Fees and Refunds

- In addition to the cost of each permit or license, there is a $5 nonrefundable drawing fee for each license or permit you apply for. The $5 fee covers the cost of printing and processing the application.
- In some situations, FWP may refund resident or nonresident – in full or in part – fees for licenses and/or drawings.
- The appropriate documentation (death certificate, medical statement, etc.) must accompany the unused license(s) and a signed request form certifying the license(s) has not been used. Nonresident license holders should call 406-444-2950 for information.
- Situations include:

Reason	Deadline	Refund
Death of licensee	12/31/12	100%
Death of family member	12/31/12	90%
Medical emergency	12/31/12	90%

Call Licensing at 406-444-2950

- If you do not receive your license or refund within 2-3 weeks of time from refund dates. Note: the license fee is refunded if an applicant is unsuccessful in the drawings, unless there is a valid obligation owed to the State of Montana or if the refund is less than $5.
- For information on drawings for big game hunting.
- For surplus license (any left over licenses or permits from the drawings) information and applications (available by the end of August).

License Discount Opportunities

- Montana resident members of the Montana National Guard, Federal Reserve or Active Duty, who participated after September 11, 2001 in a contingency operation outside the state for two months and have been released from active duty or discharged, are entitled to a free conservation license OR a sportsman without bear license for a fee of $2. These licenses will be issued only at FWP offices. DD 214 and supporting documentation is required.
  - To take advantage of this opportunity you must obtain the license in the year you returned from military service, or in the following year.
- A veteran with certain combat connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP License Bureau Chief for details at 406-444-2663.
- Nonresidents who hold a current upland game bird license, big game combination, elk combination or deer combination license may purchase a nonresident turkey license for $55.
- Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for $474.50 beginning March 1 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current resident deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk combination or nonresident deer combination license. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website at **fwp.mt.gov** and will be processed at the FWP headquarters in Helena. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.
- Nonresident children of residents may be entitled to reduced rate licenses for up to six years from the date they received their diploma or GED. To qualify the child must have: 1) been born and raised in Montana; 2) attended and completed high school or attained a GED in Montana; and 3) the parent(s) still reside in Montana. Licenses will be issued at FWP offices with verification of Birth Certificate, Montana high school diploma or GED, and proof that natural or adoptive parent is still a current Montana resident. Any nonresident youth hunting with this license must be accompanied by a licensed resident family member while hunting in the field.
- Nonresident students enrolled as a full-time student (12 or more credits) in a postsecondary educational institution in Montana or Nonresident full time students in another state who graduated from MT High School and their parent is a MT resident are now eligible for discounted hunting licenses. The new nonresident college student big game combination license will cost $70.00 and includes Conservation, fishing, upland bird, deer and elk.
  - Application for the nonresident college student big game combination license may be made after the second Monday in September at any FWP Regional office or Department Headquarters in Helena. To qualify, the applicant shall present a valid student identification card and copy of paid tuition as current full-time enrollment at a post secondary education institution in Montana. Payment of the $10 Hunting Access Enhancement Fee is also required.

Youth Elk Hunts

- Youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) -15 years of age may hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations without applying for an elk permit through the drawing in the following hunting districts. Be sure to check specific hunting district regulations as youth hunting opportunities in some of the districts listed below may not include either-sex or antlered bull elk.

Resident and Nonresident Youth Opportunities	
R 2	204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 240, 261, 270, 280, 281, 283, 291, 292, 293
R 3	300, 301, 310, 311, 314, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 328, 329, 331, 332, 334, 335, 340, 341, 343, 350, 360, 361, 362, 370, 380, 391, 392
R 4	401, 403, 412, 415, 417, 426, 441, 447
R 5	520, 560

Youth Elk Permits and Elk B Licenses

- Elk permits and elk B licenses only for youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) -15 years of age to hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations are offered in hunting districts listed below.
- To qualify, the applicant must:
  - be 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) -15 years of age at time of application.
  - show proof of successfully completing hunter education.
  - be accompanied, while hunting, by an adult and/or guardian who is at least 18 years of age.
- Youth that are 15 years of age at the start of the general season, October 20, are eligible to hunt in the youth areas even if they turn 16 years of age during the season.

Youth Resident/Nonresident Permits	
R2	282-20
R3	313-20

B Licenses	
R6	621-80, 631-81, 690-80

Youth Hunter		
Age	**Available To**	**Opportunities and Requirements**
11	Resident & Nonresident	A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2013 and can show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of purchase/application, may: • After August 15, 2012, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season. • Purchase a hunting license, except spring turkey and spring black bear. • Apply for any drawing, except spring turkey.
11-13	Resident & Nonresident	In order to carry or use a firearm in public, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, as per Montana law.
12-15	Resident & Nonresident	**Youth Statewide Two-Day Deer Hunt** – • The FWP Commission is allowing two additional days to provide a hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in deer hunting. • Legally licensed hunters 12 through 15 years of age may hunt deer during the Statewide Two-day Youth Only Deer Season – October 18-19. – During these two days, youth hunters with a general or deer B license may take those deer species and sex otherwise available on their general or deer B license the first day of the general firearm season in the specific hunting district the youth is hunting. • A nonhunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field. • Shooting hours, hunter safety requirements and all other regulations that apply to the regular deer firearm season shall apply to this youth two-day deer season.
12-17	Resident Only	A youth who has successfully completed a hunter safety and education course, and is purchasing his/her first Montana hunting license, is entitled to receive a Resident Youth Combination Sports License free-of-charge.
14	Resident Only	A youth 14 years of age who purchases a discounted general deer or elk license, may use the license throughout the season, even if he/she turns 15 before or during the season.
12-17	Nonresident Only	Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for $474.50 beginning March 1 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current resident deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk combination or nonresident deer combination license. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and will be processed at the FWP headquarters in Helena. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.

Hunters with a Disability

- Certification for "special considerations" are lifetime certifications and do not need to be renewed annually.
- For applications, detailed eligibility requirements, and information on licenses and permits for hunters with disabilities contact any FWP office or on the FWP website. See addresses and phone numbers on page 119.

Resident With a Disability Conservation License

- Residents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may purchase a conservation license for $8 which includes fishing, upland game bird (excluding turkey), state waterfowl license, and state lands recreational use license for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes.
- The license holder may also purchase a general deer and general elk license at a discounted price. Applications for a Resident With a Disability Conservation License are available at all FWP offices and on the FWP website.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.