

License, Permit, Stamp Information

All hunting and trapping licenses and state stamps are effective mid-January of the issuing year through March 31 of the following year. (In other words, the 2017 license is valid through March 31, 2018.) Every person holding a hunting and/or trapping license shall have it, including all appropriate stamps, in his/her possession for immediate presentation for inspection to any authorized law enforcement officer while hunting or trapping.

Hunting and trapping licenses, both resident and non-resident, and state stamps may be obtained from a Departmental license vendor at various locations throughout the state or at a DNR office (see page 1).

For information on where to buy a license or to obtain license, registration

License/Stamp/Permit	Fee	Available Online	Available from Vendors	Available by Phone	Paper Application Available
Hunting License					
Resident	\$12.50	X	X	X	
Veteran Resident	\$6.50 ¹	X	X	X	
Resident Senior	\$6.50 ^a	X	X	X	
Resident >75 years old Hunting License	\$1.50 ⁿ	X	X		
Apprentice, Resident or Non-resident	\$7.50 ^h	X	X	X	
Youth hunting license	\$7.50 ^m	X	X		
Resident Lifetime	\$360.00				X
Resident Sportsman Combination Hunt/Fish	\$26.25	X	X	X	
Veteran Resident Sportsman Combination Hunt/Fish ¹	\$13.50	X	X	X	
Resident Senior Sportsman Combination Hunt/Fish	\$13.50 ^a	X	X	X	
Resident >75 years old Sportsman Combination Hunt/Fish	\$2.75 ⁿ	X	X		
Resident Lifetime Sportsman Combination Hunt/Fish	\$765.00				X
Non-resident ^b	\$57.75	X	X	X	
Non-resident (5 day) ^b	\$35.75	X	X	X	
Trapping License					
Resident	\$10.50	X	X	X	
Resident Youth ^o	\$7.50	X	X	X	
Non-resident (with state reciprocity)	\$175.50	X	X	X	
Non-resident (without state reciprocity)	\$250.50 ⁱ	X	X	X	
Stamps					
Electronic State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp	\$15.50 ^c	X	X	X	
Electronic Habitat Stamp	\$5.50	X	X	X	
Resident Super Senior Habitat Stamp	\$5.50	X	X	X	
Deer Firearm Permit					
Resident Lottery Either Sex (ES)	\$25.00 ^d	X			X
Resident Lottery ES, Antlerless Only (AO)	\$42.50	X			X
Resident Lottery AO	\$17.50 ^d	X			X
Resident OTC County ES	\$25.50		X		
Resident OTC County AO	\$18.00		X		
Non-resident Lottery ES	\$300.00 ^e	X			X
Non-resident Lottery ES, AO	\$325.00 ^e	X			X
Non-resident Lottery AO	\$25.00 ^{e,f}	X			X
Non-resident OTC County ES	\$300.50 ^e		X		
Non-resident OTC County AO	\$25.50 ^e		X		
Deer Muzzleloader Permit					
Resident Lottery ES	\$25.00	X			X
Resident Lottery ES, AO	\$42.50	X			X
Resident Lottery AO	\$17.50	X			X
Resident OTC County ES	\$25.50		X		
Resident OTC County AO	\$18.00		X		
Non-resident Lottery ES	\$300.00 ^e	X			X
Non-resident Lottery ES, AO	\$325.00 ^e	X			X
Non-resident Lottery AO	\$25.00 ^{e,f}	X			X
Non-resident OTC County ES	\$300.50 ^e		X		
Non-resident OTC County AO	\$25.50 ^e		X		
Deer Landowner Permit					
Resident Firearm ES	\$0.00				X
Resident Firearm AO	\$0.00				X
Resident Archery ES	\$0.00				X
Resident Archery AO	\$0.00				X
Non-resident Firearm ES	\$150.00 ^e				X
Non-resident Firearm AO	\$25.00 ^{e,f}				X
Non-resident Archery ES, AO	\$210.00 ^e				X
Deer Archery Permit					
Resident OTC Permit ES, AO	\$26.00		X		
Resident OTC Permit AO	\$15.50		X		
Resident Single ES	\$15.00				X ¹
Non-resident OTC AO (hunter has an ES archery permit)	\$25.50 ^e		X		
Non-resident OTC AO (hunter without an ES archery permit)	\$100.50 ^e		X		
Non-resident ES, AO	\$410.00	X		X	
Non-resident OTC Archery ES, AO	\$411.00 ^{e,g}	X ^k	X	X ^k	

Illinois Resident Armed Forces Special Pass

Illinois resident military, guard or reserve members who have recently served abroad may be eligible for a waiver of fees for fishing, hunting and camping. Eligible persons MUST APPEAR IN PERSON at DNR's Springfield office. See details at www.dnr.illinois.gov or call (217) 782-2965.

and permit forms, or to buy a license or stamp over the Internet immediately, visit www.dnr.illinois.gov. See below for details. Federal Migratory Waterfowl Stamps may be obtained at any U.S. Post Office, DNR offices and various license vendors.

Lost, Stolen or Destroyed License Replacement

- Licenses purchased via the Internet can be reprinted at no charge by visiting www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR. Vendor transactions will incur a fee.
- Replacement licenses, permits and stamps are available for \$3 from DNR's Springfield and Chicago office (see page 1).
- Vendors can issue replacement licenses with a DNR Direct terminal. There is a \$3 replacement fee per item plus a small transaction fee.

License/Stamp/Permit	Fee	Available Online	Available from Vendors	Available by Phone	Paper Application Available
Deer Youth Firearm Permit					
Resident & Non-resident OTC ES	\$10.50	X	X		
Deer Late-winter Firearm Permit					
Resident OTC County AO	\$18.00		X		
Resident Special Hunt Area	\$17.50	X			
Deer Special Chronic Wasting Disease Permit					
AO	\$5.50		X		
Turkey Archery Fall Permit					
Resident	\$5.50 ^d		X		
Non-resident	\$75.50 ^e	X ^k	X	X ^k	
Turkey Shotgun Fall Permit					
Resident	\$15.00 ^d	X			X
Non-resident	\$125.00 ^e	X			X
Turkey Shotgun/Archery Spring Permit					
Resident	\$15.00 ^d	X			X
Non-resident	\$125.00 ^e	X			X
Turkey Youth Spring Permit					
Shotgun/Archery SHA Lottery	\$10.00	X			
Shotgun/Archery OTC, Resident or Non-resident	\$10.50	X	X		
Turkey Landowner Permit					
Resident Fall Shotgun	\$0.00				X
Resident Fall Archery	\$0.00				X
Resident Spring	\$0.00				X
Non-resident Fall Shotgun	\$37.50 ^e				X
Non-resident Fall Archery	\$25.00 ^e				X
Non-resident Spring	\$37.50 ^e				X
Otter Registration Permit	\$5.50	X	X	X	
Bobcat Hunting and Trapping Permit	\$5.50 ^p	X			
Bobcat Registration Permit	\$5.50	X			

^a Required of all hunters 65 or older.

^b Licensed non-resident hunters can buy ammunition in Illinois.

^c Federal Waterfowl Stamps can be purchased at <https://www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp/buy-duck-stamp.php>

^d Resident landowner/tenant (39.5 acres minimum) may be eligible for free hunting permits. Call (217) 782-7305 for details.

^e Non-residents also need a non-resident hunting license and habitat stamp to hunt deer and turkey.

^f Applicants must purchase an either-sex permit to be eligible for a discounted antlerless-only permit.

^g Does not include vendor's transaction fee for permits purchased via Internet/telephone using a credit card.

^h See footnote 12 page 8.

ⁱ The fee for non-resident trapping is \$175.50 except for persons whose home state (Hawaii; fee is \$250.50) does not allow non-resident trapping.

^j Paper-only applications must be submitted to the Permits office by Sept. 1.

^k Available online or by phone only until Aug. 31.

^l Illinois veterans who served overseas or were mobilized by the President of the United States and have a form DD214 can take their form to DNR's Springfield or Chicago office and ask to be certified as qualifying for half-price licenses. A box will be checked on their POS account to allow future purchases of annual licenses for half price from any license vendor. This does not apply to lifetime licenses.

^m See footnote 14 page 8.

ⁿ License will not be available for purchase until October. State waterfowl and habitat stamp are free.

^o Resident youth age 18 and under may trap while supervised by a parent, grandparent, or guardian who is 21 or older. Completion of trapper education course waived for Resident Youth Licenses.

^p Lottery Sept 1-30; non-refundable application fee.

DNR Direct

DNR DIRECT is an automated, state-of-the-art license/permit/stamp vending system allowing residents and non-residents the ability to purchase licenses/stamps and apply for permits at a local vendor.

You also have the ability to purchase licenses/stamps and apply for permits using a credit card over the Internet at www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR. License and stamp purchases print immediately on your printer. Reprints are available for lost/stolen licenses and stamps. Transaction receipts are issued immediately for permit applications.

License/stamp/HIP purchases also may be made by phone at 1-888-6PERMIT (673-7648).



Regulations for Hunting/Trapping Licenses and Stamps

- A resident license/stamp may be obtained by persons who have been a resident of Illinois 30 days prior to purchase (see Resident definition page 10).
- Federal stamps must be signed in ink across the face of the stamp. Lifetime License holders who are required to purchase state stamps must sign the stamps and have them in their possession while hunting.
- All hunting licenses and State stamps are effective Jan. 1 of the issuing year through March 31 of the following year. Every person holding a hunting or trapping license shall have it, including all appropriate stamps, in his/her possession for immediate presentation for inspection to any authorized law enforcement officer.
- This information is based on laws in effect as of May 1, 2016 and is subject to change.

RESIDENTS NEED: All deer and turkey hunters must have a valid deer or turkey permit, regardless of other license exemptions

License/Stamp Type	(2) Hunting License	(12) Resident Apprentice Hunting	(14) Youth Hunting License	(13) Senior Hunting License	(2) Sportsman Combination Hunting & Fishing License	(13) Senior Sportsman Combination Hunting & Fishing License	(3) Trapping License	(3) (4) Youth Trapping License	(5) Federal Waterfowl Stamp	(5) State Waterfowl Stamp	(6) State Habitat Stamp	(7) Harvest Information Program (HIP)
Under 16	X	X	X				X	X				X
16 – 18	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
19 – 64	X	X			X		X		X	X	X	X
65 and Over		X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Disabled (8)							X		X		X	
Disabled Veteran (9)							X		X			
Former POW	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Armed Forces (10)	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Armed Forces (10a)							X		X		X	
Landowner (11)									X		X	

NON-RESIDENTS NEED: All deer and turkey hunters must have a valid deer or turkey permit, regardless of other license exemptions

License/Stamp Type	(1) (2) Hunting License	(1) (12) Non-Resident Apprentice Hunting	(3) (4) Trapping License	(5) Federal Waterfowl Stamp	(5) State Waterfowl Stamp	(6) State Habitat Stamp	(7) Harvest Information Program (HIP)
Under 16	X	X	X				X
16 – 64	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
65 and Over	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Disabled (8)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Disabled Veteran (9)			X	X			
Former POW	X	X	X	X	X		X
Landowner	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

- (1) Non-residents hunting deer or turkey need a non-resident hunting license and State Habitat Stamp in addition to their valid deer or turkey permits, unless otherwise exempt.
- (2) Hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1980 must show proof that they have successfully completed a Hunter Education Course provided by Illinois DNR or a valid certificate issued by another state. You may contact the Safety Education Section for verification, 1-800-832-2599.
- (3) First-time trappers born on or after Jan. 1, 1998 are required to complete a trapper education course before purchasing a license. Residents 18 years of age and under are not required to complete a trapper education course if they purchase a Youth Trapping License and are supervised by a parent, grandparent, or guardian while trapping.
- (4) Trappers under 16 years of age must have their parent's written permission prior to obtaining a license.
- (5) Required for any person 16 years of age or older to hunt waterfowl (including teal) and coots except toe-clipped,

hand-reared mallards on licensed Game Breeding and Hunting Preserve Areas.

- (6) Required to hunt or trap any species of wildlife protected by the Wildlife Code. Habitat Stamps are not required to hunt migratory waterfowl, coots and hand-reared toe-clipped mallards and hand-reared game birds on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas as well as hand-reared pheasants on Department-controlled pheasant hunting areas. Hunters who purchased a lifetime hunting license prior to 1993 are exempt.
- (7) All licensed hunters must register with HIP (National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program) if they intend to hunt migratory birds (doves, ducks, geese, snipe, woodcock, coots or rails). If you decide to hunt migratory game birds after you buy your hunting license you can register with HIP via DNR DIRECT or by calling 1-888-6PERMIT. Hunters with a lifetime license are NOT exempt. (see page 23)
- (8) In order for disabled persons who are Illinois residents to hunt without a license, the person must be able to show

(available from the Secretary of State through the driver's license examining station). Appropriate disability classifications are P2O, P2A, H2O, H2A.

- (9) In order for disabled veterans (residents or non-residents) to hunt without a license, the veterans must be able to show proof of disability with a veterans' disability card (at least 10% service related) available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Offices. Disabled veterans are exempt from purchasing a Habitat Stamp regardless of the percentage of disability.
- (10) All persons on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces are considered Illinois residents (see Resident definition, p. 8).
- (10a) A person on active duty in the Armed Forces, who entered the service from Illinois and is an Illinois resident, may, while on ordinary or emergency leave, hunt without a license; however, a Federal Waterfowl Stamp and State Habitat Stamp are required.
- (11) Resident landowners or resident tenants and their children, parents, brothers and sisters permanently residing on their Illinois land may hunt or trap on their farmlands, where they reside, without a license (you still need a Habitat and/or Federal Waterfowl Stamp depending on which species you are hunting).
- (12) The Apprentice Hunter License is a one-time, non-renewable license for residents and non-residents. It allows persons aged 17 and under to go hunting with a parent, grandparent or guardian who has a valid Illinois resident or non-resident hunting license. Those 18 and older will be able to go hunting with any family member or friend who is a validly licensed Illinois resident or non-resident hunter who is 21 years of age or older. A hunter safety course is not required to purchase this license.
- (13) Age 65 and older.
- (14) Any resident youth hunter age 18 and under may purchase a Youth Hunting License, which does not require the hunter to have a Hunter Education Card. A youth hunter with this license must hunt while supervised by a parent, grandparent, or guardian who is 21 years of age or older and has a valid Illinois hunting license. The youth hunter shall not hunt or carry a hunting device unless the youth is accompanied by and under close personal supervision of these individuals.

Permit Application Periods/Deadlines

Permit Type	Application Period or Deadline
Firearm and Muzzleloader Deer (page 17)	
First Lottery (Residents-only)	April 30, 2017
Second Lottery	June 30, 2017
Third (Final) Lottery	August 18, 2017
Late Winter Antlerless Season (Special Hunt Areas)	November 27, 2017
Spring Wild Turkey (pages 21 & 22)	
First Lottery (Residents-only)	December 1, 2017
Second Lottery	January 11, 2018
Third Lottery	February 9, 2018
Fall Wild Turkey (page 22)	
First Lottery (Residents-only)	July 3, 2017
Second Lottery	August 21, 2017
Third (Final) Lottery	September 18, 2017
Furbearers (page 28)	
Bobcat (Online-only)	September 1 - 30, 2017
Upland Game (pages 32 & 33)	
Controlled Pheasant Hunts	various dates
Free Upland Game Permit Hunts (Online-only)	August 31, 2017
Waterfowl (page 33) Online-only	
First Lottery (Residents-only)	August 31, 2017
Second Lottery	September 14, 2017
Third Lottery	September 28, 2017
Youth Waterfowl (paper applications)	Aug 31 - Oct 1
Dove (page 34) Online-only	
First Lottery (Residents-only)	June 1 - 30, 2017
Second Lottery	July 7 - 21, 2017
Third (Final) Lottery	July 28 - August 25, 2017

Role of Hunters as Stewards of Wildlife and Habitat

- The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, also known as the Pittman-Robertson Act, was enacted by congress in 1937 in response to hunter and firearm industry concern of overexploitation and loss of wildlife and habitat.
- Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funds come from a 10–11% excise tax on firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment.
- Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funds are collected by the U.S. Department of the Interior that allocates funds to state wildlife management agencies for hunter education programs, shooting ranges, and improving game and non-game wildlife populations, including habitat management and research.
- The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act has been crucial in successfully managing many species, including white-tailed deer, turkeys, waterfowl, and numerous non-game wildlife in Illinois.
- Between July 1, 2016 and June 30th, 2017, the IDNR was allocated 16.1 million dollars, which was used for numerous benefits to outdoor enthusiasts.
- Increasing the number of people hunting and trapping is critical to sustaining Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act monies needed to maintain healthy wildlife populations, habitat and our rich heritage of outdoor recreation in Illinois.
- By purchasing hunting licenses and equipment, you are a steward of wildlife and habitat in Illinois. The IDNR thanks you for your stewardship and hopes you continue to hunt, and introduce 'first-timers' to those activities.



White-tailed Deer Illinois

Provides users with valuable insights into white-tailed deer life history and management. The site also contains information on deer stakeholder groups, how deer hunting regulations are set, depredation/population control permits, scientific research activities related to deer and deer hunting and much more.

Unique Features

- A searchable database of deer-vehicle accidents, and ability to plot accidents on a state road map.
- A searchable database of annual deer harvest data and Illinois Department of Transportation annual deer-vehicle accident rate data.
- An online form for reporting sick and diseased deer to speed the process for tracking EHD and CWD.

deer.wildlifeillinois.org

White-tailed Deer Illinois is a collaborative effort led by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration, and the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center. Funding for White-tailed Deer Illinois was made available through Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Project W-147-T.

