

Transfers & Donations

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

License Refunds and Transfers

New Mexico hunting licenses are nonrefundable and nontransferable. The director of NMDGF may grant a refund or transfer a hunting license if the licensee: 1) is deceased; 2) has sustained a severe injury or suffered a life-threatening illness which prevents participation; 3) is deployed by the U.S. military prior to the start of the hunt which prohibits participation; or 4) a hunt is cancelled due to a natural disaster. Refund or transfer requests must be submitted in writing to the NMDGF Santa Fe office or specialhunts@dgf.nm.gov prior to the hunt start date. Transfer requests received within three days of the hunt start date might not be processed. For further information call **1-888-248-6866**. If a license transfer is not completed at least 14 days prior to hunt start date, the recipient may be required to obtain a license and tag at a license vendor or NMDGF office, unless the E-Tag option is chosen. Written requests may not be withdrawn once received.

Donation of a Hunting License

If ineligible for refund or transfer, a hunting license may be donated to NMDGF to provide an opportunity for a youth 17 years of age or younger, a resident veteran or a resident first responder who has been qualified through a nonprofit organization that promotes hunting. Refunds are not offered for donated licenses. Qualifying nonprofit organizations must be approved by the New Mexico State Game Commission.

License donation request forms are available online at <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/applications-and-draw-information/hunting-license-donations/>. Please submit your form to the NMDGF Santa Fe office or specialhunts@dgf.nm.gov. For additional information call **1-888-248-6866**. If transfer of a donated license is not completed at least 14 days prior to the hunt start date, the recipient may be required to obtain a license and tag at a license vendor or NMDGF office unless E-Tag option is chosen. Written requests may not be withdrawn once received. Donation requests received within three days of the hunt start date might not be processed.

Draw Licenses

A draw license may not be traded for a private-land license, returned for refund or transferred, sold or bartered, except as defined above.