				
Adult Licenses: 18 years of age and older				
Sportsman's Package (Adult or Youth) ¹	\$124.25	N/A	\$144.60	N/A
Combination (Hunting & Fishing)	33.50	97.00	38.75	97.00
Disabled Combination - SSI, SSDI, DAV	5.00	11.50	5.75	11.50
Military Furlough Combination	17.50	N/A	20.50	N/A
Hunting	12.75	34.75	15.75	34.75
Fishing	25.75	73.75	30.50	73.75
Daily Fishing (first day) ⁸	11.50	N/A	13.50	N/A
Each consecutive day at initial time of purchase	5.00		6.00	
Disabled Fishing	5.00	11.50	5.75	11.50
Military Furlough Fishing	17.50	N/A	20.50	N/A
Trapping (expires June 30)	26.75	N/A	29.75	N/A
Taxidermist/Furbuyer (expires June 30) ²	40.00	5-yr-176.75	40.00	5-yr-176.75
Hunting Passport (8+ yrs Junior or Adult) ⁶	1.75	N/A	1.75	N/A
Youth Licenses				
Junior Combination (Hunting & Fishing, 14-17 yrs)	\$17.50	\$49.00	\$19.75	\$49.00
Junior Hunting (10-17 yrs) ⁵	7.25	18.25	8.25	18.25
Junior Fishing (14-17yrs)	13.75	37.75	16.00	37.75
Youth Trapping (expires June 30)	7.25	N/A	8.25	N/A
Senior Licenses - 65 or Older				
Senior Combination (Hunting & Fishing)	\$11.75	\$31.75	\$13.75	\$31.75
Permits and Validations				
Archery or Muzzleloader Permit	\$18.25		\$19.50	
Bear Baiting Permit ²	12.75		15.00	
Hound Hunter Permit	12.75		15.00	
WMA Pheasant Permit (18+ yrs)	23.75 each		28.75	
Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit	4.75	N/A	5.75	N/A
Disabled Archery or Disabled Motor Vehicle Permit ^{2,3}	1.75		1.75	
Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit	1.75		2.75	
Salmon or Steelhead Permit	12.75		15.25	
Two-Pole Permit	13.75		15.00	
Adult Tags				
Deer	\$19.75		\$24.75	
Elk	30.75	N/A	36.75	N/A
Pronghorn	31.25		36.50	

FEE OR LICENSE	WITH PRICE LOCK		WITHOUT PRICE LOCK	
	ANNUAL	3-YEAR ⁷	ANNUAL	3-YEAR ⁷
Adult Tags				
Bear/Second Bear and Mt. Lion/Second Mt. Lion	11.50 each	N/A	13.75	N/A
Gray Wolf	11.50 each		13.75	
Gray Wolf Trapping (expires June 30)	11.50 each		13.75	
General Turkey	19.75		22.75	
Extra Turkey	12.25 each		12.25	
Special Unit Turkey	5.00 each		5.00	
Sandhill Crane	19.75 each		22.75	
Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (tag only, does not include application fee)	166.75		199.75	
Youth, Senior and DAV Tags⁴				
Deer ⁴	\$10.75	N/A	\$12.50	N/A
Elk ⁴	16.50		18.75	
Bear and Second Bear ⁴	6.75 each		7.75	
Turkey and Extra Turkey ⁴	10.75 each		12.50	
Controlled Hunt				
Controlled Hunt Application for Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bear	\$6.25 each	N/A	\$6.25	N/A
Controlled Hunt Application for Moose, Sheep or Mt. Goat	16.75		16.75	
Turkey Controlled Hunt Permit	7.75		7.75	

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

Resident 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 or hunting license, a junior combination or hunting license, a junior hunting passport, or a DAV combination or hunting license.
- ⁵ 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. 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.
- 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 3-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.
- ⁸ Price Lock on daily fishing is only available as long as the customer has a current year annual or a valid multiyear hunting license. Otherwise customer must pay fees in column 3.

PERMIT
Yourself
Time Off
the clock.

3-year license locks in your rates!

Starting in 2018, the price of most resident licenses, tags and permits will increase unless you bought an annual 2017 license. If you did buy a license, you will pay 2017 prices. If you didn't, you can still pay 2017 prices with Price Lock by purchasing any 3-year license.

For more information, please visit:
<https://idfg.idaho.gov/pricelock>

Nonresident License, Tag and Permit Fees

Prices listed below are as of January 1, 2018. Prices may change without notice. Licenses, tags and permits are valid through December 31, except where noted. All tags, permits and applications require the purchase of a license.

FEE OR LICENSE	ANNUAL	3-YEAR	FEE OR LICENSE	ANNUAL	3-YEAR	
Access-Depredation Fee for Adult	\$10.00	20.00	WMA Pheasant Permit (18+ yrs)	51.75 ea.	N/A	
Access-Depredation Fee for Jr./Sr./DAV	4.00	8.00	Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit	5.75		
A license buyer is required to pay this annual fee when purchasing their first annual license of the year. It will not apply to any additional annual licenses purchased later in the year, nor is it required to purchase a daily license.			Disabled Archery or Disabled Motor Vehicle Permit ^{1,3}	1.75		
			Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit	4.75		
			Salmon or Steelhead Permit	25.75		
			Two-Pole Permit	15.50		
Adult Licenses: 18 years of age and older			Adult Tags			
Combination Hunting & Fishing	\$240.00	716.50	Deer	\$301.75	N/A	
Hunting (includes three-day fishing license each year of license)	154.75	460.75	Elk	416.75		
Disabled American Veteran Hunting (DAV) ⁶ (Includes three-day fishing license)	31.75	N/A	Pronghorn	311.75		
Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season)	97.75	N/A	Bear	186.00		
Three-Day Nonresident Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season)	35.50	N/A	Reduced Bear and Second Bear	41.75 ea.		
Nongame Hunting	35.50	N/A	Mountain Lion	186.00		
Shooting Preserve Hunting	23.75	N/A	Reduced Mountain Lion and Second Mountain Lion	41.75 ea.		
Fishing	98.25	291.25	Gray Wolf and Gray Wolf Trapping (expires June 30)	31.75 ea.		
Daily Fishing (first day) Each consecutive day at initial time of purchase	15.00 8.75	N/A	General Turkey and Extra Turkey	80.00 ea.		
Three-day Salmon/Steelhead	37.50	N/A	Special Unit Turkey	5.00 ea.		
Trapping (expires June 30)	301.75	N/A	Sandhill Crane	67.50		
Taxidermist/Furbuyer ¹ (expires June 30)	170.00	N/A	Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (tag only, does not include application fee)	\$2,101.75		
Hunting Passport ² (8+years Junior or 18+years Adult)	1.75	N/A	Junior Mentored/DAV Tags			
Junior Mentored & Youth Licenses			Deer ⁴	\$23.75		N/A
Junior Mentored Hunting ⁵ (10-17 yrs)	\$31.75	91.75	Elk ⁴	39.75		
Junior Fishing (under 18 yrs)	21.75	61.75	Bear and Second Bear ⁴	23.75 ea.		
			Turkey and Extra Turkey ⁴	19.75 ea.		
Permits and Validations			Controlled Hunt			
Archery or Muzzleloader Permit	\$20.00	N/A	Controlled Hunt Application for deer, elk, pronghorn, bear	\$14.75 ea.	N/A	
Bear Baiting Permit ¹	31.75		Controlled Hunt Application for moose, sheep or mt. goat	41.75		
Hound Hunter Permit ¹	169.75		Turkey Controlled Hunt Permit	7.75		

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Nonresident 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, and can only mentor two youth at a time. 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 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. A 9-year old may buy a license to apply for a controlled hunt, but he or she must be 10 years old at the time of the hunt.
- ⁶ Disability must be certified by Veterans Affairs on their official letterhead showing combined service-connected disability rating of 40% or more.