

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2020 DRAWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Hunters are encouraged to consider the potential impact of Covid-19 when making their 2020 draw choices and fall hunting plans. Over 100,000 hunters are expected to participate in the 2020 hunting draws, making over 400,000 draw applications. This very large volume of applications will make it prohibitive to adjust or change your draw and draw priorities should you be not be able to hunt this fall. Hunters who still plan to hunt are strongly encouraged to apply for draw opportunities close to home. For draw opportunities further from home, please consider using the priority only choice if a longer trip is not in your plans this year. Environment and Parks thanks you for your understanding and flexibility in these unprecedented times.

GENERAL

- Applicants must purchase a Wildlife Certificate prior to applying for any Special Licence draw, including priority only applications.
- In 2019 Alberta Environment and Parks implemented regulation requiring mandatory harvest and effort reporting on all special hunting licences purchased. When applying on your 2020 draws, hunters will be prompted to complete outstanding surveys. For the 2020 season, hunters who have not completed their harvest surveys by March 15, 2021 will be subject to a \$15 survey fee that will need to be paid before being eligible to participate in the draw.
- New – for the 2020 season, the available quota showing the number of licences issued will be displayed during the draw application workflow. This improvement will allow hunters to assess if there have been any changes and adjust their draw choices accordingly.
- Download the AlbertaReIm APP and easily store your licences and WiN card electronically. Please remember that the onus remains on the hunter to be able to produce their licence, whether electronic or paper, when requested by an officer during field compliance checks.
- To Improve overall service, tags that are lost or stolen can now be replaced at a licence issuer for a \$11.00 replacement fee per licence.
- Please be aware that construction of the Cougar Creek Flood Project will begin in summer 2020. Alberta Parks is implementing a closure to access up Cougar Creek Canyon in the Project area. This will limit access to the upper reaches of Cougar Creek from Canmore. Alberta Parks will post a closure map and description on <https://www.albertaparks.ca/advisories>. Please plan accordingly.

BIG GAME

- A antlered elk (3-point or better) hunting season has been opened in WMU 524. The Archery-only season will be from August 25 - September 16 and the General (rifle) season will be from September 17 - November 30.
- The Antlerless Elk Special Licence hunting season in WMU 212 has been expanded to include hunting on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Antlered elk in WMUs 412 and 414 will require a Special Licence.
- The Either Sex elk hunting seasons in Cypress Hills (WMUs 116, 118, 119 and 624) have been changed to Antlered or Antlerless Elk Special Licences. **Priority will automatically be transferred from Either Sex draw code to the draw code that has been applied for.**
- The antlerless mule deer season in WMU 337 has been closed.
- Antlered mule deer in WMUs 412 and 414 during the General (rifle) season will require a Special Licence
- Antlered mule deer in WMUs 338 – 346 will require a Special Licence during the Archery-only and General (rifle) season.
- Antlered moose will require a Special Licence during the Archery-only hunting season in WMUs 339 – 346
- The Antlerless White-tailed Deer seasons have been aligned with the Antlered White-tailed Deer seasons in WMUs 358, 359 and 522.
- The winter cougar season (dogs permitted) has been extended until March 31.

Proposed Changes for 2021

- A full review of licence and draw application fees is being conducted to align fees with other jurisdictions, improve efficiency and decrease overall complexity by consolidating licences and draw codes.

AlbertaRELM

The Government of Alberta sends emails to hunters and anglers throughout the year. These emails contain important information that you need to know – such as when the draw results will be available.

If you want to receive these emails directly, register your WiN at albertarelm.com. By providing your email address you will be included in our distribution.

It is important that you confirm that you have entered the correct WMU and season for the species that you wish to apply for. Changes can be made until the end of the application period. Group application changes can only be made by the group leader.

Need help with your application? Visit albertarelm.com or call the RELM Help Desk Toll Free 1-888-944-5494.

COMMON LICENCE MISTAKES

GENERAL MULE DEER LICENCE

This general licence is valid during the “archery only” season which precedes the general season, where a special licence is not required. It is valid during the general season in the following WMUs: 352, 353, 355, 440-446, 512-519, 528-534, 536, 539-542 and 841. This licence is not valid during a season in which a Special Licence is required. In the Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations, special licences are required for all seasons where a small black box is located beside the season date.

SUPPLEMENTAL ANTLERLESS WHITE-TAILED DEER LICENCE

The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is issued with two tags. The WMUs which are valid for the 2020 season will be identified in the 2020 Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations.

YOUTH MULE DEER LICENCE

This general licence is available for resident hunters who are 12-17 years of age and who are eligible to hunt. It is a general licence that is valid during the “archery only” season which precedes the general season, where a special licence is not required. It is valid during the general season in the following WMUs: 352, 353, 355, 440-446, 512-519, 528-534, 536, 539-542 and 841. This licence is not valid during a season in which a Special Licence is required. In the Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations, special licences are required for all seasons where a small black box is located beside the season date.

YOUTH WHITE-TAILED DEER LICENCE

This licence is valid for resident hunters who are 12-17 years of age and who are eligible to hunt. It is a general licence and is valid during a general season (archery or rifle). Because it is a general licence, it can not be used during the rifle season in WMUs 404, 406 and 408 (a special licence is required). In the Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations, special licences are required for all seasons where a small black box is located beside the season date.

SUPPLEMENTAL BLACK BEAR LICENCE

This licence is only valid in WMUs 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841.

SPECIAL LICENCES

If you are drawn for a special licence your draw priority returns to zero and that draw cannot be cancelled. You may not be able to purchase a particular general licence once you have been drawn for a special licence of that same species. Example: if you are drawn for Antlered Mule Deer or Antlered White-tailed Deer, you will not be able to purchase a general licence for that species. If you are drawn for Either Sex Elk, WMU 300 Elk, Antlered or Antlerless Elk you will not be able to purchase a general elk licence. Resident hunters are able to purchase an elk licence in combination with the WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery and the WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Special Licence. See licence combinations on page 42.

**If you are drawn for a Special Licence, the authorization to purchase that licence cannot be cancelled.
All licences and applications are Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable.**

Change of Address

If you move, please let us know BEFORE you buy a licence or apply on the draws. To update your address, go online at albertarelm.com or call 1-888-944-5494 or fill out a WiN Application form at your local licence issuer.

IMPORTANT!

Once an undersubscribed licence has been purchased, it will not be cancelled. It may affect your ability to purchase other licences for that species. Please see page 42 – Licences and Combinations before making your purchase.