

LICENSES

(Parental permission required for all applicants under the age of 16.)

- 1. RESIDENT Hunting License** -- allows you to hunt or trap all legal game birds and mammals in season without the need for additional stamps or permits except: (1) deer during bow season, (2) deer during muzzleloader season, (3) migratory game birds, (4) furbearing mammals, and (5) black bears.
- 2. NON-RESIDENT Hunting Licenses**
 - (a) **Full Season** license allows nonresidents of Maryland to hunt all legal game in season except: (1) deer during bow season, (2) deer during muzzleloader season, (3) migratory game bird, (4) furbearing mammals, and (5) black bear.
 - (b) **3-day Waterfowl and Small Game** license allows a nonresident to hunt all legal game in season for three consecutive legal hunting days except deer, black bear, and turkey. A Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp must also be purchased to hunt migratory game birds.
 - (c) **Non-Resident Trapping License** is required to trap furbearers in Maryland in addition to a nonresident hunting license and a furbearer permit.
- 3. REGULATED SHOOTING AREA License** allows the hunting of pen-reared quail, pheasants, chukar partridge, turkeys, and mallard ducks on a regulated shooting area only. This license is not required if you have a Maryland resident or nonresident hunting license.
- 4. COMPLIMENTARY Licenses** are available to former prisoners of war or 100% service connected disabled veterans. They are issued to Maryland residents and non residents who live in a state that offers the same privilege to a Maryland resident. The applicant for a complimentary license must provide a letter of disability or a letter of certification from the Veterans Administration with their initial application. **Available only** at the DNR Service Centers listed below.
- 5. APPRENTICE Hunting License** is available to both residents and non-residents who have never hunted before. Satisfactory completion of a short, online hunter safety course is required prior to purchasing the license and the apprentice hunter is required to hunt with a resident at least 18 years old who possesses a valid Maryland hunting license.

STAMPS

- 1. Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp** allows you to take one (1) additional antlered white-tailed deer within the established bag limits for Region B only. The bonus stamp may be used during the archery, muzzleloader, or firearm season in Region B provided two antlerless deer are harvested prior to taking the bonus antlered deer. The bonus stamp must be purchased prior to pursuing a bonus deer. The bonus stamp may not be used in Region A. Refer to the *Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland*.
- 2. Bow Stamps and Muzzleloader Stamps** must be purchased in addition to the license to hunt deer during bow and muzzleloader seasons (respectively).
- 3. Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp** must be purchased in addition to a hunting license by anyone hunting waterfowl, doves, rails, coots, snipe, or woodcock.

Anyone hunting migratory game birds need only carry a license that indicates the purchase of the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp. Stamp does not have to be affixed to license.

4. The Federal Duck Stamp is required of persons 16 years of age or older to hunt waterfowl or coots. The stamp must be signed in ink and possessed while hunting waterfowl or coots. Stamp does not qualify for reduced fee replacement. Stamp will be mailed under separate cover within 45 days. Printed license is proof of possession in the interim.

PERMITS

1. DNR Managed Hunt Permit

This annual permit is required to hunt DNR properties that charge for Managed Hunts. Hunters must contact the properties they wish to hunt for site-specific rules and regulations. Exemptions: persons legally hunting with a Junior license and active military not required to possess a Maryland hunting license.

2. Furbearer Permit

With certain exceptions, a person must now obtain (individually or through a group) a permit to hunt, chase or trap any furbearer (muskrat, beaver, raccoon, red or gray fox, opossum, mink, skunk, river otter, fisher, long-tailed weasel, coyote, bobcat), including persons participating in the unarmed chasing of fox and raccoons. This permit is also required for persons not required to have a hunting license (e.g. landowners hunting on their own property) and holders of senior lifetime hunting licenses.

Furbearer permits are issued to individuals (\$5) or groups (\$10). An association or group established for the purpose of chasing or hunting furbearers may secure a group permit. A group member or guest who participates in furbearer chasing or hunting with the group is not required to possess an individual permit.

3. Shooting Range at Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management Area in Charles County offers an annual permit. The permit is valid August 1 through July 31. No permit is required for individuals under 18; however, they must possess a valid hunter safety certificate and be accompanied by an adult 18 or older. A \$5 daily permit is available at the shooting range only.

4. Retriever Training Permit - A person can obtain this permit to buy, release and shoot pen-reared quail, chukar, pheasant and mallard ducks for training dogs. The trainer, or anyone assisting in the training, shall possess a valid hunting license or hunter safety certificate while training with a loaded gun. If the birds are held for more than 72 hours, a game husbandry permit is also required (contact 410-260-8540).

5. Snow Goose Conservation Order Hunting Season Permit

Waterfowl hunters participating in the Light Goose Conservation Order season must possess this annual permit. Participants will also be required to possess a valid Maryland hunting license (resident Delaware licenses are also acceptable) and a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Hunting Stamp. Possession of a federal duck stamp is not required during the Conservation Order season. Hunters are required to keep the permit receipt in their possession while hunting light geese during the Conservation Order Season.

Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article, Section 4-205(I)(1) mandates the collection of Social Security numbers from all recreational license applicants. Under the Department's Privacy Policy, your Social Security number cannot be displayed on any documents

YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

Annapolis Service Center

1804 West St #300
P.O. Box 1869
Annapolis, MD 21404
410-260-3220
1-866-344-8889 (Toll Free in MD)
410-260-3281 (Fax)

Western Service Center

1601-A Bowmans Farm Rd.
Frederick, MD 21701
240-236-9950
1-866-679-0906 (Toll Free in MD)
240-236-9953 (Fax)

Essex Service Center

1338 Eastern Blvd. A.
Essex MD 21221
667-401-0760
1-866-535-8319 (Toll Free in MD)
667-401-0765 (Fax)
(WALK- In Only: M/W/F)
Located inside MVA

Southern Service Center

6904 Hallowing Lane
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
410-535-3382
1-866-688-3823 (Toll Free in MD)
410-535-4737 (Fax)

Central Service Center

501 W. MacPhail Rd. #2
Bel Air, MD 21014
410-836-4550
1-866-623-3187 (Toll Free in MD)
410-836-4562 (Fax)

Eastern Service Center

251 Tilghman Road #2
Salisbury, MD 21804
410-713-3840
1-866-812-1678 (Toll Free in MD)
410-713-3849 (Fax)

East Central Service Center

120 Broadway Ave #5
Centreville, MD 21617
410-819-4100
1-866-439-1708 (Toll Free in MD)
410-819-4110 (Fax)

HOURS

8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday – Friday
(except State holidays)