

2020 & 2021 UPLAND GAME, FURBEARER LICENSES AND PERMITS

For all resident and nonresident license, tag and permit fees, see pages 52-54.

No person shall hunt, trap, or fish for or take any wild animal, bird or fish of this state or practice falconry without first having procured a license.

Before purchasing a hunting license, all applicants born on or after Jan. 1, 1975 must complete a state approved hunter education course. See page 50.

The resident Junior Hunting license (for ages 10-17) may be issued to qualified persons who are 9 years of age to allow them to apply for controlled hunts, however, the youth may not hunt until they are 10 years of age. Youth with a Junior Hunting License who are younger than 12 may hunt big game and must be accompanied in the field by an adult licensed to hunt in Idaho. This license is valid for game animals (ages 10-17), game birds, unprotected and predatory wildlife.

A Nonresident Junior Mentored Hunting license is available for youth ages 10-17. 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.

Both a three-day and nonresident small game hunting license is valid for upland game birds, turkey, migratory game birds, upland game animals, huntable furbearing animals and unprotected and predatory wildlife for three consecutive days. This license is not valid for the first five days of pheasant season.

License and Permit Requirements by Species

To hunt sage-grouse and/or sharp-tailed grouse, hunters must purchase a hunting license and a Sage/Sharp-tailed grouse permit.

A hunting license is required to hunt pheasants.

Hunting for pheasants on the nine WMAs (C.J. Strike, Cartier Slough, Fort Boise, Market Lake, Montour, Mud Lake, Niagara Springs, Payette River, Sterling), or any other locations where the Department stocks pheasants, hunters must purchase a hunting license and an Upland Game Bird permit. The permit is required for hunters aged 18 and older. Permits are valid for six pheasants and multiple permits may be purchased.

Other Species

Hunters who pursue quail, partridge, forest grouse, rabbit, hare, crows, predators and unprotected species must purchase a hunting license. No special permits are required. Pygmy rabbit season is closed. Mountain quail and Gambel's quail seasons are closed.

A hunting license is required to practice falconry in Idaho. Falconers also must obtain proper state and federal permits

for training and possessing a bird of prey. Contact the nearest Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional office for more information.

Nonresident falconers must have a valid Idaho hunting license, all necessary validation and a valid falconry permit from their state of residence.

Migratory Game Birds

To pursue doves, ducks, geese, coots, sandhill cranes or Wilson's snipe, hunters must purchase a hunting license and Migratory Bird (HIP) permit. Hunters 16 years or older also need a federal duck stamp for ducks, geese and coots.

Trapping License

No license is required for resident children under the age of 14 years to trap muskrats from irrigation ditches or property on which they live during the open season. A license is not required for resident children under the age of 12 years to hunt, take or kill predatory, unprotected birds and animals by means other than with firearms.

Trapping Reciprocal Agreement

Attention Nonresident Trappers: A nonresident Idaho trapping license allows you to trap only those species that your home resident state allows nonresidents to trap and that there is an open season for those species in Idaho. Quotas apply. For states with multiple quotas, the most restrictive trapping quota will apply in Idaho. Nonresidents are advised to review their home state's nonresident trapping rules.

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- ✓ Hunting on private land is a privilege. Always get permission and thank the landowner.
- ✓ Be a mentor. Pass on the heritage and traditions of hunting, fishing and trapping in Idaho.

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., or by internet.
- From your computer or mobile device, go to idfg.idaho.gov/buy
- Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime certificates, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.

When buying licenses by telephone, the buyer 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 permit such as salmon/steelhead or WMA permits. 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.

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. 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

Any resident certified as permanently disabled or 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. An applicant must provide either a benefit verification letter from the Social Security Administration in their name showing they are receiving SSI or SSDI benefits for the current year, or a letter from the Railroad Retirement board verifying disability status and being dated within 3 years preceding application for a license, or a letter of any date prior to license application from the Veterans Affairs office verifying a service-connected disability rating of 40% or greater, or a current year's letter from the Veteran Affairs office showing the applicant is receiving a nonservice-connected pension, or a form prescribed by the

department that certifies permanent physical disability. A physically disabled person means a person who has lost the use of one (1) or both lower extremities or both hands, or is unable to walk 200 feet or more unassisted by another person or without the aid of a walker, cane, crutches, braces, prosthetic device or a wheelchair, or is unable to walk 200 feet or more without great difficulty or discomfort due to one or more of the following impairments: neurological, orthopedic, respiratory, cardiac, arthritic disorder, blindness (a medically documented loss or impairment of vision and includes any person whose visual acuity with correcting lens does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye, or whose vision in the better eye is restricted to a field which subtends an angle of not greater than 20 degrees), or the loss of function or absence of a limb.

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 or hunting 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; online at idfg.idaho.gov/title36 and idfg.idaho.gov/idapa13 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: idfg.idaho.gov/hunt/passport, or contact your local Fish and Game office.

Resident License, Tag and Permit Fees

Prices listed below include prices for those who have held a valid annual/3 year license in 2017 and 2018 who are considered "Price Locked" and prices for those who are not price locked. To opt in to the price lock you may purchase a 3 year 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	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	N/A	\$19.50	N/A
Bear Baiting Permit ²	12.75		15.00	
Hound Hunter Permit	12.75		15.00	
Upland Game Bird Permit (18+ yrs)	23.75 each		28.75	
Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit	4.75		5.75	
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	N/A	\$24.75	N/A
Elk	30.75		36.75	
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.



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 or a lifetime license.

For more information, please visit:
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
Access-Depredation Fee for Adult	\$10.00	20.00
Access-Depredation Fee for Jr./Sr./DAV	4.00	8.00
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		
Combination Hunting & Fishing	\$240.00	716.50
Hunting (includes three-day fishing license each year of license)	154.75	460.75
Disabled American Veteran Hunting (DAV) ⁶ (Includes three-day fishing license)	31.75	N/A
Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season)	97.75	N/A
Three-Day Nonresident Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season)	35.50	N/A
Nongame Hunting	35.50	N/A
Shooting Preserve Hunting	23.75	N/A
Fishing	98.25	291.25
Daily Fishing (first day) Each consecutive day at initial time of purchase	15.00 7.00	N/A
Three-day Salmon/Steelhead	37.50	N/A
Trapping (expires June 30)	301.75	N/A
Taxidermist/Furbuyer ¹ (expires June 30)	170.00	N/A
Hunting Passport ² (8+years Junior or 18+years Adult)	1.75	N/A
Junior Mentored & Youth Licenses		
Junior Mentored Hunting ⁵ (10-17 yrs)	\$31.75	91.75
Junior Fishing (under 18 yrs)	21.75	61.75
Permits and Validations		
Archery or Muzzleloader Permit	\$20.00	
Bear Baiting Permit ¹	31.75	N/A
Hound Hunter Permit ¹	169.75	

FEE OR LICENSE	ANNUAL	3-YEAR
Upland Game Bird Permit (18+ yrs)	51.75 ea.	
Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit	5.75	
Disabled Archery or Disabled Motor Vehicle Permit ^{1,3}	1.75	N/A
Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit	4.75	
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	41.75 ea.	
Mountain Lion	186.00	
Reduced Mountain Lion and Second Mountain Lion	41.75 ea.	N/A
Gray Wolf and Gray Wolf Trapping (expires June 30)	31.75 ea.	
General Turkey and Extra Turkey	80.00 ea.	
Special Unit Turkey	5.00 ea.	
Sandhill Crane	67.50	
Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (tag only, does not include application fee)	\$2,101.75	
Junior Mentored/DAV Tags		
Deer ⁴	\$23.75	
Elk ⁴	39.75	
Bear and Second Bear ⁴	23.75 ea.	N/A
Turkey and Extra Turkey ⁴	19.75 ea.	
Controlled Hunt		
Controlled Hunt Application for deer, elk, pronghorn, bear	\$14.75 ea.	
Controlled Hunt Application for moose, sheep or mt. goat	41.75	N/A
Turkey Controlled Hunt Permit	7.75	

Nonresident Notes:

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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 adult accompanying any holder of a junior mentored hunting license must have a tag(s) for the same species, the adult accompanying and junior passport holder 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.

HUNTING PASSPORT

There is simply no better way to introduce a new hunter to the safe, ethical and responsible aspects of hunting than with the close supervision of an adult mentor.

Idahoe's Hunting Passport is a component of Fish and Game's mentored hunting program. The Hunting Passport allows any first-time hunter, resident or nonresident, age 8 and older to try hunting with an adult mentor without first having to complete an Idaho hunter education course.

- Hunting Passports are only available to first time hunters. Those that have previously held a hunting license in any state are not eligible.
- Hunter Education certification is not needed to obtain a Hunting Passport. If an individual has completed a Hunter Education course but has not yet purchased a license, they are eligible for a Hunting Passport.
- The minimum age to hold a Hunting Passport is eight years of age; there is no maximum age.
- Must be 10 years of age to hunt big game, turkey and sandhill crane; 8 years of age to hunt other game birds, upland game animals, furbearers, predatory or unprotected species.

NOTE: The 2020 Idaho Legislature may approve a new rule in April 2020 that would allow Hunting Passport holders who are 8 or 9 years of age to purchase turkey tags to participate in the following turkey hunts: general season, general youth-only, depredation, and landowner permission hunts with the appropriate landowner permission permit. Hunting Passport holders are not eligible to participate in controlled hunts. Please call your local regional office to find out if this rule has been approved.

- The Hunting Passport is a calendar year item just like a hunting license and expires on December 31 of the year in which it was obtained.
- Only one Passport can be purchased in a lifetime—except an 8 year-old who has obtain a Passport may obtain an additional Passport each year until reaching ten years of age. To continue hunting after the Passport expires, completion of a hunter education course and license purchase is required.
- Available at license vendors, online and Fish and Game regional offices.
- Cost is \$1.75.



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