

2016-2017 Hunting

- ❖ Hunting Licenses will be available starting **June 20, 2016** and are valid from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Be aware PALS will prompt for a license year through the month of June (2015 if it's for current hunting season or 2016 for the upcoming season).

New for 2016-2017

- ❖ Increase for transaction fees to License and Permit Purchases.
 1. Effective June 1, 2016, all transaction fees will increase to \$0.90 per transaction.
- ❖ New Species added to Furtaker's License.
 1. Porcupine has been added to furbearer classification.
- ❖ New revised boundaries for Management Units 5C and 5D.

General Information

- ❖ Armed Forces (AF) Antlerless Deer Licenses: (\$6.90) These licenses are issued by County Treasurers to eligible residents. House Bill 1237 to expand the fee reductions for hunting licenses for members of the Pennsylvania National Guard and reserve components of the armed forces who have recently completed overseas deployments. Current law mandates that members of the Army and Air National Guard or reserve components of the armed forces must serve 60 days of deployment overseas within the previous 24 months to qualify for the fee reduction. This legislation would reduce the required days of deployment from 180 to 60 days.
- ❖ Resident and Non-Resident Junior Licenses. This year when you select either Resident or Non-Resident Junior Licenses, you will receive a prompt asking if the junior wants archery, muzzleloader or furtaker privileges and if so to select a Resident or Non-Resident Combination license. As noted in the instructions for issuing agents manual, archery, muzzleloader and furtaker add-on privileges are **not** available once a Resident or Non-Resident Junior license is issued.
- ❖ Eleven year olds can apply for a junior license if they reach the age of 12 by June 30 of current license year. Must be 12 years old to exercise privileges.
- ❖ Mentored Youth Hunt Permit is issued to resident and non-resident youth under the age of 12. Permit includes two tags; one for antlered deer and one for spring turkey.

- ❖ Senior lifetime combination includes archery, muzzleloader and furtaker privileges – they do not need additional privileges.
- ❖ Residency requirements – applicants for resident licenses **must** produce VALID (not expired!!) PA Motor Vehicle Operator’s License, current receipts showing payment of PA state or local **personal** income tax or voter registration card. If you have reasonable doubt, contact PGC at 717-787-2084.
- ❖ ACT 160 SSN Exemption Process for License Applications – A change in the law has occurred. It only applies to PA residents that are **FIRST TIME CUSTOMERS** on the PALS system who desire to provide a driver’s license number or non-driver’s license id number in lieu of their SSN.
- ❖ Please ensure that **every** applicant understands that they **must** complete a Hunter-Trapper Education course to qualify for a hunting license if they have never held one in the past.
- ❖ First day to accept/issue doe licenses is **Monday, July 11, 2016.**
- ❖ Doe applications will be submitted via U.S. Mail to County Treasurer’s.
- ❖ An antlerless license application will be printed with every general license purchased or will also be available via the Hunting Digest.
- ❖ Treasurer’s can issue a doe license for ANY Wildlife Management Unit (WMU).
- ❖ Hunters will list first, second, and third WMU preferences.
- ❖ *Federal Duck Stamps and Temporary Electronic Stamp beginning June 20, 2016, are available for purchase at any issuing agent.
- ❖ *River Otter Permits available for residents and nonresidents who currently hold a furtaker or combo license and wish to trap river otters in WMU’s 3C and 3D.
- ❖ *New Elk Hunt Zone 13 (parts of Centre and Clinton County)
- ❖ *New Mentored Youth Permit Tags Children under the age of 7 will not receive any game tags. Children between the ages of 7 and 11 will receive one antlered/flintlock and one spring turkey tag.
- ❖ **NEW—MENTORED ADULT HUNTING PERMITS:** these new permits are available to residents and nonresidents 18 years of age and older who have never

held or currently hold a hunting or furtaking license in Pennsylvania or in any other state or nation.

- ❖ ELK application deadline: July 31, 2016
- ❖ The new Veteran endorsement that is present on PA Driver's licenses is NOT a valid form of proof of residency for the Reduced-Fee Military License. Members of the Military, National Guard and Reserves must provide you with a printed copy of the paperwork required for this license.
 1. Proof of PA Residency
 1. valid or expired driver's license or leave earnings statement (showing PA as home of record)
 2. Proof of active duty
 1. valid military ID card
 3. Proof of being stationed outside PA
 1. official orders or leave papers
- ❖ **ALL AGENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ASK THE HUNTER/TRAPPER EDUCATION QUESTION AND OTHER QUESTIONS POSED IN THE PALS SYSTEM. PGC PLAIN CLOTHES INVESTIGATORS WILL BE CONDUCTING RANDOM PURCHASES FROM AGENTS ACROSS THE STATE TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE. VIOLATIONS OF THIS REQUIREMENT MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF AGENT PRIVILIGES.**