

LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENCE

Landowners, or eligible designates, who are unsuccessful in the following special licence draws may still be eligible to obtain 1 of these special licences to hunt on their own land:

- Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence
- Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence
- Antlerless Elk Special Licence (excluding WMU 732)
- WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Special Licence
- WMU 300 Elk Special Licence

The following conditions apply to Landowner Special Licences:

1. The applicant for a Landowner Special Licence must be a resident of Alberta and must have applied for and been unsuccessful in the special licence draw for the same licence type for which the landowner application is being made, with one exception for applicants for Landowner Antlerless Elk Special Licences (see landowner licence types above). **Applicants who were unsuccessful in either the Antlerless Elk Special licence draw or the Antlered Elk Special Licence draw may apply for a Landowner Antlerless Elk Special Licence. Applicants who were unsuccessful in the WMU 300 Elk Special Licence draw may apply for a Landowner WMU 300 Antlerless Elk Special Licence only.** The unsuccessful draw application must have reflected, as a first choice, the same WMU or area where the landowner licence will be applied for and the application must meet the following conditions.
2. There is a limit of one Landowner Special Licence application per Certificate of Title (or current Tax Notice). NOTE: If a person can qualify under more than one circumstance described in items 3, 4 or 5 below, they may apply only for one of these three kinds of properties.
3. For lands that are not corporate owned, the applicant must own (have title to or have under agreement for sale by the Crown) a minimum of 1/4 section in a single parcel of 160 acres, consideration for road allowance or utility corridor given, or be an eligible person to whom the titleholder transfers this application opportunity. A title holder may transfer this application opportunity only to an individual who is directly involved in farming the land. This person might be a family member or employee of the person who farms the land, provided, in all cases, that the individual is directly involved in the day-to-day farming operations on the land.
4. In the case of land held under title by a business corporation of the above size category, the applicant may be a shareholder of the business. Similar to item 3 above, an individual who is directly involved in farming this land may apply if the application opportunity has been transferred to them by a person who is authorized to do so by the corporation.
5. In the case of joint land titles, only one of the joint title holders may submit an application for a Landowner Special Licence under a Certificate of Title (or current Tax Notice). However, if additional joint titles exist, each individual, if eligible, may apply under separate joint titles. The same rules apply to transferees as noted above.
6. Availability of Landowner Special Licences may be limited or may not be available at all for some species in certain WMUs. Those available will be issued to eligible persons on a first-come, first-served basis.
7. The land identified in “3” above must be contained within the WMU or area identified as the first choice on the unsuccessful application for the special licence draw. The licence will be valid for the season dates associated with this first choice and on all lands owned by the **titleholder** and lying in the applicable WMU or area.
8. A person may not obtain more than one of the above six landowner special licences per year.
9. Draw priorities are not affected by the acquisition of a Landowner Special Licence.
10. Remember, you may not possess both an Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence and a Mule Deer Licence, more than one elk licence (except WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery Licence and WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Special Licence), or more than four of the deer, elk and moose licences indicated in the Resident Licences and Combinations table (pages 42 to 44).

Application Procedure:

1. You must complete an application form in person at a Fish and Wildlife office beginning August 1, 2023.
2. You must present either the Certificate of Title or a current Tax Notice for the land in the WMU where you wish the Landowner Special Licence to be valid.
3. The Fish and Wildlife office will confirm your eligibility and first choice WMU/Season code.
4. If an applicant is using an opportunity transferred from the title holder (an individual or corporate title holder), the applicant must submit a letter from the title holder (or other share holders), authorizing the application for and the use of the particular Landowner Special Licence. In all cases, the applicant who receives the transferred opportunity must be directly involved in the day to day farming operations of the land.
5. The Fish and Wildlife Division will advise the applicant once the application has been approved. The hunter may then purchase the licence online or from a private licence issuer by providing the issuer with the draw code for which the landowner special licence was approved and his/her WiN. To purchase your licence online see page 9 for details.