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R12-4-201. Pioneer License

- A.** A pioneer license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a combination hunting and fishing license. The pioneer license is only available at a Department office.
- B.** The pioneer license is a complimentary license and is valid for the license holder's lifetime. The license remains valid if the licensee subsequently resides outside of this state.
 - 1. A licensee who resides outside of Arizona shall submit the nonresident fee to purchase any required hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp to hunt and fish in this state.
 - 2. Limits established under R12-4-114 for nonresident hunt permit-tags and nonpermit-tags do not apply to a pioneer license holder.
- C.** A person who is age 70 or older and has been a resident of Arizona for at least 25 consecutive years immediately preceding application may apply for a pioneer license by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and on the Department's website. A pioneer license applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
 - 1. The applicant's personal information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. E-mail address, when available;
 - 2. Affirmation that:
 - a. The applicant is 70 years of age or older and has been a resident of this state for 25 or more consecutive years immediately preceding application for the license; and
 - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate.

3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D. In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), an applicant for a pioneer license shall also submit a copy of any one of the following documents at the time of application:
 1. Valid U.S. passport;
 2. Applicant's birth certificate;
 3. Valid government-issued driver's license; or
 4. Valid government-issued identification card.
- E. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification.
- F. The Department shall deny a pioneer license when the applicant:
 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333(C)(1),
 2. Fails to comply with this Section, or
 3. Provides false information on the application.
- G. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Ch 6, Article 10.
- H. A pioneer license holder may request a no-fee duplicate of the paper license provided:
 1. The license was lost or destroyed;
 2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a no-fee duplicate paper license; and
 3. The Department's records indicate a pioneer license was previously issued to that person.
- I. A person issued a pioneer license prior to January 1, 2014 shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).

R12-4-202. Complimentary and Reduced-fee Disabled Veteran's License; Reduced-fee Purple Heart Medal License

- A. The complimentary and reduced-fee disabled veteran's licenses and Purple Heart Medal license grant all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a combination hunting and fishing license. The disabled veteran's and Purple Heart Medal license are only available at a Department office.
- B. The Department offers three types of veteran's licenses:
 1. A complimentary lifetime license to a disabled veteran who receives compensation from the U.S. government for a permanent service-connected disability rated as 100% disabling.
 - a. The complimentary license is valid for either a three-year period from the issue date or the license holder's lifetime.
 - b. If the certification or benefits letter required under subsection (D)(1) indicate the applicant's disability rating of 100% is permanent and:
 - i. Will not be reevaluated, the disabled veteran's license shall be valid for the license holder's lifetime.
 - ii. Will be reevaluated in three years, the disabled veteran's license will expire three years from the date of issuance.
 - c. Eligibility for the complimentary disabled veteran's license is based on the disability rating, not on the compensation received by the veteran.
 - d. An applicant for a complimentary disabled veteran's license shall have been a resident of Arizona for at least one year immediately preceding application.
 - e. The lifetime disabled veteran's license remains valid if the licensee subsequently resides outside of this state.
 - i. A licensee who resides outside of Arizona shall submit the nonresident fee to purchase any required hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp to hunt and fish in this state.
 - ii. Limits established under R12-4-114 for nonresident hunt permit-tags and nonpermit-tags do not apply to a lifetime disabled veteran's license holder.
 2. A reduced-fee license to a disabled veteran who is a resident as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101 and who is receiving compensation from the U.S. government for a service-connected disability.
 - a. The reduced-fee license is valid for one year from the date of purchase or selected start date provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
 - b. The applicant shall pay the fee required under R12-4-102.
 3. A reduced-fee license to a person who submits satisfactory proof to the Department that the person is a bona fide Purple Heart Medal recipient.
 - a. The reduced-fee license is valid for one year from the date of purchase or selected start date provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.

- b. An applicant for a reduced-fee Purple Heart Medal license shall have been a resident of Arizona for at least one year immediately preceding application.
- C. A person applying for a disabled veteran's or Purple Heart Medal license shall submit an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and available at any Department office and on the Department's website. The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
 1. The applicant's personal information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. E-mail address, when available;
 2. Affirmation that:
 - a. The applicant meets the eligibility requirements prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333(C)(2), (C)(3), or (C)(4),
 - b. The applicant has been a resident of this state for at least one year immediately preceding application for the license,
 - c. The information provided on the application is true and accurate.
 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D. In addition to the requirements established under subsection (B), an applicant for a veteran's license shall, at the time of application, certify eligibility for the license by submitting:
 1. For a complimentary or reduced-fee disabled veterans license issued under A.R.S. § 17-333(C)(2) or (C)(3) respectively, an original or facsimile DD-214, certification form, or a benefits letter issued by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) or obtained from the DVA website that meets the requirements specified in subsections (B)(1) and (B)(2). The certification form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and on the Department's website. The certification shall be completed and signed by an agent of the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs.
 2. For a Purple Heart Medal license issued under A.R.S. § 17-333(C)(4), an original or facsimile DD-214 or DD-215, service records showing the award, military orders of the award, or other military discharge document such as WD AGO Form. The actual Purple Heart Medal or a certificate of award will not suffice alone for verification purposes.
- E. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- F. The Department shall deny a disabled veteran's or Purple Heart Medal license when the applicant:
 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333(C)(2), (C)(3), or (C)(4),
 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- G. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- H. A complimentary disabled veteran's license holder may request a no-fee duplicate paper license provided:
 1. The license was lost or destroyed,
 2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a duplicate license, and
 3. The Department's records indicate a disabled veteran's license was previously issued to that person.
- I. A person issued a disabled veteran's license prior to January 1, 2014 shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).
- J. For the purposes of this Section:
 1. "Disabled veteran" means a veteran of the armed forces of the U.S. with a service connected disability.
 2. "Veteran" means a person who has served in the U.S. armed forces.

R12-4-203. National Harvest Information Program (HIP); State Waterfowl and Migratory Bird Stamp

- A. All state fish and wildlife agencies are required to obtain data to assess the harvest of migratory game birds in compliance with the federally mandated National Harvest Information Program administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with 50 C.F.R. Part 20.

- B.** In compliance with the National Harvest Information Program, the Department requires a person to possess a migratory bird stamp or authorization number, which may be affixed to or written on the appropriate license, and a current, valid federal waterfowl stamp or electronic stamp. The migratory bird stamp and authorization number are required to take band-tailed pigeons, gallinules, coots, doves, ducks, geese, snipe, or swans.
 - 1. The state migratory bird stamp expires on June 30 of each year. To obtain a state migratory bird stamp, a person shall submit:
 - a. The fee required under R12-4-102, and
 - b. A completed state migratory bird registration form to a license dealer or a Department office.
 - 2. The person shall provide on the state migratory bird registration form the person's:
 - a. Name,
 - b. Mailing address,
 - c. Date of birth,
 - d. Information on past and anticipated hunting activity, and
 - e. If applicable, the election of the Tier I or Tier II bag limit for the entirety of the waterfowl season.
 - 3. The youth combination hunting and fishing license includes the state migratory bird stamp privileges. A youth hunter who possesses a valid combination hunting and fishing license shall obtain:
 - a. A Federal waterfowl stamp or electronic stamp when the youth hunter is 16 years of age or older and is taking ducks, geese, swans, coots, gallinules; or
 - b. A permit-tag when the youth hunter is taking sandhill crane.
- C.** When authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Commission Order, persons 16 years of age and older who purchase a state migratory bird stamp and indicate they will hunt waterfowl will be prompted to select a tier and are bound to that bag limit for the entire season.
 - 1. Tier I Bag Limit: a traditional seven-duck bag limit with species and sex restrictions. Persons 16 years of age and younger are exempt from the state waterfowl stamp requirement only when choosing the Tier I bag limit.
 - 2. Tier II Bag Limit: a reduced bag limit for ducks with no species or sex restrictions. All persons regardless of age must purchase a state waterfowl stamp when choosing the Tier II bag limit.
 - 3. The tiers do not apply to goose, coots, gallinules, or snipe, which have their own bag limit.
- D.** A license dealer shall submit state migratory bird registration forms for all state migratory bird stamps sold with the monthly report required under A.R.S. § 17-338.

R12-4-204. Taxidermy Registration; Register

- A.** A person shall register with the Department before engaging in the business of taxidermy for hire. A taxidermy registration authorizes a person to mount, refurbish, maintain, restore, or preserve wildlife as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101.
- B.** A taxidermy registration expires on December 31 of each year.
- C.** The Department shall deny a taxidermy registration when the applicant:
 - 1. Fails to meet the requirements established under this Section;
 - 2. Provides false information during the application process; or
 - 3. Provides false information in the register required under A.R.S. § 17-363(B).
- D.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- E.** A person may apply for a taxidermy registration by paying the applicable fee and submitting an application to the Department. The application form is available on the Department's website. A taxidermy registration applicant shall provide all of the following information:
 - 1. The applicant's information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - d. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - e. Physical address;
 - f. Telephone number, when available;
 - g. Email address, when available; and
 - 2. The applicant's business information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Mailing address;
 - c. Email address;

- d. Website URL address, if available;
 - e. Business telephone number, when applicable;
 - f. Calendar year for which the application is made; and
 - g. Whether the applicant is seeking renewal of an existing taxidermy registration.
- 3. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
- 4. Applicant's signature and date.
- F.** A registered taxidermist may submit an application for renewal of a taxidermy registration after December 1 of the year it was issued.
- G.** A registered taxidermist shall maintain a register of all persons who furnish raw and unmounted wildlife specimens for taxidermy service using the form available on the Department's website.
 - 1. This register shall be:
 - a. Maintained for a period of five years after the date the raw and unmounted wildlife specimens were received;
 - b. Provided upon request to an employee of the Department; and
 - c. Filed with the Department on or before January 31 of each year.
 - 2. This register shall contain all of the following information, as applicable:
 - a. The registered taxidermist's information:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Taxidermy registration number;
 - iii. Email address, when available; and
 - b. The customer's or potential customer's:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Address;
 - iii. Taker's tag or license number;
 - iv. Species and number of wildlife received;
 - v. Date wildlife received; and
 - c. A signed affirmation from the registered taxidermist that the information provided in the register is true and accurate.
 - 3. The taxidermy renewal registration becomes invalid if the register is not submitted to the Department by January 31 of the year following registration.
- H.** As authorized under A.R.S. § 17-363(C), the Commission may revoke or suspend the taxidermy registration of a person convicted of violating any provision of A.R.S. § 17-363 or requirement established under this Section.

R12-4-205. High Achievement Scout License

- A.** A high achievement scout license is offered to a resident who is:
 - 1. Eligible for a combination hunting and fishing license,
 - 2. Under 21 years of age, and
 - 3. A member of Scouting BSA and has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, or
 - 4. A member of the Girl Scouts of the USA and has attained the Gold Award.
- B.** The high achievement scout license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of the youth combination hunting and fishing license and is only available at Department offices.
 - 1. The license is valid for one year from the date of purchase or selected start date provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
 - 2. A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate the high achievement scout license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.
- C.** An applicant for a high achievement scout license shall apply on an application form available from any Department office and on the Department's website. The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
 - 1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and

- i. E-mail address, when available;
- 2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
- 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D.** In addition to the application, an eligible applicant shall present with the application:
 - 1. For an applicant who is a member of the Scouting America, any one of the following original documents:
 - a. A certification letter from the Scouting America stating that the applicant has attained the rank of Eagle Scout,
 - b. A Scouting America Eagle Scout Award Certificate, or
 - c. A Scouting America Eagle Scout wallet card.
 - 2. For an applicant who is a member of the Girl Scouts of the USA, any one of the following original documents:
 - a. A certification letter from the Girl Scouts of the USA stating that the applicant has completed the award,
 - b. A Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award Certificate, or
 - c. A Girl Scouts Gold Award Certificate from the local council.
- E.** The Department shall deny a high achievement scout license to an applicant who:
 - 1. Is not eligible for the license;
 - 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section; or
 - 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- F.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.

R12-4-206. General Hunting License; Exemption

- A.** A general hunting license is valid for the taking of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, and upland game birds. A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate the general hunting license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.
- B.** The general hunting license is valid for one-year from:
 - 1. The date of purchase when a person purchases the hunting license from a license dealer, as defined under R12-4-101;
 - 2. On the last day of the application deadline for that draw, as established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule published by the Department;
 - 3. On the last day of an extended deadline date, as authorized under subsection R12-4-104(C). If an applicant does not possess an appropriate license that meets the requirements of this subsection, the applicant shall purchase the license at the time of application; or
 - 4. The selected start date when a person purchases the hunting license from a Department office or online. A person may select the start date for the hunting license provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
- C.** A resident may apply for a general hunting license by submitting an application to the Department, a License Dealer as defined under R12-4-101, or on the Department's website. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office, license dealer, and on the Department's website. A general hunting license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
 - 1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. E-mail address, when available; and
 - 2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 - 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D.** In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), at the time of application an applicant who is applying for a general hunting license:
 - 1. In person shall pay the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.

2. Online shall electronically pay the fee required under R12-4-102 and print the new license. A person applying online shall affirm, or provide permission for another person to affirm, the information electronically provided is true and accurate.
- E. A person who is under 10 years of age may hunt wildlife other than big game without a hunting license when accompanied by a properly licensed person who is 18 years of age or older.

R12-4-207. General Fishing License; Exemption

- A. A general fishing license is valid for the taking of all aquatic wildlife and allows the license holder to engage in simultaneous fishing as defined under R12-4-301. The general fishing license is valid:
1. State-wide including Mittry Lake and Topock Marsh and the Arizona shoreline of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and Lake Havasu, and Commission designated community waters. The list of Commission designated community waters is available at any license dealer, Department office, and on the Department's website.
 2. On that portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada and Arizona and California and connected adjacent water, provided Arizona has an agreement with California and Nevada that recognizes a general fishing license as valid for taking aquatic wildlife on any portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada and Arizona and California.
- B. The general fishing license is valid for one-year from:
1. The date of purchase when a person purchases the fishing license from a license dealer, as defined under R12-4-101; or
 2. The selected start date when a person purchases the fishing license from a Department office or online. A person may select the start date for the fishing license provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
- C. A resident or nonresident may apply for a general fishing license by submitting an application to the Department, a License Dealer as defined under R12-4-101, or on the Department's website. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office, license dealer, and on the Department's website. A general fishing license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. E-mail address, when available; and
 2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D. In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), an applicant who is applying for a general fishing license:
1. In person shall pay the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
 2. Online shall electronically pay the fee required under R12-4-102 and print the new license. A person applying online shall affirm, or provide permission for another person to affirm, the information electronically provided is true and accurate.
- E. In addition to the exemption prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-335, a person who is under 10 years of age may fish without a fishing license.

R12-4-208. Guide License

- A. A guide, as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101, is a person who does any one of the following:
1. Advertises for guiding services.
 2. Is presented to the public for hire as a guide.
 3. Is employed by a commercial enterprise as a guide.
 4. Accepts compensation in any form commensurate with the market value in this state for guiding services in exchange for aiding, assisting, directing, leading, or instructing a person in the field to locate and take wildlife.
 5. Is not a landowner or lessee who, without full fair market compensation, allows access to the landowner's or lessee's property and directs and advises a person in taking wildlife.

- B.** A person shall not act as a guide unless the person holds one of the following guide licenses:
1. A hunting guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the lawful taking of wildlife other than aquatic wildlife as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101.
 2. A fishing guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the lawful taking of aquatic wildlife.
 3. A hunting and fishing guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the lawful taking of wildlife.
- C.** A guide license shall expire on December 31 of each year.
- D.** A person is not eligible to apply for an original or renewal guide license when any one of the following conditions apply:
1. The applicant was convicted of a felony violation of any federal wildlife law, within five years immediately preceding the date of application;
 2. The applicant was convicted of a violation listed under A.R.S. § 17-309(D), within five years immediately preceding the date of application;
 3. The applicant was convicted of a violation of a federal or state wildlife law for which a license to take wildlife may be revoked or suspended within five years immediately preceding the date of application; or
 4. The applicant's privilege to take or possess wildlife or to guide or act as a guide is currently suspended or revoked anywhere in the U.S. for violation of a federal or state wildlife law.
- E.** Notwithstanding subsection (D), a person who was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of any wildlife law within one year preceding the date of application may apply for a guide license provided the person immediately and voluntarily reported the violation to the Department after committing the violation.
- F.** An applicant for a guide license shall:
1. Be 18 years of age or older, and
 2. Possess the required Department-issued license, as applicable:
 - a. A current Arizona hunting license when applying for a hunting guide license;
 - b. A current Arizona fishing license when applying for a fishing guide license;
 - c. A current Arizona combination hunting and fishing license when applying for a hunting and fishing guide license;
- G.** The guide license does not exempt the license holder from any applicable method of take or licensing requirement. The guide license holder shall comply with all applicable Commission rules, including, but not limited to, rules governing:
1. Lawful methods of take,
 2. Lawful devices, and
 3. License requirements.
- H.** Unless otherwise provided under this Section, a person shall successfully complete the Department administered examination, and answer at least 80% of the questions correctly, prior to applying for a guide license. Guide examinations are:
1. Provided at a Department office.
 2. Valid until December 31 of the year in which it was taken.
 3. A person interested in taking the guide examination shall contact a Department office to obtain scheduling information.
- I.** The examination is based on the type of guide license the person is seeking.
1. Before taking the examination, the applicant shall provide their:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth; and
 - c. Driver license number and issuing state.
 2. The examination may include questions regarding any of the following topics:
 - a. A.R.S. Title 17 Game and Fish statutes and Commission rules regarding the taking and handling of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife;
 - b. A.R.S. Title 28, Ch 3, Article 20 Off-highway Vehicles statutes and rule regarding the use of off-highway vehicles;
 - c. A.R.S. Title 5, Ch 3, Boating and Water Sports statutes and Commission rules on boating;
 - d. Requirements for guiding on federal lands;
 - e. Identification of aquatic wildlife species;
 - f. Identification of wildlife;
 - g. Special state and federal laws regarding certain species;

- h. General knowledge of fair chase, hunter ethics, and conservation in Arizona;
 - i. General knowledge of species habitat and wildlife that may occur in the same habitat;
 - j. General knowledge of the types of habitat within the State; and
 - k. General knowledge of special or concurrent jurisdictions within the State.
- 3. An applicant who fails the examination may retake the examination as agreed upon by the applicant and the examination administrator.
- J.** In addition to the guide examination requirement under subsection (H), a guide license holder shall take the Department administered examination when:
 - 1. The applicant currently holds a hunting or fishing guide license and is applying for a combination hunting and fishing guide license;
 - 2. The applicant for a hunting guide license was convicted of a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rule governing the taking and handling of terrestrial wildlife within one year preceding the date of application;
 - 3. The applicant for a fishing guide license was convicted of a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rule governing the taking and handling of aquatic wildlife within one year preceding the date of application;
 - 4. The applicant failed to submit a renewal application postmarked before the expiration date of the guide license; or
 - 5. The applicant failed to submit the annual report for the preceding license year by January 10 of the following license year.
- K.** A person may apply for a guide license by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and on the Department's website. A guide license applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
 - 1. The applicant's personal information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Social Security Number;
 - e. Current hunting, fishing, or combination hunting and fishing license number;
 - f. Residency status;
 - g. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - h. Physical address;
 - i. Telephone number, when available;
 - j. E-mail address, when available;
 - k. Type of guide license sought; and
 - l. Calendar year for which the application is made;
 - 2. The outfitting or guide:
 - a. Business name; and
 - b. Business address, as applicable;
 - 3. Responses to questions relating to criminal violations;
 - 4. Affirmation that:
 - a. The applicant meets the eligibility requirements prescribed under this Section; and
 - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate;
 - 5. Applicant's signature and date.
- L.** In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (K), an applicant for a guide license shall also submit a copy of any one of the following as proof of the applicant's identity:
 - 1. Valid U.S. passport;
 - 2. Applicant's birth certificate;
 - 3. Valid government-issued driver's license; or
 - 4. Valid government-issued identification card.
- M.** All information and documentation provided by the guide license applicant is subject to Department verification.
- N.** An applicant for a guide license shall pay all applicable fees required under R12-4-102 upon approval of an initial or renewal application for a guide license.
- O.** The Department shall deny a guide license when the applicant:
 - 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-362,
 - 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section,

3. Provides false information during the application process,
 4. Fails to provide the annual report required under subsection (R) by January 10, or
 5. Provides false information in the annual report required under subsection (R) within three years immediately preceding the date of application.
- P.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- Q.** A guide license holder may submit an application for renewal of a guide license after December 1 of the year it was issued. The Department shall not start the substantive review, as defined under A.R.S. § 41-1072, before January 10 of the following license year, unless the Department receives the annual report prior to the date established under subsection (R). The current guide license shall remain valid pending a Department decision on the application for renewal, provided:
1. The application for renewal is submitted to the Department by December 31, and
 2. The Department receives the annual report submitted in compliance with subsection (R).
- R.** A guide license holder shall submit to the Department the annual report required under A.R.S. § 17-362(C) for the previous calendar year after January 1 but no later than January 10 of the following license year. The report form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office or on the Department's website.
1. A report is required whether or not the license holder performed any guiding activities.
 2. The annual report shall include all of the following information, as applicable:
 - a. License holder's personal information:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Guide license number; and
 - iii. E-mail address, when available; and
 - b. Client's personal information:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Mailing address; and
 - iii. Arizona license, tag and permit numbers, and
 - c. Dates guiding activities were conducted;
 - d. Number and species of wildlife taken by the clients;
 - e. Game management unit or body of water where guiding activities took place;
 - f. Affirmation that the information provided in the annual report is true and accurate; and
 - g. License holder's signature and date.
 3. The Department shall not renew a guide license if the annual report is not submitted to the Department by January 10 of the following license year.
- S.** The date of receipt for the items required under subsections (K), (L), (Q), and (R) shall be as follows:
1. The date a person presents the items to a Department office;
 2. The date a private express mail carrier receives the package containing the items as indicated on the shipping package; or
 3. The date of the United States Postal Service postmark stamped on the envelope containing the items.
- T.** A guide license holder shall:
1. Complete a Department-sanctioned continuing education course at least once every five-years.
 2. While performing any activities or services as a guide, as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101:
 - a. Possess a valid guide license.
 - b. Possess a valid Arizona hunting, fishing, or combination hunting and fishing license, as applicable under subsection (F)(2).
 - c. Present the license for inspection upon the request of any peace officer, including wildlife managers and game rangers.
 - d. Report any violation of a federal or state statute or regulation the guide license holder knew or should have known of that involves or relates to the take or possession of wildlife or involves or relates to another guide or guide license holder's legal obligations.
- U.** A guide license holder shall not:
1. Use, or allow another person to use, any method or device prohibited under any federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule while taking wildlife.
 2. Aid, counsel, agree to aid, or attempt to aid another person in planning or engaging in conduct that results in a violation of any federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule while taking wildlife.

3. A guide license holder shall not aid, assist, serve as an agent to, represent, associate, or contract with a person whose privilege to take wildlife or guide is currently suspended or revoked pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 17-340, 17-362, or R12-4-606.
 4. Pursue any wildlife or hold at bay any wildlife for a person unless that person is present during the pursuit to take the wildlife.
 - a. The person shall be continuously present during the entire pursuit of that specific target animal.
 - b. If dogs are used, the person shall be present when the dogs are released on a specific target animal and shall be continuously present for the remainder of the pursuit.
 5. Hold wildlife at bay other than during daylight hours, unless a Commission Order authorizes the take of the species at night.
- V. It is a violation for a licensed or unlicensed guide to employ, hire, direct, or authorize another person to provide guiding services for compensation, and the guide knew or should have known that person would likely commit a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rules while the person is providing such guiding services on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the guide.
- “Knew or should have known” means actual knowledge, or that a reasonably observant person under the same or similar circumstances would have had knowledge, or a person had a duty to inquire or investigate the facts and circumstances that person would commit a violation.
- W. As authorized under A.R.S. § 17-362(A), the Commission may revoke or suspend a guide license when any one or more of the following actions occur:
1. The guide license holder failed to comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Title 17 or was convicted of violating any provision of A.R.S. Title 17;
 2. The guide license holder was convicted of a felony violation of any federal wildlife law;
 3. The guide license holder was convicted of a violation listed under A.R.S. § 17-309(D);
 4. The guide license holder was convicted of a violation of a federal or state wildlife law for which a license to take wildlife may be revoked or suspended; or
 5. The guide license holder’s privilege to take or possess wildlife is suspended or revoked by any jurisdiction for violation of a federal or state wildlife law.

R12-4-210. Combination Hunting and Fishing License; Exemption

- A. A combination hunting and fishing license is valid for the taking of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, and upland game birds.
- B. A combination hunting and fishing license is valid for the taking of all aquatic wildlife and allows the license holder to engage in simultaneous fishing as defined under R12-4-101. The combination hunting and fishing license is valid:
1. State-wide including Mittry Lake and Topock Marsh and the Arizona shoreline of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and Lake Havasu, and Commission designated community waters. The list of Commission designated community waters is available at any license dealer, Department office, and on the Department's website.
 2. On that portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada and Arizona and California and connected adjacent water, provided Arizona has an agreement with California and Nevada that recognizes a combination hunting and fishing license as valid for taking aquatic wildlife on any portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada and Arizona and California.
- C. The Department offers three combination hunting and fishing licenses:
1. A short-term combination hunting and fishing license, valid for one 24-hour period from midnight to midnight.
 - a. The short-term combination hunting and fishing license is not valid for the take of big game animals.
 - b. The short-term combination hunting and fishing license is valid for the take of migratory game birds and waterfowl, provided the person possesses the applicable State Migratory Bird stamp and Federal Waterfowl stamp.
 - c. The Department does not limit the number of short-term combination hunting and fishing licenses a resident or nonresident may purchase.
 2. A combination hunting and fishing license for a person age 18 and over.
 - a. The combination hunting and fishing license is valid for one-year from:
 - i. The date of purchase when a person purchases the combination hunting and fishing license from a license dealer, as defined under R12-4-101;
 - ii. On the last day of the application deadline for that draw, as established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule published by the Department;

- iii. On the last day of an extended deadline date, as authorized under subsection R12-4-104(C). If an applicant does not possess an appropriate license that meets the requirements of this subsection, the applicant shall purchase the license at the time of application; or
 - iv. The selected start date when a person purchases the combination hunting and fishing license from a Department office or online. A person may select the start date for the combination hunting and fishing license provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
 - b. A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate the combination hunting and fishing license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.
- 3. A youth combination hunting and fishing license for a person through age 17.
 - a. The combination hunting and fishing license is valid for one-year from:
 - i. The date of purchase when a person purchases the combination hunting and fishing license from a license dealer, as defined under R12-4-101;
 - ii. On the last day of the application deadline for that draw, as established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule published by the Department;
 - iii. On the last day of an extended deadline date, as authorized under subsection R12-4-104(C). If an applicant does not possess an appropriate license that meets the requirements of this subsection, the applicant shall purchase the license at the time of application; or
 - iv. The selected start date when a person purchases the combination hunting and fishing license from a Department office or online. A person may select the start date for the combination hunting and fishing license provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
 - b. A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate the combination hunting and fishing license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.
- D. A resident or nonresident may apply for a combination hunting and fishing license by submitting an application to the Department, a License Dealer as defined under R12-4-101, or on the Department's website. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office, license dealer, and on the Department's website. A combination hunting and fishing license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
 - 1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. E-mail address, when available; and
 - 2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 - 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- E. In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), an applicant who is applying for a combination hunting and fishing license:
 - 1. In person shall pay the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
 - 2. Online shall electronically pay the fee required under R12-4-102 and print the new license. A person applying online shall affirm, or provide permission for another person to affirm, the information provided on the online application is true and accurate.
- F. Exemptions authorized under R12-4-206(E) and R12-4-207(E) also apply to this Section, as applicable.

R12-4-211. Lifetime License; Benefactor License

- A. The Department offers the following lifetime licenses:
 - 1. A lifetime hunting license includes the privileges established under R12-4-206(A).
 - 2. A lifetime fishing license includes the privileges established under R12-4-207(A).
 - 3. A lifetime combination hunting and fishing license includes the privileges established under R12-4-210(A) and (B).

4. A benefactor lifetime combination hunting and fishing license includes the privileges established under R12-4-210(A) and (B).
- B.** A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate lifetime hunting or combination hunting and fishing license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.
- C.** The lifetime licenses identified under subsection (A) do not expire and remain valid if the licensee subsequently resides outside of this state.
 1. A licensee who resides outside of Arizona shall submit the nonresident fee to purchase any required hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp to hunt and fish in this state.
 2. Limits established under R12-4-114 for nonresident hunt permit-tags and nonpermit-tags do not apply to a lifetime license holder.
- D.** A resident may apply for a lifetime license by submitting an application to the Department and paying the applicable fee required under subsection (E). The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and on the Department's website. A lifetime license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
 1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Social Security Number, when required under A.R.S. §§ 25-320(P) and 25-502(K);
 - e. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - f. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - g. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - h. Physical address;
 - i. Telephone number, when available; and
 - j. E-mail address, when available; and
 2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 3. Applicant's signature and date.
 4. In addition to the requirements listed under subsections (1) through (3), an applicant for a lifetime license shall also submit a copy of any one of the following documents at the time of application:
 - a. Valid U.S. passport;
 - b. Applicant's birth certificate;
 - c. Valid government-issued driver's license; or
 - d. Valid government-issued identification card.
- E.** The fees for resident lifetime licenses listed under (A)(1) through (A)(3) are determined by the age of the applicant as follows:
 1. Age 0 through 13 years is 17 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year license.
 2. Age 14 through 29 years is 18 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year license.
 3. Age 30 through 44 years is 16 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year license.
 4. Age 45 through 61 years is 15 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year license.
 5. Age 62 and older is 8 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year license.
 6. For the purposes of this subsection, when the applicant is under the age of 18, the fee for the lifetime license is based on the full priced license fee, not the youth license fee.
- F.** The fee for the benefactor license listed under (A)(4) is \$1,500. The difference between \$1,500 and the license fee for a resident lifetime combination hunting and fishing license established under subsection (E):
 1. Is a donation to the State for continued management, protection, and conservation of the State's wildlife.
 2. Shall be credited to the wildlife endowment fund established under A.R.S. § 17-271.
 3. May be tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal and state income tax statutes for contributions to qualifying tax-exempt organizations.
- G.** A lifetime license may be denied or suspended pursuant to, and for the offenses described under, A.R.S. § 17-340.
- H.** A person issued a lifetime license prior to the effective date of this Section shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), or (A)(4), as applicable, for the equivalent lifetime license.

R12-4-213. Hunt Permit-tags and Nonpermit-tags

- A. A valid hunt permit-tag or nonpermit-tag is required to validate a license to take a big game animal or other wildlife requiring a valid tag. Before a person may take a big game animal or other wildlife requiring a tag, the person shall apply for and obtain the appropriate tag required for the take of that big game animal or other wildlife.
- B. A person may apply for a hunt permit-tag in accordance with R12-4-104 and at the times, locations, and in the manner established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule that the Department publishes and is available at any Department office, on the Department's website, or a License Dealer as defined under R12-4-101.
- C. A person applying for a nonpermit-tag shall apply in accordance with R12-4-114 and pay the required fee established under R12-4-102.
- D. Under A.R.S. § 17-332(C), the Department and its license dealers may issue a duplicate tag to a person whose tag was not used and is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or otherwise unusable; or placed on a harvested animal that was subsequently condemned and the carcass and all parts of the animal were surrendered to a Department employee as required under R12-4-112(B) and (C). The person shall complete and sign the affidavit furnished by the Department. The affidavit is available at any Department office or License Dealer. The person shall provide the following information on the affidavit:
 - 1. The applicant's personal information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - c. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - 2. The original license or tag information:
 - a. Type of license or tag;
 - b. Place of purchase;
 - c. Purchase date, when available;
 - 3. Disposition of the original tag for which a duplicate is being purchased.
 - 4. A person applying for a duplicate tag after a harvested animal that was subsequently condemned as described under subsection (D) shall also submit the condemned meat duplicate tag authorization form issued by the Department.
- E. The person shall pay the applicable duplicate fee prescribed under R12-4-102.

R12-4-215. Youth Group Two-day Fishing License

- A. A youth group two-day fishing license authorizes a nonprofit organization or governmental entity as defined under subsection (C) that sponsors adult supervised activities for youth to take up to 25 youths fishing. The youth group two-day fishing license is only available from a Department office. The youth group two-day fishing license is valid for:
 - 1. Two consecutive days,
 - 2. The take of all aquatic wildlife, and
 - 3. All privileges established under R12-4-207(A).
- B. A nonprofit organization or governmental entity may apply for a youth group two-day fishing license at any Department office. An applicant for a youth group two-day fishing license shall be a resident. The applicant shall pay the fee required under R12-4-102 and provide the following information at the time of application:
 - 1. The nonprofit organization's or governmental entity's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Mailing address; and
 - c. Telephone number, when available;
 - 2. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - f. Physical address;
 - g. Telephone number, when available; and
 - h. E-mail address, when available;
 - 3. The dates on which the nonprofit organization intends to conduct the youth group fishing activity.
 - 4. The approximate number of youth participating in the group fishing activity.

- C. For the purpose of this Section, “governmental entity” means any town, city, county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state or any department, agency, board, commission, authority, division, office, public school, public charter school, public corporation, or other public entity of this state or any department agency bureau, or office of the federal government that is physically located within this state.

R12-4-216. Crossbow Permit

- A. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:
“Qualified physician” means a currently licensed and board-certified medical or osteopathic physician (M.D. or D.O. only) who has an unrestricted license to practice medicine in any U.S. state or U.S. territory. Physician shall primarily practice or specialize in musculoskeletal or neuromuscular disorders, diseases or conditions that cause a physical impairment that substantially limits the use of a standard bow and arrow for hunting.
“Disability” means a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more life activities, but does not include typical or natural physiological conditions associated with age or gender that may affect physical abilities.
- B. When authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
1. A person who possesses a valid crossbow permit may use any of the following during an archery-only season as prescribed under R12-4-318:
 - a. A crossbow, as defined under R12-4-101, that is restricted to a single bowstring, capable of firing only a single arrow or single bolt with each loading and cocking action. The crossbow permit prohibits the following when using a crossbow:
 - i. Magnifying or telescoping scope, magnifying red dot or other type of magnifying optic on a crossbow;
 - ii. Attached accessories or built-in accessories that throw, cast or project an artificial light or electronically alter or intensify a light source for the purpose of visibly enhancing an animal image or placing a point of aim on an animal;
 - iii. Any form of bipod, tripod or other device used to balance, rest or steady a crossbow when a crossbow is in use, except a permit holder with a missing upper body extremity as defined in subsection (E)(4)(a)(i) below, may use such a device. The use of illuminated reticles, illuminated sights or illuminated sight pins is not prohibited; or
 - b. Any bow to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
 2. A person who possesses both a valid crossbow permit and CHAMP, issued under R12-4-217, may use any of the following during an archery-only season as prescribed under R12-4-318:
 1. A crossbow, as defined under R12-4-101, that is restricted to a single bowstring, capable of firing only a single arrow or single bolt with each loading and cocking action, and subject to the same prohibitions on the use of crossbow set forth in R12-4-216 (B)(1)(a)(i-iii), except that a person with a valid CHAMP may use external structures or devices to stabilize the crossbow when in use;
 - b. Any bow to be drawn and held with an assisting device; or
 - c. Pre-charged pneumatic weapon, as defined under R12-4-301, using arrows or bolts and capable of firing only a single arrow or bolt at a time.
- C. The crossbow permit does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable method of take or licensing requirement. The permit holder shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements.
- D. The crossbow permit expires one year from the date the medical certification portion of the application was signed by a qualified physician. A crossbow permit also expires when:
1. The permit holder no longer meets the criteria for obtaining the crossbow permit, or
 2. The Commission revokes the person’s crossbow permit or hunting privileges under A.R.S. § 17-340. A person whose crossbow permit is revoked by the Commission may petition the Commission for a rehearing as established under R12-4-607.
- E. An applicant for a crossbow permit shall apply by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at www.azgfd.gov. A crossbow permit applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant’s:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant’s eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;

- h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. E-mail address, when available;
 - 2. Affirmation that:
 - a. The applicant meets the requirements of this Section, and
 - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate, and
 - 3. Applicant's signature and date.
 - 4. The certification portion of the application shall be completed by a qualified physician. The qualified physician shall:
 - a. Certify (1) the applicant has a disability; (2) the disability substantially limits the applicant's ability to use a standard bow and arrow for hunting; and (3) the applicant's physical limitations do not prevent the applicant from using a crossbow for hunting. The qualified physician must affirm on the certification that the applicant's substantial physical limitation that prohibits drawing and holding a bow at full draw is due to one or more of the following conditions:
 - i. An amputation involving 3 or more fingers at the proximal interphalangeal joint, wrist, elbow, or shoulder that prevents stable function to use a bow;
 - ii. Spinal cord injury affecting a hand, wrist, arm, or shoulder;
 - iii. Weakness resulting from a disability of the muscles, nerves, joints or connective tissue in the shoulder, arm, wrist, hand, or back used in drawing and holding a bow at full draw. The weakness is confirmed and documented using a reliable and appropriate functional capacity evaluation, upper extremity performance test or manual muscle test (MMT) where the results correlate with a physical impairment substantially limiting the ability to use a conventional bow. Using a MMT requires a score of 3 or worse on a scale of 0 to 5 to qualify an applicant for a crossbow permit. Weakness that is appropriate for age or gender or deconditioning not due to a chronic medical problem shall not be considered a reason for a crossbow permit.
 - iv. Restricted range of motion, where range of motion is assessed using a medically-accepted goniometric evaluation system and the score correlates with a physical impairment substantially limiting the ability to use a bow.
 - b. The qualified physician shall assess the level of impairment on the applicant's ability to use a bow in relation to other people of same gender and age who have no physical limitations using a bow. An applicant should be assessed on whether the applicant's disability prevents the functional equivalent of holding a bow steady in a full draw position with a minimum of 30 pounds of resistance at full draw and holding a full draw for at least 4 seconds. The qualified physician must include in the medical certification a narrative statement in lay terms explaining how the applicant's impairment substantially limits the individual's use of a bow based on the criteria in this subsection.
 - c. Provide the qualified physician's:
 - i. Typed or printed name,
 - ii. License number,
 - iii. Business address,
 - iv. Telephone number, and
 - v. Signature and date;
 - vi. Acknowledgement with signature that the attesting qualified physician understands that a knowingly false or fraudulent submission may result in a complaint of unprofessional conduct to the appropriate medical board.
 - 5. A person who holds a valid CHAMP and who is applying for a crossbow permit is exempt from the requirements of subsection (E)(4) and shall indicate "CHAMP" in the space provided for the medical certification on the crossbow permit application.

F. In addition to the requirements listed above, at the time of application an applicant who is applying for a crossbow permit shall pay the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.

G. The Applicant shall include with the application records from the qualified physician's evaluation of applicant's disability and physical limitations. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification.

H. The Department shall deny a crossbow permit when the applicant:

 - 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under this Section,
 - 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
 - 3. Provides false information during the application process.

- I. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- J. The applicant claiming a disability and requesting a crossbow permit is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the medical certification and documentation, re-evaluation of the information, or a second medical opinion.
- K. When acting under the authority of a crossbow permit, the crossbow permit holder shall possess the permit, and exhibit the permit upon request to any peace officer, including wildlife managers and game rangers.
- L. A crossbow permit holder shall not:
 - 1. Transfer the permit to another person, or
 - 2. Allow another person to use or possess the permit.
- M. This rule is effective July 1, 2026. Any valid crossbow permit issued prior to the effective date is void on or after the effective date.

R12-4-217. Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP)

- A. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:
 - “Qualified physician” means a currently licensed and board-certified medical or osteopathic physician (M.D. or D.O. only) who has an unrestricted license to practice medicine in any U.S. state or U.S. territory. Physician shall primarily practice or specialize in disorders, diseases or conditions that cause a severe permanent disability as that term is defined in this section.
 - “Severe permanent disability” means one or more permanent physical or mental disabilities resulting from amputation of both upper and lower limbs, permanent use of wheelchair, crutches, or a walker, arthritis, autism, blindness, extensive burn injury, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, intellectual disability, muscular dystrophy, musculoskeletal disorders, neurological disorders, paraplegia, pulmonary disorders, quadriplegia and other spinal cord conditions, sickle cell anemia, and end stage renal disease or a combination of permanent disabilities resulting in comparable substantial life function limitations.
- B. The Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) allows a person with a severe permanent disability to perform one or more of the following activities:
 - 1. Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle if, under existing conditions:
 - a. The discharge is otherwise lawful;
 - b. The motor vehicle is not in motion;
 - c. The motor vehicle is not on any road, as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101; and
 - d. The motor vehicle’s engine is turned off.
 - 2. Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a watercraft, as defined under R12-4-501; provided the motor is turned off, the sail furled, or both; and progress has ceased.
 - a. The watercraft may be drifting as a result of current or wind, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or propelled by paddle, oars, or pole.
 - b. A person may use a watercraft under power to retrieve dead or wounded wildlife.
 - c. For the purposes of this subsection, “watercraft” does not include a sinkbox.
 - 3. Use off-road locations in a motor vehicle if use is not in conflict with federal or state statutes or regulations or local ordinances or regulations and the motor vehicle is used as a place to wait for game. A person shall not use a motor vehicle to chase or pursue game.
 - 4. Use any of the following during an archery-only season as prescribed under R12-4-318:
 - a. A crossbow, as defined under R12-4-101, using a single bowstring, capable of firing only a single arrow or single bolt with each loading and cocking action, and subject to the same prohibitions on the use of a crossbow set forth in R12-4-216 (B)(1)(a)(i-iii), except that a person possessing a valid CHAMP may use external structures or devices to stabilize the crossbow when in use; or
 - b. Any bow to be drawn and held with an assisting device, or
 - c. Pre-charged pneumatic weapon, as defined under R12-4-301, using arrows or bolts and capable of firing only a single arrow or bolt at a time.
 - 5. Designate an assistant to track and dispatch a wounded animal, and to retrieve the animal, in accordance with the requirements of this Section.
- C. The CHAMP holder shall comply with all applicable regulatory requirements. A CHAMP does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable method of take or licensing requirement.
- D. The CHAMP does not expire, unless:
 - 1. The permit holder no longer meets the criteria for obtaining the CHAMP, or

2. The Commission revokes the person's CHAMP or hunting privileges under A.R.S. § 17-340. A person whose CHAMP is revoked by the Commission may petition the Commission for a rehearing as established under R12-4-607.
- E.** An applicant for a CHAMP shall apply by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available from any Department office and on the Department's website. The CHAMP applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. E-mail address, when available;
 2. Affirmation that:
 - a. The applicant meets the requirements of this Section, and
 - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate, and
 3. Applicant's signature and date.
 4. The certification portion of the application shall be completed by a qualified physician. The qualified physician shall:
 - a. Certify the applicant is a person with a severe permanent disability as defined under subsection (A), and
 - b. Provide the qualified physician's:
 - i. Typed or printed name,
 - ii. Business address,
 - iii. Telephone number, and
 - iv. Signature and date;
 - v. Acknowledgement with signature that the attesting qualified physician understands that a knowingly false or fraudulent submission may result in a complaint of unprofessional conduct to the appropriate medical board.
- F.** In addition to the requirements listed above, at the time of application an applicant who is applying for a CHAMP shall pay the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
- G.** The Applicant shall include with the application records from the qualified physician's evaluation of applicant's disability and physical limitations. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification.
- H.** The applicant claiming a severe permanent disability and requesting a CHAMP is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the medical certification and documentation, re-evaluation of the information, or a second medical opinion.
- I.** The Department shall deny a CHAMP when the applicant:
1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under this Section,
 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- J.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed in A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- K.** When acting under the authority of the CHAMP, the permit holder shall possess and exhibit the permit upon request to any peace officer, including wildlife managers and game rangers.
- L.** The CHAMP holder shall ensure the CHAMP vehicle placard, issued with the CHAMP, is visibly displayed on the motor vehicle or watercraft when in use.
- M.** The Department shall provide a CHAMP holder with a dispatch permit that allows the CHAMP holder to designate a licensed hunter as an assistant to:
1. Dispatch and retrieve an animal wounded by the CHAMP holder, or
 2. Retrieve wildlife killed by the CHAMP holder.
- N.** The CHAMP holder shall:
1. Designate an assistant only after the animal is wounded or killed.
 2. Ensure the designation on the dispatch permit is in ink and includes:

- a. A description of the animal,
 - b. The assistant's name and valid Arizona hunting license number,
 - c. The date and time the animal was wounded or killed, and
- 3. Ensure compliance with all of the following requirements:
 - a. The site where the animal is wounded and the location from which tracking begins are marked so they can be identified later.
 - b. The assistant possesses the dispatch permit and a valid hunting license while tracking and dispatching the wounded animal. When acting under the authority of the dispatch permit, the assistant shall possess and exhibit the dispatch permit and hunting license upon request to any peace officer, including wildlife managers and game rangers.
 - c. The CHAMP holder is in the field while the assistant is tracking and dispatching the wounded animal.
 - d. The assistant does not transfer the dispatch permit to anyone except that the dispatch permit may be transferred back to the CHAMP holder.
 - e. Dispatch is made by a method that is lawful for the take of the particular animal in the particular season in accordance with requirements established under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
 - f. The assistant attaches the dispatch permit to the carcass of the animal and returns the carcass to the CHAMP holder, and the tag of the CHAMP holder is affixed to the carcass.
 - g. If the assistant is unsuccessful in locating and dispatching the wounded animal, the assistant returns the dispatch permit to the CHAMP holder. The CHAMP holder shall strike the name and authorization of the assistant from the dispatch permit.
- O.** A dispatch permit may not be reused when all spaces for designation of an assistant are filled or the dispatch permit is attached to a carcass. The CHAMP holder may request another dispatch permit from the Department if:
 - 1. All spaces for assistants are filled,
 - 2. The dispatch permit is lost, or
 - 3. When the CHAMP holder needs another dispatch permit for another big game hunt.
- P.** A CHAMP holder shall not:
 - 1. Transfer the permit to another person, or
 - 2. Allow another person to use or possess the permit.
- Q.** This rule is effective July 1, 2026. Any valid CHAMP issued prior to the effective date is void on or after the effective date.