

# General information about licenses, stamps and tags

License fees are not refundable.

All of the licenses, license packages, stamp endorsements, and tags listed in this guide, unless otherwise noted, may be purchased at any of the over 2,000 locations statewide where licenses are sold.

License purchase by phone is available Monday through Friday (9:00 AM – 8:00 PM) and Saturday (9:00 AM – 12:00 noon) for an administrative fee of \$5, by calling (800) TX LIC 4 U (1-800-895-4248), with approved VISA, Discover, or MasterCard. Many licenses may be purchased by phone for immediate use (except where tagging is required, i.e. deer and turkey).

Generally, fishing and hunting licenses and stamp endorsements are valid from the date of sale through August 31, 2005. Temporary hunting and fishing licenses and packages, Year-from-Purchase fishing licenses, Lake Texoma fishing licenses, and lifetime licenses have different expiration dates.

A number of "endorsements," sometimes called "stamps" are available for purchase with fishing licenses/packages and hunting licenses at the time a license is purchased. Fishing stamp endorsements are available for purchase subsequent to the license package purchase date if the purchaser wishes to add a fishing privilege not included as part of the initial

license package purchased. Most of the stamp endorsements have a cost that is paid in addition to the cost of the license. Actual stamps with pictures on them are no longer issued with the hunting and fishing licenses; however, a book of commemorative stamps (item Type 555), which are not valid for hunting or fishing use, is available for purchase for \$21.65. The book, which contains all seven Texas picture stamps (4 hunting, 2 fishing, 1 non-game), may be purchased anywhere hunting and fishing licenses are sold, by phone (1-800-895-4248; \$5 administration fee charged for all phone sales), at any TPWD Law Enforcement office, or Austin Headquarters. Commemorative stamps pur-

chased anywhere hunting and fishing licenses are sold, by phone or at a Law Enforcement office will be mailed. Individual stamps are not sold by TPWD.

**Lost/Destroyed License, Package or Stamp Endorsement:** Any type of license or endorsement that has been lost or destroyed may be replaced at any license sales location by signing an Application for Replacement License affidavit. Fees vary from \$3-\$10 for replacement of recreational licenses or stamp endorsements.

**A hunting license** (see below - Lifetime Licenses and hunting licenses) is required of any person, regardless of age, who hunts any animal or bird in this state, except

alligators (an alligator hunting license is required) and furbearers (if the hunter possesses a trapper's license). No license is required for nuisance fur-bearing animals.

**A fishing license** and either a freshwater or saltwater stamp endorsement (see below - Lifetime Licenses) is required of any Texas resident who takes or attempts to take any aquatic life in the public waters of Texas (Note: All members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty and their dependents are considered residents).

You do not need a fishing license if you are:

- a resident or non-resident under 17 years of age.
- a Texas resident and were born before Sept. 1, 1930.
- a mentally disabled Texas resident who is fishing as part of medically approved therapy.
- a Texas resident diagnosed as mentally retarded.

**A freshwater fishing stamp endorsement** is required to take mussels, clams, crayfish and other aquatic life in public waters for personal use. In salt water, a saltwater fishing stamp endorsement is also required. A hunting license is required to take turtles and frogs.

**A RESIDENT** is a person who has lived continuously in Texas for more than 6 months immediately before applying for a license or any members of the United States Armed Forces (and their dependents) on active duty anywhere. The term "active duty" means full-time duty in the active military service of the United States. Such term includes full-time training duty, annual training duty, and attendance while in the active military service at a school designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary of the military department concerned. Such term does not include full-time National Guard duty. Non-residents under 17 years of age are designated as residents for hunting license purposes (not valid for Lifetime Licenses).

**A NON-RESIDENT** is any person who does not meet the requirements listed for qualification as a Texas resident.

**It is unlawful to:**

- hunt or fish without a valid

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