

# Licenses, Permits and Fees

## To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor throughout the state.
- By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685, or 1-800-824-3729. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail. A service fee of 3 percent of the transaction plus \$5.50 is added for this transaction.
- On the Internet, go online to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. A service fee of 3 percent of the transaction plus **\$3.50** is added for this transaction.
- 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 validation number, which may be used in lieu of the actual license for 14 days from the date of issue. The information must be read exactly as it appears on the license. When this number is used in lieu of the license, the person must carry their driver's license or identification card. A validation number may not be used in lieu of a tag. Purchasers must wait until tags or permits arrive.

Call 208-334-3700 for more information.

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:** Licenses and tags go on sale December 1 of each year, but resident tags are not available until after the deer, elk and pronghorn controlled hunt drawings in July. All licenses are valid only in the calendar year for which they are issued.

## Hunter 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 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.
- The Hunter Education Course includes 15-17 class hours plus a two- to four-hour range and live-fire exercise. The curriculum includes training in firearms safety, basic archery safety, hunting ethics, wildlife management, conservation, survival, regulations and a final written exam.

- The Bowhunter Education Course averages 12 class hours plus a field exercise. Subjects include bowhunting equipment, techniques, safety, shot placement, ethics, treestand safety, outdoor preparedness and the state final exam.
- Independent study courses include a Workbook Option and an Internet-based course for hunter education and internet-based course for bowhunter education as alternatives to the traditional classroom courses for students 10 years or older. There is a small additional cost for the Internet courses that is paid directly to the course provider. All independent study courses require the successful completion of an additional 6 to 7 hour scheduled field day. Course and registration information can be found on the Hunter Education Program page of the Idaho Fish and Game website at [http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/education/hunter\\_ed/](http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/education/hunter_ed/) or obtained from a regional Fish and Game office. It is highly recommended that individuals planning to participate in fall hunts register for a course early in the year and before June 30. Hunter education and bowhunter education classes are taught by volunteer instructors who, like other hunters, want to be afield early in the hunting season. **The number of classes and independent study course field days available becomes very limited because of a decrease in instructor availability close to and during the hunting season.** Individuals with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations or obtain additional information by contacting the Fish and Game State Hunter Education Coordinator's office, 600 S. Walnut St. Boise, ID 83707, phone 208-334-3746, or toll free at 1-866-285-1544 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-2529 (TDD) or email: [rfritz@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:rfritz@idfg.idaho.gov).

**Refund Policy:** No refunds will be made on resident licenses, tags or permits. Nonresident hunting license 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 or his or her 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 or bear 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 permit, and whose family had the fees refunded. Contact Fish and Game Licenses at (208) 334-2592.

If a refund is requested for any other reason, only the permit and tag fees (not the license 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.

**Your Social Security Number is Safe:** The 1998 Idaho Legislature required that all applicants for licenses issued by the state, including hunting or fishing licenses, tags and permits, must give their Social Security number for a license or permit to be issued. The Idaho Privacy Law protects your Social Security number. It is considered confidential, **will not** be printed on your license and **will not** be given to any private person or organization.

## Residency Requirements

### **Resident:**

Proof of residency is required to buy any resident license. A resident is anyone who has been domiciled in this state with a bona fide intent to make this his place of permanent abode, for a period of not less than 6 months immediately preceding the date of application for any license, tag or permit. A senior resident is anyone over 65 who has lived in the state at least 5 years immediately preceding the date of application for a senior license or tag.

A driver must prove residency with a valid Idaho driver's license. Nondrivers may use other suitable proof of residency, such as an Idaho Identification Card issued by the Department of Transportation, or two documents bearing his or her name and address, not issued by himself or herself, such as rent receipts or mortgage statements for the previous six months, home utility bills for the previous 6 months, a notarized statement from an employer on business letterhead, or proof of voter registration dated 6 months prior, or in the case of a child under 18, identification from a parent. A previous year's hunting, fishing or trapping license is not proof of residency.

A member of the military of the United States or of a foreign country, or a member of the Idaho National or Air National Guard, together with spouse and children under 18 residing in his or her household, on active duty and permanently stationed in Idaho for 30 days preceding application shall be eligible to buy a resident license, as long as such assignment continues.

Idaho residents, who are in the U.S. military and maintain Idaho as their official state of residence, together with spouse and children under 18 residing in his or her household, shall

be eligible to buy a resident license. The service person himself or herself is eligible to buy a furlough license from any vendor while on leave. Other permits and validations must be attached as required.

### **Nonresident:**

You are considered a nonresident if you:

- File income taxes as a resident in another state.
- File a homeowner's exemption in another state.
- Have a driver's license in another state.
- Register to vote in another state.

Owning real property or paying property taxes within the state of Idaho is **not** a qualification for residency. No one can claim Idaho resident privileges while claiming resident privileges in another state, except military personnel.

**Nonresident Tag Quotas:** There is a quota on nonresident deer and elk tags. Quotas may be exceeded under the following conditions:

- Persons who have moved into Idaho and are establishing residency who can, by affidavit, show proof of their intent to become bona fide residents, but are not yet fully qualified to buy a resident license, may purchase a nonresident deer tag and nonresident elk tag through the headquarters or regional offices.
- Fish and Game may, upon receipt of an unused nonresident deer or elk tag and a notarized affidavit stating that the tag buyer has not hunted, issue an additional tag to provide a hunting opportunity within the nonresident hunter quota before the opening of the season for which the tag is valid as follows:
  - To another nonresident designated by the buyer.
  - If the buyer does not make a choice and has retained an outfitter or guide, the outfitter or guide may make the designation.
  - If no designation is made by the above, Idaho Fish and Game may sell the replacement tag on a first-come, first-served basis. The designated buyer will pay the regular fee for the replacement tag.

**Note:** Nonresident tags sell out early. In 2008, nonresident general season elk sold out on September 24. Nonresident deer sold out October 3.

Go Wild!



Buy Wild!

## INVEST IN IDAHO'S WILDLIFE

Wildlife plates are available at the vehicle licensing offices of every county assessor. Just bring the vehicle registration with you and purchase either a bluebird plate, an elk plate or fish plate. Your support helps Department of Fish and Game nongame wildlife conservation, education, and recreation programs. For a statewide list of assessor's offices, check this website:

<http://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/vehicleservices/assessor.htm>



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Put your skills,  
talent, and  
passion to work  
at Fish and  
Game



Enjoy a rewarding  
experience that helps  
the environment,  
community, and  
wildlife.

Contact your regional  
office to find out how  
you can get involved!



# License, Tag and Permit Fees

The amounts listed include all permits and application fees as of January 1, 2009. Fees may change without notice.  
Licenses, permits, validations and tags expire December 31.

Idaho Residents  
(See requirements on page 91)

## Adult licenses:

### 18 years of age and older

Sportsman's Package*	\$117.25
Combination Hunting and Fishing	33.50
Disabled Combination (SSI, SSDI, DAV-See special permit information page 95)	5.00
Military Leave Combination	17.50
Hunting	12.75
Fishing	25.75

Disabled Fishing (See special permit information page 95)	5.00
Military Leave Fishing	17.50
Trapping	26.75
Taxidermist/Furbuyer - 1 year	40.00
Taxidermist/Furbuyer - 5 years	176.75

### Youth licenses 10 – 17 years

Sportsman's Package*	\$117.25
Junior Combination (14-17)	17.50
Junior Hunting (12-17)	7.25
Junior Fishing (14-17)	13.75
Youth Small Game Hunting (10-11)	7.25
Trapping	7.25

**Senior license 65 years and older** (5 years residency prior to license purchase required)

Combination, Hunting or Fishing	\$11.75
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## Permits and Validations

Archery Permit	\$18.25
Muzzleloader Permit	18.25
Hound Hunter Permit	12.75
Bear Baiting Permit	12.75
Wildlife Management Area Pheasant	23.75
Sage/Sharptail Grouse Permit	1.75
Migratory Bird Permit	1.75
Handicapped Archery Permit****	1.75
Handicapped Motor Vehicle Permit****	1.75
Salmon Permit	12.75

Steelhead Permit	12.75
Two-Pole Permit	13.75

## Adult Tags

Deer	\$19.75
Elk	30.75
Bear	11.50
Second Bear	11.50
Mountain Lion	11.50
Second Mountain Lion	11.50
General Turkey	19.75
Extra Turkey	12.25
Pronghorn	31.25

Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (controlled hunt only, includes permit, tag and application fees)	180.75
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## Youth, Senior, and DAV Tags\*\*

Deer**	\$10.75
Elk**	16.50
Bear**	6.75
Second Bear**	6.75
General Turkey***	10.75
Extra Turkey ***	10.75

## Controlled Hunts

Controlled Hunt Application	\$6.25
Controlled Hunt Permit	7.75

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

\*\* Must have a senior combination or hunting license, a Junior combination or hunting license, or a DAV license.

\*\*\* Must have a senior combination or hunting license, a Junior combination or hunting license, or a DAV license, or a Youth Small Game hunting license.

\*\*\*\* Available only at Idaho Fish and Game offices. Disability must be certified by a medical doctor on a Fish and Game form.

**Special Resident Permits**

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 disability, 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.

**Resident Lifetime License Certificates**

Regardless of your age, purchase of a lifetime license could be the best investment you ever make. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses authorize all privileges associated with a corresponding annual license. These licenses are valid for the lifetime of the license holder and are available to all residents of Idaho. If a lifetime certificate holder moves out of Idaho, they will continue to receive an annual license, but they will have to pay nonresident tag and permit fees. The lifetime certificate does not include tags and permits. Lifetime certificates can be purchased at Idaho Fish and Game headquarters and regional offices.

Applicant Age	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

**Note:** Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, lifetime license (renewal beginning second year of ownership), bear baiting permits, and bobcat and otter pelt tags (pelts are tagged at regional offices and the Hunter Education Center only) are available **only** at Idaho Fish and Game offices.

**For licenses not listed, please visit our web page at:** <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>

Nonresident  
(See pages 90-91)

- Combination Hunting & Fishing .....\$199.75
- Hunting .....141.50
- Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first 5 days of pheasant season. Valid for upland & migratory game birds, turkeys, cottontail, and snowshoe hare only, it includes huntable furbearers and unprotected and predatory birds and animals ..... 81.75
- Nongame Hunting (valid January to August).....29.25
- Shooting Preserve Hunting .....12.75

- Season Fishing .....82.00
- Daily Fishing (first day) .....11.50
  - Each consecutive day at initial time of purchase add .....5.00
- Three-day Salmon/Steelhead (includes 3 day general fishing license) .....31.50
- Trapping\*\*\*\*(expires June 30) .....251.50
- Taxidermist/Furbuyer\*\*\*\* (expires June 30) .....140.75

**Junior Mentored & Youth Licenses**

- Junior Mentored Hunting\* (12-17) ..... \$7.25
- Youth Small Game Hunting\* (10-11) .....7.25
- Junior Fishing (under 18) .....13.75
- Daily Fishing (first day) .....11.50
  - Each consecutive day at initial time of purchase add .....5.00
- Three-day Salmon/Steelhead (includes 3 day general fishing license) .....31.50

**Permits and Validations**

- Archery Permit .....\$18.25
- Muzzleloader Permit .....18.25
- Hound Hunter Permit \*\*\*\* .....101.75
- Bear Baiting Permit \*\*\*\* .....12.75
- Wildlife Management Area Pheasant .....23.75
- Sage/Sharptail Grouse Permit ..... 1.75
- Migratory Bird Permit .....1.75
- Handicapped Archery Permit\*\*\*\*\* .....1.75
- Handicapped Motor Vehicle Permit\*\*\*\*\* .....1.75
- Salmon Permit .....12.75
- Steelhead Permit .....12.75
- Two-Pole Permit .....13.75

**Adult Tags**

- Deer (Regular or White-tailed) .....\$258.50
- Elk .....372.50
- Bear .....151.75
- Reduced Bear .....31.75
- Second Bear .....31.75
- Mountain Lion .....151.75
- Reduced Mountain Lion .....31.75

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Second Mountain Lion . . . . .	31.75
Turkey . . . . .	67.50
Extra Turkey . . . . .	67.50
Pronghorn . . . . .	258.50
Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (Controlled hunt only, includes permit, tag, and application fees) . . . . .	1,765.75

**Junior Mentored Tags\*\***

Deer (Regular, White-tailed)** . . . . .	\$10.75
Elk** . . . . .	16.50
Bear** . . . . .	6.75
Second Bear** . . . . .	6.75
Turkey*** . . . . .	10.75
Extra Turkey*** . . . . .	10.75

**Controlled Hunt**

Controlled Hunt Application. . . . .	\$6.25
Controlled Hunt Permit. . . . .	7.75

\* 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.

\*\* Must have a Junior Mentored hunting license. The accompanying adult must have a tag(s) for the same species, valid in the same area(s). The junior mentored deer tags are not valid for bear or mountain lion. Price not valid for leftover nonresident general season deer or elk tags purchased as second tags.

\*\*\* Must have a Junior Mentored hunting license or a Youth Small Game hunting license.

\*\*\*\*These licenses and permits are only available at Idaho Fish and Game offices. Disability must be certified by a medical doctor on a Fish and Game form.

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

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**Super Hunt**

The first Super Hunt ticket for each species costs \$6; each additional ticket for that species purchased at the same time costs \$4.  
The first Super Hunt Combo ticket costs \$20; each additional ticket purchased at the same time costs \$16.



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Information in this brochure summarizes the rules and is the official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of deer, elk, and pronghorn from August 2009 through January 2010 and the taking of black bears and mountain lions from August 2009 through June 2010. The official rules are available from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.

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