

# 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Upland Game, Furbearer Licenses and Permits

As of January 1, 2012, fees may change without notice. 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 after Jan. 1, 1975 must complete a state approved hunter education course. See page 50.

The \$7.25 Youth Small Game resident license (ages 10-11), is valid for upland game birds, turkey, migratory game birds, cottontail rabbits, unprotected species and predatory birds and animals when accompanied by an adult with a valid Idaho hunting license. Nonresident Youth Small Game license is \$20.

Nonresidents may now buy a three-day nonresident small game hunting license for \$35.50. The license is valid for upland game birds, migratory game birds, cottontail rabbits, huntable furbearers and unprotected and predatory birds for three consecutive days. (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season.)

## License and Permit Requirements by Species

### Sage-Grouse and Sharp-tailed Grouse

To hunt sage-grouse and sharp-tailed grouse, hunters must purchase a hunting license and a \$4.75 permit.

### Pheasants - A hunting license is required to hunt pheasants.

To hunt pheasants at Market Lake, Mud Lake, Cartier, Sterling, Fort Boise, C.J. Strike, The Birding Island segment of the Payette River WMA, Montour or Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Areas, hunters must purchase a hunting license and a \$23.75 WMA permit for residents, or \$51.75 for nonresidents. The permit is required for hunters aged 17 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 season is 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 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.

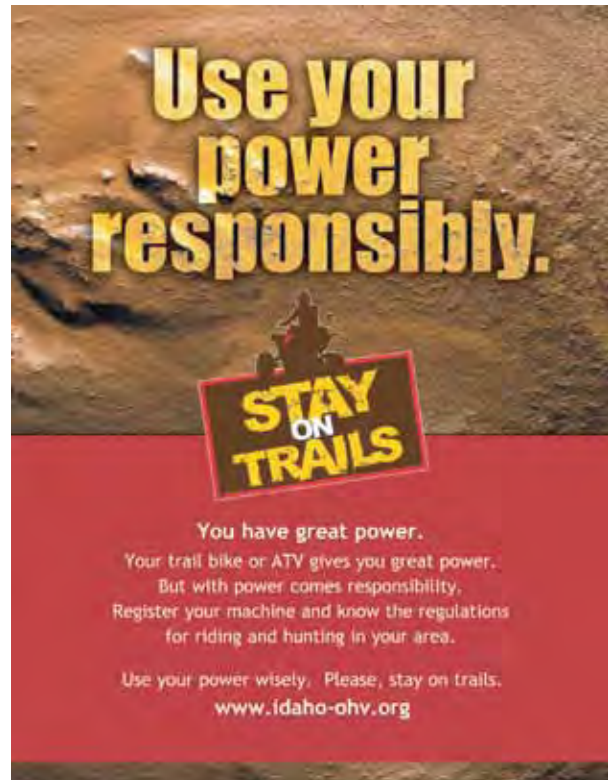
## Migratory Game Birds

To pursue doves, ducks, geese, coots, sandhill cranes or common snipe, hunters must purchase a hunting license and federal migratory bird harvest information program (federal HIP) validation. The validation is \$1.75 for residents and \$4.75 for nonresidents. 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.

**Attention Nonresident Trappers:** 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.



# General Information - License Requirements

## 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. 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.

## 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 or country.
- 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> 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: [ron.fritz@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:ron.fritz@idfg.idaho.gov).

## Youth Licenses

- No person may hunt any wildlife without having in possession the appropriate hunting license and validations. Children must be at least 12 years of age to purchase a hunting license except an 11-year-old may purchase a hunting license to apply for a controlled hunt permit provided the license is not used to hunt until the person reaches 12 years of age. The new hunter must have taken hunter education prior to purchasing a license.
- A 10-year-old who has passed hunter education may purchase a youth small game license and a 12-year-old nonresident who has passed hunter education may purchase a "junior mentored hunting license." (A nine-year-old may buy a youth small game license to apply for a turkey controlled hunt.) These licenses may be used only when accompanied in the field by the holder of a valid adult Idaho hunting license who is close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

# Residency Requirements

## 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

A previous year’s license is not proof of residency. Proof of residency is required to buy any resident license.

1. Drivers must present: Any person who is a driver must have a valid Idaho driver’s license and must have been domiciled in the state of Idaho for the last six months prior to purchasing a resident license, tag or permit.
2. Non-drivers must present: An Idaho identification card issued by the Department of Transportation; or a combination of two documents bearing your name and address but not issued by yourself.

Examples include:

- Home utility bills for the previous six months.
  - Rent receipts or mortgage statements for the previous six months.
  - Notarized statement from an employer on business letterhead.
  - Proof of voter registration dated six months prior.
  - For a minor child under 18, identification from a parent.
3. Military members: A member of the military service of the United States or a foreign country, state national guard or air national guard, together with spouse and children under 18 years of age, residing in his/her household, who have been officially transferred, stationed, domiciled and on active duty in the state of Idaho for a period of 30 days last preceding application, as long as such assignment continues, is eligible to purchase a resident license.

To show eligibility you need: A current “Military Status and Residency Affidavit” signed by first sergeant, section commander or commander; or a current request and authorization for permanent change of station showing a ‘report no later than’ date within the last 60 days; or a combination of two documents given in number two (2) above dated thirty (30) days prior.

This is a summary of residency requirements, for additional details see Idaho Code 36-202(S) and 36-405; <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title36/T36.htm> or contact your local fish and game officer. **Persons who do not qualify as residents must purchase a nonresident license.**