

DONATION OF BIG GAME LICENSES TO DISABLED VETERANS AND PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES WHO USE WHEELCHAIRS.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Wyoming Statute 23-1-705 (k)

PERMIT FEE:

No charge.

<u>QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERMIT</u>: The holder of any valid big game license may surrender said license to the department for reissuance to a disabled veteran or to a permanently disabled person who uses a wheelchair as established by commission rule and regulation selected and sponsored by a nonprofit charitable organization providing hunting opportunities for disabled veterans or persons with permanent disabilities who use wheelchairs.

A disabled veteran means a veteran who receives fifty percent (50%) or more service connected disability compensation as verified with documentary proof provided from the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs.

For a license being reissued to a person with a permanent disability who uses a wheelchair, a statement by a licensed physician, on forms provided by the Department, stating the applicant has a permanent disability that requires the applicant to, at all times, be confined to a wheelchair for mobility purposes shall be provided.

PERMIT ISSUANCE:

1. The unused license shall be submitted along with a form provided by the Department which indicates the license holder's desire to surrender the license issued in their name and donate the surrendered license to a disabled veteran or a person with a permanent disability who uses a wheelchair.

2. The unused, unaltered license with all coupons intact shall be surrendered to the Department's License Section. The person surrendering the license shall sign an affidavit verifying that the license was not used during any season.

3. The surrendered license shall be reissued by the Department's License section to a qualified applicant who has been selected and sponsored by a nonprofit charitable organization providing hunting opportunities for disabled veterans or persons with permanent disabilities who use wheelchairs. As a condition to reissue a license, the Department shall require an authorized officer of the sponsoring organization to certify under penalty of law that the respective organization is a nonprofit, charitable organization that provides hunting opportunities to disabled veterans or persons with permanent disabilities who use wheelchairs.

4. The sponsoring nonprofit organization shall submit a completed application form for the issuance of a license on forms provided by the Department. If the applicant is a disabled veteran, documentary proof provided by the United States Veterans Affairs that the applicant qualifies as a disabled veteran for the donated license shall be submitted with the application form. If the applicant is a person with a permanent disability who uses a wheelchair, the application must be signed by a licensed medical doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant who attest the individual is required, at all times, to be confined to a wheelchair for mobility purposes.

5. Licenses shall be reissued on a first come, first serve basis as licenses are surrendered and qualified applications are received.

6. Licenses shall be reissued for the same species, area and license type as the license donated.

FORMS AND APPLICATIONS:

Application to Donate Big Game License Available online at http://wgfd.wyo.gov or at (307) 777-4681.

Nonprofit Organizations Affidavit for Donated License Issuance Available at (307) 777-4681

For further information please call the Telephone Information Center at 307-777-4600.