

SPECIAL LICENCES

Special licences are used in situations where a species (e.g., antelope) could not withstand the hunting pressure of a general season, or where they are needed to meet a specific management goal (e.g., the goal in the antlered mule deer draw areas is to develop and maintain a more balanced age structure in the herd). Other benefits from draws include improved hunter success, increased opportunity for harvesting a trophy animal, reduced hunter density, a more pleasant hunting experience, reduced disturbance of landowners and a better distribution of the harvest.

A special licence allows a hunter to hunt the type of big game animal (e.g., antlerless elk) in the area (a WMU, a group of WMUs, or a portion of one or more WMUs) specified on the licence. There is a cost for each special licence. The special licence is valid during the open season, which is indicated on certain licences. If the season dates are not indicated on the licence, they can be found in the season information tables in the *2011 Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations*, available in July.

A special licence is issued with a tag(s) and is valid to hunt the specified type of animal at the specified time and location. A hunter must carry the licence and applicable tag(s) on his or her person while hunting. More than one tag may be issued in specific WMUs if there are too few applications to achieve the desired harvest.

Two Additional Opportunities

1. Each year, there are more special licences than applicants in some WMUs. These undersubscribed special licences are made available for sale to eligible hunters (see page 17).
2. If the harvest of a certain species in a specific area is still inadequate, quota licences and tags may be available to take a specific number of animals at a specific time and location.

Common Questions and Concerns - 1-900-Application

Why doesn't my telephone access the 1-900 line?

You can only use touch-tone telephones. Cell telephones, blackberry phones, pay phones, calling cards and certain long distance providers cannot access the 1-900 line. As well, many office telephone systems block access to 1-900 numbers. Cordless telephones are not recommended because of inconsistent transmission tones. **Please check with your long distance service provider to ensure you have access to 1-900-lines.**

How much will a call cost?

An average call will cost \$6.13. The cost of the call will appear on your long distance telephone bill.

What if I make a mistake or have a question about my application?

The system will only accept valid species and draw choices. Each choice you make will be repeated back to you for verification. If you need to correct an error, call (toll-free) 1-877-289-0999 one business day after you apply. The operator will then be able to cancel your application so you may reapply, but you will be charged another application fee.

What if I hang-up part way through the call?

If you hang-up before the introduction (approximately 30 seconds) is completed, you will not be charged. However, once you are past the introduction, you will be charged for the amount of time spent on the line even if you did not complete your application. Incomplete calls will not be entered as a draw application.

How do I know my 1-900 application is complete?

Do not hang up until you hear "Your draw application is now complete."

Can I choose more than one draw choice?

Yes. You can indicate up to three draw choices for each draw, except if you choose '999'. (see page 7). To see how many draws you can apply on, refer to Licence Combinations, starting on page 49.

Can Non-residents (Canadian) apply using the 1-900 number?

Yes. You can call the 1-900 number from anywhere in Canada (excluding the NWT). However, except for trophy sheep, Non-residents (Canadian) must apply with a resident (maximum 1 non-resident per resident).

When will I pay for the special licence if I'm drawn?

Special licences can be purchased, commencing August 1, 2011. If you purchase your licence at a licence issuer, you must have your WIN card and know the draw code(s) of the licences for which you were drawn. To purchase your licence online, see page 9 for details.