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This Policy Replaces:

None


Staff and Organizations Affected:

Wildlife Management Staff
Wildlife Administration Staff
Conservation Officers
Service BC
FrontCounter BC
Vendors
Hunters

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Ministry that:

1. Applications for hunting licences be processed in the Wildlife Information and Licensing Data (WILD) system;
2. Applicants meet all of the requirements of the WILD system and the prescribed qualifications set out in the *Wildlife Act*, the Hunting Licensing Regulation and Hunting Regulation to be issued a hunting licence;
3. The following hunting licences be issued in electronic format:
 - (a) resident,
 - (b) non-resident,
 - (c) non-resident alien,
 - (d) youth,
 - (e) initiation,
 - (f) special areas, and
 - (g) upland game bird;
4. All types of species licences be issued in physical format; and
5. Persons with a revoked hunting licence for the same licence year, active suspensions or outstanding reports and/or royalties are ineligible to apply for and be issued any type of hunting licence.

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Definitions:

“non-resident” – as defined in the *Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488), means

- (a) A person who is not a resident but is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, or
- (b) A person who
 - i. is not a resident, but whose only or primary residence is in Canada, and
 - II. has resided in Canada for the 12 month period immediately before making an application under the *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*.

“non-resident alien” – as defined in the *Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488), means a person who is neither a resident nor a non-resident.

“residency exemptions” – as defined in the *Wildlife Act General Regulations* (B.C.Reg.340/82), means

- (a) a person who
 - i. is a member of the armed services of Her Majesty raised by Canada and enrolled in continuing full time military service who has made his or her permanent residence in British Columbia for thirty consecutive days immediately before making an application under the *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the Act,
 - ii. is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, who leaves British Columbia to attend a recognized educational institution, and who returns to British Columbia on completion of studies at the institution concerned, or
 - iii. is under 18 years of age, has resided with a parent or guardian in another province and returns to British Columbia to reside with another parent or guardian who is a resident

is, for the purpose of qualifying as a resident, exempt from the requirements set out in paragraph of the definition of "resident" in section 1 of the *Wildlife Act*.

"resident" – as defined in the *Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488), means

- (a) a person who
 - i. is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia, and
 - ii. has been physically present in British Columbia for the greater portion of each of 6 calendar months out of the 12 calendar months immediately preceding the date of making an application under the *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*, or
- (b) a person who



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- i. is not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, but whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia, and
- ii. has been physically present in British Columbia for the greater portion of each of the 12 calendar months immediately preceding the date of making an application under the *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*.

Reasons for this Policy:

To define the administrative requirements to apply for and be issued a hunting licence.

Policy Manual Cross-References:

None

Procedure Manual Cross-References:

Procedure Manual, Volume 4, Section 7

Subsection:

— 01.17.1 Hunting Licence

Other Cross-References:

Hunting Licensing Regulation (B.C. Reg. 74/2017)

Hunting Regulation (B.C. Reg. 74/2017)

Wildlife Act (RSBC 1996 c.488)

