

## Licences

A fur management licence or trapper's identification card must be carried at all times while trapping. Resident trappers must also carry Form WA 19A signed by the landowner providing permission to trap on the lands involved. Trappers using power-neck snares and common neck snares on land owned by someone else must carry written permission from the landowner to use these snares.

### Registered Fur Management Licence

There are approximately 1700 Registered Fur Management Areas (RFMAs) within Alberta. The Senior Licence Holder is authorized to trap on an RFMA for a five-year term, provided the licence is renewed each year. At the close of the five-year term, the Senior Licence Holder may apply for another five-year term.

**Applications:** Occasionally, RFMAs become vacant. District Fish and Wildlife Division offices (see page 5) list the vacant RFMAs in their district. Qualified adult residents of Alberta may apply for a vacant RFMA at those offices. Successful applicants will receive Registered Fur Management Licences that will authorize them to hunt and trap fur-bearing animals on the lands described on the licence and also on private lands that they may own or occupy.

**Renewals:** The Senior Licence Holder of a Registered Fur Management Area may apply for a renewal of that licence on or before September 30 of each year. The application for renewal must be accompanied by a report of the number and species of

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fur-bearing animals taken by all trappers except Partners who must submit their own report on the fur management area for the previous year.

Partners on RFMAs require a licence. The Senior Licence Holder of an RFMA may, at any time, sign on a partner by completing a Fur Management Area Partnership Agreement and having it approved in writing by a Fish and Wildlife Officer. The partnership agreement must be completed each year.

**\*Note:** The spouse or a resident child (under 18 years of age) of the holder of any Registered Fur Management Area Licence may hunt and trap fur-bearing animals within the RFMA without a Registered Fur Management Licence. Harvests by these persons must also be included in the annual report completed by the appropriate licence holder.

### Resident Fur Management Licence

An Alberta resident 14 years of age or older may obtain a Resident Fur Management Licence. Holders of such licences may trap fur-bearing animals on lands

- a) they own, lease or occupy, and
- b) for which they have written permission — on Form WA 19A "Authorization to hunt fur-bearing animals" — from the person who owns, leases or occupies the land. Additional written permission is required for the use of power-neck snares and common neck snares, see page 9.

While hunting and trapping under the authority of this licence, resident trappers must always carry their licences and relevant Permission to Trap form, and must produce them upon the request of a Fish and Wildlife Officer.

- Holders of a Resident Fur Management Licence are asked to complete a Resident Fur Harvest Report (WA12A) on or before September 30 to report the number, WMU and species of fur-bearing animals taken during the previous year.

#### Note:

- A resident under 16 years of age who's parent is the holder of a Resident Fur Management Licence must have written permission from the landholder — on Form WA 19A — in order to hunt and trap fur-bearing animals on land that the parent may trap. The child does not need a licence.
- Holders of Resident Fur Management Licences may not take fisher, otter, lynx, or wolverine, and they may not take marten in FMZ 3.
- In the case of weasel (ermine), it will be necessary to distinguish between those with tails less than 100 millimetres (4 inches) and those with tail lengths greater than 100 millimetres (4 inches). This will provide much needed status information for long-tailed weasel.

### Indian Fur Management Licence

This licence authorizes Indians to hunt and trap fur-bearing animals within the boundaries of the Indian Reserve in which they live. These licences may be obtained from Band Administration Offices.

### Métis Fur Management Licence

This licence authorizes Métis Settlement members to hunt and trap fur-bearing animals within the boundaries of the Métis Settlement in which they live. These licences may be obtained from Métis Settlement Supervisors.

### Youths Accompanying Trapper

Family or non-family members 12 years of age or older are permitted to accompany and trap with an adult who holds a valid licence (until the youths are eligible to obtain a licence). Written permission from the youth's parents or guardian is required.

### Sale of Pelts by Youths

Any youth that may lawfully trap may also sell the pelts and parts of fur-bearing animals taken (as described on page 9).

## Licence Fees

All licences are subject to the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST), which has not been added to the fees listed in the table below. Please note requirements for first-time trappers on page 9.

Five dollars from each Registered Fur Management Licence funds the Alberta Trappers' Compensation Program. See page 16 for details.

LICENCE	FEE	LICENCE	FEE
Resident Fur Management Licence	\$20.00	6 Townships (more than 466 sq. km or 180 sq. mi) add'l fee	\$40.00
Registered Fur Management Licence - Senior Holder	\$40.00	Indian Fur Management	No charge
Registered Fur Management Partner Licence	\$20.00	Metis Fur Management	No charge
3 Townships (189 to 280 sq. km or 73 to 108 sq. mi) add'l fee	\$10.00	Damage Control	No charge
4 Townships (281 to 373 sq. km or 109 to 144 sq. mi) add'l fee	\$20.00	Class 1 Fur Dealer Permit	\$100.00
5 Townships (374 to 466 sq. km or 145 to 180 sq. mi) add'l fee	\$30.00	Class 2 Fur Dealer Permit	\$500.00

Maximum fee for Registered Fur Management Licence and Area is \$80.00 plus GST.