

Obtain A License Or Permit (MCA 87-2-184; 87-2-704)

- Only one license or permit of any type may be purchased each year, unless otherwise specified and allowed in the regulations, such as a hunter may purchase more than one deer B license.
- Many licenses or permits may be purchased from FWP license providers, FWP offices or online licensing. Some licenses and permits are available only through a drawing.
- Refer to the Licenses Available Chart for a complete list of resident and nonresident licenses and application or purchase deadlines.

Online Licensing

- FWP encourages hunters to apply online for permits/licenses awarded through a drawing as there are safeguards that will not accept incomplete applications. Also, your information is retained for future purchases or license applications.
- You may apply for permits and/or licenses and purchase many general hunting licenses from FWP Online Licensing between approximately 5:00 a.m. and 11:45 p.m., Montana local time, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates.
- Go to app.mt.gov/als/index/index.html and follow the instructions.
- Online purchases must be made by using a MasterCard, Visa, American Express or debit card.
- Montana residents must have purchased a Conservation License through the automated licensing system (ALS) in a previous license year and have an ALS number to buy licenses online.
- **Don't wait until the last minute** to buy your hunting license online as carcass tags are mailed to you and may take up to 10 days to process and arrive.
- **All license purchases and applications are final and cannot be changed or withdrawn.** (MCA 87-6-102)

Drawing Applications

- Drawing applications are available from FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov and from License Providers.
- All applications (whether by mail or online) for deer and elk permits must be submitted or postmarked on or before March 15. Applications for deer B, elk B, antelope and/or antelope B licenses must be submitted or postmarked on or before June 1.
- Both resident and nonresident hunters are eligible to apply for most of the licenses awarded through the drawings. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota.
- Drawings are based upon the final quotas adopted by the F&W Commission which

may differ from the quotas listed in the printed hunting district regulations.

- For specific license/permit opportunities, please refer to the hunting district regulations for a complete list of all available hunting opportunities for each hunting district.

Party Applications

In Montana, a "party" means a group of hunters are applying together for the chance to obtain a hunting license or permit. If successful, each hunter must harvest their own game. **It is unlawful to loan or transfer a license to another or to use a license issued to another person.**

All party members must apply in the same manner, either online using the same party number, OR all on paper submitted in the same envelope.

For paper applications:

- (1) Each party member must complete their own application.
- (2) Each party member must apply for the same hunting districts, in the same order and all party members must choose to either participate or not participate in the preference/bonus point system.
- (3) All paper party applications must be submitted in the same envelope. If one party member makes an error, that application will be eliminated from the party and the remaining will be processed.
- (4) The maximum number of applicants in a party is five. If more than five are in the group, the whole group will be entered into the system as individuals.

For online applications: The party establisher must list all party members and provide the party number to all members. Each member must apply online as a member of that party using the number assigned to the establisher.

Licenses and Permits Through A Drawing

- You may apply for a permit and/or license that allows you to hunt in an otherwise restricted area or time period. You may also decide to participate in the bonus point system.
- Residents must hold a general deer license before applying for a deer permit.
- Residents must hold a general elk license before applying for an elk permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game or Deer Combination License before applying for a deer permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game, Elk or Combination License before applying for an elk permit.
- Nonresident holders of a Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination License are reminded that the license (including

deer B licenses) entitles them to hunt deer only on the deeded lands of the sponsoring landowner. This license may not be used on leased or public land. However, the license is valid statewide for fishing and hunting upland game birds.

- Nonresident holders of a Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination License may apply for a deer permit or deer B license only in the hunting district where they are authorized to hunt deer.

Residency (MCA 87-6-302)

- It is unlawful to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or replacement resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

Resident (MCA 87-2-102)

- To be a lawful Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, you must:
 - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
 - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
 - be registered to vote in Montana, if you're registered to vote at all;
 - not possess (or have applied for any) current resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
 - file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
 - Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
 - A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
 - > claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
 - > is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.
- To purchase an annual resident Conservation License you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC), or a valid Tribal Identification Card.
- If your MDL or MIC was issued less than six months ago, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

Nonresident (MCA 87-2-506)

- Montana's nonresident guests are eligible to purchase or apply for most Montana fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota for a district. The "Licenses Available Chart" provides details.
- Nonresident unmarried minors, at least 12 (by Jan 16, 2020) but not older than 17 years of age, can hunt and fish in Montana as a resident if the minor's parents, legal guardian, or parent with joint custody, sole custody, or visitation rights is a lawful resident of Montana. See "Youth Hunter" chart for details.

Armed Forces (MCA 87-2-102)

- A member of the regular armed forces of the United States, a member's spouse or dependent who resides in the member's household, or a member of the armed forces of a foreign government attached to the regular armed forces of the United States is considered a resident for Montana hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses if:
 - the member was a resident of Montana under the provisions listed under residency and continues to meet these residency criteria; or,
 - the member is currently stationed in and assigned to active duty in Montana, has resided in Montana for at least 30 days, and presents official assignment orders and a certificate verifying successful completion of an approved hunter safety course from any state or province.

Prerequisites

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Pass (AISPP) (MCA 87-2-130)

Required in addition to a fishing license. Supports the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Inspection Program. Learn more at: CleanDrainDryMT.com

Base Hunting License (MCA 87-2-116)

A required prerequisite for hunting or applying for a permit or license. This is an annual fee and will be charged at the time the hunter purchases or applies for his/her first hunting license (including upland and migratory bird).

Conservation License (MCA 87-2-201; MCA 87-2-202)

- Each new license year, a new Conservation License is required to purchase any fishing, trapping, or hunting license(s), or to apply for licenses/permits. The Montana license year begins on March 1 and runs through the last day of February of the following year.
- In compliance with the Federal Welfare Reform Laws, Montana law requires each resident and nonresident hunter,

including youth, to provide the last four digits of his/her Social Security number when purchasing a Conservation License or obtaining a Conservation License through a drawing.

Hunter Education (MCA 87-2-105)

Hunter Education Requirements

If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

Bowhunter Education Requirements

To purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow License, a hunter must:

- provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
- provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province.

Duplicate Certificates

Bowhunter or hunter education certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website at: fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter

License and Permit Types

Antelope Licenses

Antelope License (either-sex)

- License holders may lawfully take antelope subject to all specifications on the license. The total number of antelope licenses an individual may hold is three, only one of which may be an either-sex license.
- Both resident and nonresident hunters are eligible to apply for antelope licenses awarded through the drawings.
- By state law (MCA 87-2-506), nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota.
- Drawings are based upon the final quotas adopted by the F&W Commission, which may differ from the quotas listed in the hunting district regulations.
- Archers must hold a valid antelope license and a Bow and Arrow (archery) license to hunt during the Archery Only Season.

Antelope B License (doe/fawn) - Nonresident Only

- The cost of the first nonresident antelope B license whether issued through FWP drawings, over-the-counter, or through surplus is \$200. Additional nonresident antelope B license cost is \$50.

900-20 Multi-Region Antelope Archery Only/ArchEquip Only License - Drawing Only

- A limited number of licenses are available.
- License is valid for either-sex antelope.
- Hunting is restricted to ArchEquip Only.
- Archers using this license during the antelope General Season must wear hunter orange.
- Applications must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before June 1. Or, apply online at fwp.mt.gov no later than 11:45 p.m. Montana local time June 1.
- Hunters who apply for this 900-20 multi-region antelope license must list 900-20 as their first and only either-sex choice.
- These licenses are valid in any hunting district beginning with the number 3, 4, 5, 6 and/or 7, except in HD 313.

Bow and Arrow License (MCA 87-2-708)

A bow and arrow license, plus the proper hunting license is required during: (1) the deer, elk and/or antelope Archery Only Season; or (2) to archery hunt in an ArchEquip only area or hunting district.

Deer Licenses & Permits

General Deer License

Montana's General Deer License is valid for one deer. Hunters may hold only one General Deer License. It can be used for deer as indicated under the "General Deer License" heading on the deer and elk hunting district pages of these regulations.

- Residents may purchase only one general deer license.
- Residents may also buy a sportsman's license, which includes a general deer license. Some disabled, youth, and senior hunters may qualify for discounted licenses.
- Most nonresidents cannot buy their general deer license over the counter. They must obtain a general deer license through one of the following drawings:
 - Big game (deer and elk) combination license (17,000 issued), or a
 - Deer combination license (4,600 issued), or a
 - Landowner sponsored license (2,000 issued).

You can apply for only one of these combo licenses each year. All of these license types include, conservation, fishing and upland bird licenses. Currently, demand is greater than supply, so to get a deer license, you need to apply in a random lottery drawing by March 15.

Deer B License

- Valid for one deer during a specific time period, or for a certain species and sex, and in a particular hunting district or group of districts. May be offered through a drawing or over-the-counter.
- A deer B license is usually a license for antlerless mule deer or white-tailed deer, depending on the license type and hunting district.
- The deer B license allows you to harvest

a deer in addition to the deer you could harvest with your general deer license.

- There is no particular order in which the general deer and deer B licenses must be purchased or used.
- A hunter may possess a total of seven deer B licenses in any combination.
- Most deer B licenses are available through the June 1 drawing but those with unlimited quotas are available for purchase at over the counter at License Providers along with FWP Online Licensing beginning in August.

Single-Region Deer B Licenses for White-tailed Deer

- A hunter may purchase only one single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer per year.
- The single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer is in addition to other deer B licenses a person may obtain through a drawing or purchase at License Providers. You must designate the region in which you will use the single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer at the time of purchase. Check the hunting district in which you will hunt for specific regulations and valid dates for the single-region license.
- Licenses are available beginning August 12 from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing. (003-00, 004-00, 006-00, 007-00)

Deer Permit

- Permits are valid for hunting the specified sex-age class during the time period(s) listed.
- Hunters who receive a deer permit must use it with a current general deer license. A deer permit does not allow you to take a second deer.
- Hunters who receive a deer permit valid for taking an antlered buck mule deer (with their general deer license) are restricted to taking an antlered buck mule deer only in the district or portion of district specified on the permit. They may not hunt antlered buck mule deer anywhere else in Montana even if the General Season or Archery Only Season is open to mule deer buck hunting with a general deer license. This applies to all deer permit areas, whether limited or unlimited, for antlered buck mule deer.
- Deer permits are available through the March 15 drawing to residents and nonresidents. Be sure to check individual hunting district regulations for specific deer permit details. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license/permit quota.
- Residents must hold a general deer license before applying for a deer permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game or Deer Combination License before applying for a deer permit.

Elk Licenses & Permits

General Elk License

The General Elk License is valid for one elk. Hunters may hold only one General Elk License. It can be used for elk as indicated under the "General Elk License" heading on the deer and elk hunting district pages of these regulations.

- Resident hunters may purchase this license over the counter at FWP offices and other license providers for \$20 plus the required Conservation License (\$8) and Base Hunting License (\$10). Residents may also buy a Sportsman's License (prices vary), which includes a General Elk License. Some disabled, youth, and senior hunters may qualify for discounted licenses.
- Most Nonresidents cannot buy their general elk license over the counter. They must obtain a general elk license through the drawing for one of the 17,000 Big Game Combination Licenses, which is also good for fishing and upland bird hunting, and may include deer if specified in the application. Demand is greater than supply, so to get an Elk License, you need to apply in a random lottery drawing by March 15.

Elk B License

- The Elk B License is valid for taking an antlerless elk during a specific time period and in a particular hunting district or group of districts.
- The Elk B Licenses are designed to control elk numbers, and many are only valid on private land.
- A limited Elk B License is obtained only through the drawing and has an application deadline date of June 1.
- Unlimited Elk B Licenses have no limit on the number of licenses sold and are available from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing. See individual hunting districts for details.
- The only prerequisites for the Elk B License are a Conservation License and Base Hunting License.
- Each hunter may possess only one Elk B License per license year in addition to a General Elk License.
- Elk B License hunting opportunities may be restricted to portions of individual hunting districts. See individual hunting districts for specific details.

Elk Permit

- Elk permits are allotted by drawing only. The application deadline is March 15. Residents must hold a general elk license before applying for an elk permit. Nonresidents must hold an Elk, Deer or Big Game Elk Combination license before applying for an elk permit. Check individual hunting district for specific details. By state law, nonresidents are

limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license/permit quota.

- Elk permits must be used with a general license. They do not allow a hunter to harvest an additional elk. A permit allows you to hunt in a restricted area or time period where harvest restrictions exist for General Elk License holders.
- Elk permits may be for antlered or antlerless elk. In most instances, holding an antlerless elk permit prohibits harvesting an antlered elk in the same hunting district. Permit holders are not restricted from hunting elk in another hunting district, provided they still hold a valid General Elk License.
- Learn about the hunting district you wish to hunt before applying for a permit. For instance, do not apply for a backcountry area if you aren't willing and prepared to backpack in. And do not apply in hunting districts that are mostly private land if you aren't certain you can get permission.
- In all or a portion of many hunting districts, a hunter is required to have successfully drawn a special permit before hunting a bull elk, brow-tined bull elk, or antlerless elk in all or a portion of the hunting seasons. See individual hunting districts for specific regulations.

Replacing a Lost License (MCA 87-2-104)

Replacements of lost, stolen, or destroyed licenses or permits may be purchased at FWP offices or FWP License Providers. A second replacement license for the same species within a two-year period may only be purchased at an FWP office. A person may not replace a license requiring a carcass tag a third time for the same species within a two-year period unless they have received approval from a warden at an FWP office. A fee of \$5 per license will be charged for each replacement license.

It is unlawful to:

- Swear or affirm to a false statement in order to obtain a replacement license.
- Possess an original as well as a replacement license(s). If the original is found, it must be returned to FWP at any regional office.
- Allow a license of any type to be used by another person.

SuperTag Lottery (MCA 87-1-271)

Open to residents and nonresidents.

Deadline to Purchase SuperTag Chances (\$5 each)
July 1

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- Moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the online licensing system at fwp.mt.gov.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.

Purchase your fishing license, hunting licenses(s) and apply for drawings online app.mt.gov/als/index/index.html

Bonus Point System (MCA 87-2-117)

Bonus points can increase your chances to draw a license or permit.

- Bonus points essentially offer you additional drawing chances and are used for first-choice drawings only.
- Existing bonus points will be mathematically “squared” prior to the drawing. That means if you already have 3 “base” bonus points those will be “squared” and you’ll then have 9 points going into the drawing.
- If you wish to participate in the bonus point program (to use or gain points), make sure to check “YES” on the bonus point question and include the \$20 (nonresident) or \$2 (resident) bonus point fee for each license/permit drawing applied for.
- If you’re unsuccessful, you’ll be awarded an additional base bonus point for next year’s drawing.
- Bonus points are nontransferable; they cannot be transferred between the species drawings or individuals.
- The base bonus points for party applications are the average of their individual base bonus points added together and rounded to the nearest whole number.
- You may purchase one bonus point per year; either at the time of application or between July 1 and September 30 of the current year. For example: if you submit an application for an elk permit on March 15th, you may also purchase a bonus point at that time. If you do not choose to purchase a bonus point at that time, you may not purchase one from July - September. You may however, purchase a bonus point for a different species between July 1 and September 30.

- The fee to purchase a bonus point without applying is \$15 per species for residents, and the nonresident fees are \$25 per species with the exception of moose, sheep, and goat which are \$75 per species. **Note:** You cannot apply for and purchase bonus points in the same year.

Preference Points

Preference points are used for nonresident combination licenses and increase the likelihood of obtaining a combination license.

- ▶ Preference points essentially move you ahead in line. For instance, a person with two preference points is in front of the person with one, and so on.
- ▶ If you wish to take part in the Preference Point Program for your Combination License, make sure to check “YES” on the preference point question and include the additional \$50 fee. If the box is not marked, you will receive your \$50 fee back and go into the drawing as “no” preference points.
- ▶ Preference points accumulated will be used during the current drawing whether you purchase an additional preference point or not. Any accumulated preference points are lost after two years of not applying for a Nonresident Combination License.

Landowner Preference (MCA 87-2-705)

- Montana landowners (resident and nonresident) may qualify for preference in the license/permit drawings for deer, elk, and antelope.
- In order to claim landowner preference for deer B, deer permit, and/or antelope drawings, a landowner must own at least 160 acres of land within the hunting district applied for. If the license/permit



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is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, the landowner must own land within that portion and the land must be used primarily for agricultural purposes.

- In order to claim landowner preference for the Elk B License and/or elk permit drawings, a landowner must own or be contracting to purchase at least 640 contiguous acres of land used by elk. If the license/permit is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, a landowner must own land within that portion to claim preference.
- A landowner may designate his/her preference to a member of his/her immediate family (blood or marriage related) or a ranch manager (paid employee who has state, federal, or FICA taxes withheld from pay). Only one person may use designated preference in a partnership or corporation.
- Nonresidents owning land in Montana should contact FWP Headquarters in Helena at 406-444-2950 for an application for landowner preference. See the Licenses Available Chart for prerequisite license requirements and deadlines to apply.

Fees and Refunds

- In addition to the cost of each permit or license, there is a \$5 nonrefundable application fee for each license or permit you apply for.
- 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	12/31/19	100%
Death of immediate family member	12/31/19	90%
Medical emergency	12/31/19	90%

Call Licensing at 406-444-2950

- For information on drawings for big game hunting.
- For surplus license (any leftover licenses from the drawings) information and applications (available by early August).
- If you do not receive your license or refund within 3 weeks of posted refund dates. Note: the license fee is refunded if an applicant is unsuccessful in the drawings, unless the refund is less than \$3.

License Discount Opportunities (MCA 87-2-817)

- 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 \$12 (includes the AISPP fee). These licenses will be issued only at FWP offices. DD 214 and supporting documentation are required.
 - To take advantage of this opportunity you must obtain the license in the year you are released 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's License Bureau for details at 406-444-2950. (MCA 87-2-403)
- 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 \$57.50.
- Nonresident Youth Big Game Elk or Deer Combination Licenses will be sold 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 General Deer or General Elk License or a Nonresident Big Game, Elk, or Deer Combination License. The

youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications along with prices are available from FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov and may be processed at any FWP office. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950. (MCA 87-2-522)

- 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 a Montana high school and their parent is a Montana resident are eligible for discounted hunting licenses. The Nonresident College Student Big Game, Elk or Deer Combination Licenses include Conservation, Fishing, Upland Bird, Deer and/or Elk. A Base Hunting License and AISPP are prerequisites. (MCA 87-2-525)
 - Application for a Nonresident College Student Combination License may be made after the second Monday in September at any FWP Regional office or FWP Headquarters in Helena. To qualify, the applicant shall present a valid student identification card and copy of paid tuition as a current full-time enrollment at a post-secondary education institution in Montana. See page 10-11 for license prices. Proof of completing a hunter education course is also required.

Youth Hunter

Special 2-day Youth Deer Hunt

Youth hunters and apprentice hunters 10-15 may hunt during the Youth Statewide Two-day Deer Hunt. See chart.

Youth Deer & Elk Hunts

Some hunting districts offer special opportunities for youth ages 10-15. See pages 96-98.

Youth Elk Permits and Elk B Licenses

Elk permits and Elk B Licenses only for youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2020) -15 years of age to hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations have the following requirements:

To qualify, the applicant must:

- be 12 (by Jan 16, 2020) -15 years of age at time of application.
- show proof of successfully completing hunter education.

Youth that are 15 years of age at the start of the general deer & elk season, are eligible to hunt in the youth areas with a general license even if they turn 16 years of age during the season.

Free license for terminally ill youth (MCA 87-2-805)

- Montana law allows terminally ill resident or nonresident youth under 17 years of age to receive a free one-time Deer and Elk License.
- The youth must be accompanied by a licensed outfitter or an adult who has a license to hunt in Montana.
- Minimum age and hunter education requirements may be waived for this license. For information call Licensing at 406-444-2950.

Youth Hunter Opportunity Chart

Age	Opportunities and Special Requirements
Available To Resident & Nonresident	
10 and over	An apprentice hunter is a resident or nonresident certified at an FWP office. This license allows the apprentice to hunt some species, while accompanied by a mentor, without first completing a hunter education course. An apprentice hunting certification is limited to two years before a person must complete a hunter education course. The apprentice hunter may not apply for or purchase a bighorn sheep, black bear, mountain lion, or wolf license or a hunting license or permit with a limited quota. Other restrictions apply. See our website for details at: fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/all/apprentice.html
11	A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2020, may (after completing hunter education): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for any special drawing, except spring turkey – must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of application. • After August 15, 2019, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season.
under 14	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 45-8-344.
10-15	Youth Statewide Two-Day Deer Hunt – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The F&W Commission is allowing two additional days to provide a hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in deer hunting. • Lawfully licensed hunters 10 through 15 years of age may hunt deer during the Statewide Two-day Youth Only Deer Hunt –October 17-18. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – During these two days, youth hunters with a general deer, deer permit 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 non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field. • Shooting hours, hunter education requirements and all other regulations that apply to the general deer firearm season shall apply to this youth two-day deer hunt.
Available To Nonresident Only	
12-17	Nonresident Youth Combination Licenses will be sold 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 and possesses a current resident or nonresident general deer or elk license). The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and may be processed at any FWP Office. 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. See contacts on page 114.

Resident With a Disability Conservation License (MCA 87-2-803)

- Residents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, who purchase a conservation license, may purchase a fishing license for half price. If they also purchase a base hunting license for \$10, they may then purchase general deer, general elk, and/or upland game bird (excluding turkey) licenses for half price. Applications for a Resident With a Disability Conservation License are available at all FWP offices and FWP website.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.

Permit To Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV) (MCA 87-2-803)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially nonambulatory, as defined by State Law, may apply for a PTHFV.
 - Specific PTHFV field regulations apply. Noncompliance may result in loss of this privilege.

Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may apply for a PTMAE. The PTMAE allows a person with a disability to use archery tackle that supports the bow, and draws, holds, and releases the string to accommodate the individual disability.
- Arrows are not exempt, and must meet requirements for the Archery Only Season.
- This permit does not entitle the holder to use a crossbow during the Archery Only Season.
- The permit only allows modification of lawful archery tackle and must be used with a valid bow and arrow license and appropriate hunting license.

Certain Combat Disabled Veterans (MCA 87-2-817)

- 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 Licensing for details at 406-444-2950.



Pass it on.

Share your passion for hunting by becoming a Montana hunter or bowhunter education instructor. It's a great way to give back and be part of the community of volunteer instructors.

Contact your nearest FWP office for more information on how to become an instructor or contact program coordinator
Wayde Cooperider at 406-444-9947 or wacooperider@mt.gov



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Licenses and/or Permits for Hunters with a Disability

- Applicants must apply on FWP-provided forms available at FWP offices or FWP website. For more information contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.
- Elk:
 - Elk permits - see pages 96-98.
 - Applicants must have a Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV), valid Conservation license, Base Hunting License, a General Elk License and apply on or before March 15.
- Antelope:
 - Individuals who are permanently physically disabled and nonambulatory as defined in ARM 12.3.106, may apply for an antelope license. A total of 25 antelope licenses are issued through antelope drawing. These licenses are offered in those antelope hunting districts that have a total quota of 50 or more antelope licenses. Applicants must apply on FWP-provided forms available at all FWP offices. Applications must be postmarked on or before June 1.



If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact:

MonTech at the University of Montana Rural Institute
29 McGill Hall
Missoula, MT 59803
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