Hunting Licenses

Annual hunting and fishing licenses go on sale June 1 each year and expire June 30 of the following year.

Hunting licenses may be purchased online or by telephone using Visa or MasterCard. Call toll free 1-888-765-2602. An authorization number for immediate use will be provided and licenses will be mailed to the licensee. A SERVICE FEE IS CHARGED.

Hip Certification: All persons hunting migratory game birds (mourning doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots or gallinules) in Louisiana must be HIP certified in addition to their appropriate licenses.

Duplicates: $2.00 per privilege - no duplicates are allowed for trip licenses.

Bona Fide Resident: 1. Any person who has resided in this state continuously during the 12 months immediately prior to the date on which he applies for any license and who has manifested his intent to remain in this state by establishing Louisiana as his legal domicile, as demonstrated by compliance with all of the following, as applicable:

- If registered to vote, he is registered to vote in Louisiana
- If licensed to drive a motor vehicle, he is in possession of a valid Louisiana drivers license
- If owning a motor vehicle located within Louisiana, he is in possession of a valid Louisiana registration for that vehicle
- If earning an income, he has filed a Louisiana state income tax return and has complied with state income tax laws and regulations.

2. Any person, who possesses a resident license from any state or country other than Louisiana shall not qualify for a resident hunting license in Louisiana.

Hunter Education Requirements

All persons born on or after September 1, 1969, must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a basic hunting license. EXCEPT any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer, application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries main office in Baton Rouge. However,

a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older EXCEPT during a statewide youth deer hunt, Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youths younger than 16 years of age. For course information, call (225) 765-2932 or any regional office.

Resident Hunting Fees

Basic Season (excluding Big Game)	$15.00
Big Game[1]	$14.00
Bow	$10.50
Primitive Firearm	$10.50
LA Duck	$5.50
LA Sportsman's Paradise License[2]	$100.00
Wild Louisiana Stamp	$9.50
Wild Louisiana Stamp (1 day)	$2.00
Wild Turkey[3]	$5.50
Harvest Information Program (HIP)[4]	FREE
Senior Hunt/Fish License[5]	$5.00
WMA Hunting Permit (age 18-59)[6]	$15.00

Non-Resident (NR) Hunting Fees

Basic Season (excluding Big Game)	$150.00
Big Game1	$150.00
Bow	$26.00
Small Game/Migratory Bird (1 day)[7]	$29.00
Deer (1 day)[7]	$36.00
Turkey (1 day)[7]	$36.00
Primitive Firearm	$26.00
LA Duck	$25.00
Louisiana Wild Turkey[3]	$20.50
Harvest Information Program (HIP)[4]	FREE
Hunting Preserve (Oct. 1 - April 30)	$15.00

NR La. native Basic Trip (5 days, excluding Big Game)	$15.00
NR La. native Big Game Trip (5 days)[1]	$14.00
NR La. native Bow Trip (5 days)	$10.50
NR La. native Primitive Firearm Trip (5 days)	$10.50
NR La. native Turkey Trip (5 days)	$5.50
NR La. native Duck (5 days)	$5.50

Military Hunting Fees

Resident/NR Active Military Basic Season	$15.00
Resident/NR Active Military Big Game[1]	$14.00
Resident/NR Active Military Bow	$10.50
Resident/NR Active Military Primitive Firearm	$10.50
Resident/NR Active Military LA Duck	$5.50
Resident/NR Active Military Wild Turkey[3]	$5.50

Other Fees

Commercial Hunting Preserve	$200.00
(pen-raised birds only; expires June 30)	
Game Breeder	$25.00

(raising and selling wild game birds and/or wild game quadrupeds; expires Dec. 31)

1 Big Game License: Required of all deer, turkey and bobcat hunters in addition to Basic Season License.

2 LA Sportsman's Paradise License: Includes Basic and Saltwater Fishing, Basic Season and Big Game Hunting, Bow, Primitive Firearms, Turkey, LA Duck, WMA Hunting Permit and all Recreational Gear licenses (EXCEPT recreational trawls greater than 16 feet in length - additional license required).

3 Louisiana Wild Turkey: Required of all turkey hunters in addition to Basic Season and Big Game licenses.

4 Harvest Information Program (HIP): Licensed hunters of migratory game birds (mourning doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots or gallinules) in Louisiana must be HIP certified in addition to all other requirements.

5 Senior Hunt/Fish License: Any resident who reached age 60 on June 1, 2000 or later must obtain a Senior Hunt/Fish License to hunt or fish. This license is in lieu of Basic and Saltwater Fishing, Basic Hunting, Big Game, Bow, Primitive Firearms, LA Duck

License, Turkey Stamp and WMA Hunting Permit. It does not include special gear such as trawls, crab traps, crawfish traps, hoop nets, etc.
6 WMA Hunting Permit: Required of anyone who hunts on any land administered by LDWF, including wildlife refuges and wildlife management and habitat conservation areas.
7 New licenses effective June 1, 2009. These licenses are all inclusive. No other license is required.

Lifetime Licenses
Lifetime hunting and lifetime fishing licenses are available only through the Baton Rouge Office. To expedite issuance make payment in the form of cash or money order. For additional information call (225) 765-2887.

Lifetime Licenses cover basic fishing, saltwater fishing, basic hunting, big game hunting, bow hunting and muzzleloader hunting licenses, state waterfowl and turkey stamps, and the WMA hunting permit.

Lifetime Fishing (14 & older)	$ 300
Lifetime Fishing (5 - 13)	$ 200
Lifetime Hunt/Fish (14 & older)	$ 500
Lifetime Hunt/Fish (5 - 13)	$ 300
Lifetime Hunt/Fish (0 - 4)	$ 200
Non-Resident Lifetime Hunt/Fish	$3,000
Lifetime Fishing Gear	10 times annual fee per gear type
Lifetime Resident Senior (60 +)	$ 50

LDWF does not issue receipts or authorization numbers for lifetime licenses. Allow six weeks processing time. Applicants are required to have lived in Louisiana for the immediate 12 months prior to making application to qualify for resident rates. Mandatory documents required with completed application are a valid Louisiana driver's license issued a minimum of 12 months AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) Louisiana voter's registration card, (2) Louisiana vehicle registration and (3) two previous years state tax filing, stamped by Department of Revenue & Taxation.

Texas Reciprocal
Louisiana seniors, 65 years of age and older, are not required to purchase a non-resident license to fish in all public waters in Texas. These anglers will be allowed to fish Texas water bodies with a Louisiana Senior fishing license but shall comply with Texas law.

Senior anglers are advised that anglers turning 60 before June 1, 2000 are also required to possess a Louisiana Senior fishing license when fishing in Texas, except in border waters. Louisiana residents from 17 to 64 years of age will still be required to purchase a non-resident fishing license when fishing in Texas, except when fishing in border waters.

In all border waters, except the Gulf of Mexico, Texas and Louisiana anglers possessing the necessary resident licenses, or those exempted from resident licenses for their state, are allowed to fish the border waters of Louisiana and Texas without purchasing non-resident licenses. Border waters include Caddo Lake, Toledo Bend Reservoir, the Sabine River and Sabine Lake.

Louisiana is also allowing Texas senior residents 65 years of age and older, to fish throughout Louisiana's public waters if they possess any type valid Special Texas Resident licenses for seniors as issued by Texas Parks and Wildlife, any type of water, saltwater or freshwater. Even Texas residents born before September 1, 1930 must possess the Texas Special Resident Fishing license when fishing in Louisiana, except in border waters.

Military
Any person who possesses a military identification card that signifies that he is currently on active military duty with any one of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, or the spouse or dependent of such person, may purchase a license for hunting or recreational fishing in Louisiana for the same fee as that required of Louisiana residents for that same license. These licenses are available at license vendor locations.

Licensee must present a Military Identification Card at the time of purchase AND have military ID or dependent card, and appropriate license(s) in his possession at all times when engaging in hunting or fishing activities. Active Military licenses are valid only during that time when the licensee is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

Resident Non-Active Louisiana National Guard members may purchase a license for $50 to fish and hunt in Louisiana by submitting a completed "Resident Non-Active Louisiana National Guard Hunt/Fish" license application along with the fee and a copy of their Louisiana Driver's License, Military Identification Card and original letter from their commanding officer verifying that they are in "good standing" with the LA. National Guard. *These licenses are available through our Baton Rouge office only.* This license is in lieu of basic and saltwater fishing, basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, LA duck, turkey stamp, and WMA hunting permit.

Disability Licenses

Resident veterans having a permanent service-connected disability classification of 50 percent or more and residents who are blind, paraplegic or multiple amputee shall upon identification and proof of disability satisfactory to the department, be issued recreational fishing and hunting licenses at no cost. This license is in lieu of basic and saltwater fishing, basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, LA duck, turkey stamp and WMA Hunting permit.

A resident applicant who is totally and permanently disabled and receiving federal social security disability benefits must submit a current award letter from Social Security and a valid Louisiana Driver's License. A resident who receives disability retirement income from a retirement system whose members are exempt from social security pursuant to the Railroad Retirement Insurance Act (Act 45 U.S.C. 231) or because they are employees of the state or a political subdivision of the state that has not voluntarily agreed to participate in federal social security under 42 U.S.C. 418, may purchase the following licenses at reduced rates. ***To qualify for this license, apply by mail or in person to LDWF Baton Rouge office.*** Contact Sports License at (225) 765-2887 for additional information.

A resident who is required to use one or more artificial limbs or permanent braces for mobility or a single amputee, upon identification and proof of disability satisfactory to the Department, is eligible for fishing and saltwater licenses at no cost. ***Licenses are available through the Department's office in Baton Rouge only.***

Mobility impaired persons

Mobility impaired persons, as defined in R.S. 47:463.4(E), that are bona fide residents of Louisiana and over 60 years of age may use one legal slat trap and/or one hoop net not greater than 18 feet by 8 feet for the purpose of catching catfish for home consumption. There shall be no gear fee or license charge and all persons must be in possession of valid identification.

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