

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-17. Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License.

R657-17-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Section 23-19-17.5, this rule provides the requirements and procedures applicable to lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

(2) In addition to the provisions of this rule, a lifetime licensee is subject to:

(a) the provisions set forth in Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code of Utah; and

(b) the rules and proclamations of the Wildlife Board, including all requirements for ~~[special-]~~hunting permits and fishing ~~[permits and tags]~~licenses.

(3) Unless specifically stated otherwise, lifetime licensees shall be subject to any amendment to this rule or any amendment to Section 23-19-17.5.

R657-17-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2 and Rule R657-5.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Lifetime Questionnaire" means a list of questions, accessible by a lifetime licensee at the division's website, used to identify the lifetime licensee's preferred choice of a general season deer permit region and hunt type.

(b) "Recent Lifetime Licensee Record" means the most recent general deer permit issued within the immediately preceding 3 years.

(c) "Application Deadline" means the close of the annual Big Game application period, as established by the Wildlife Board in the Big Game Guidebook.

R657-17-3. Lifetime License Entitlement.

(1) (a) A permanent lifetime license card shall be issued to lifetime licensees in lieu of an annual hunting, and fishing license.

(b) The issuance of a permanent lifetime license card does not authorize a lifetime licensee to all hunting privileges. The lifetime licensee is subject to the requirements ~~[as provided]~~ in Subsection R657-17-1(2).

(2) Each year, a lifetime licensee who is eligible to hunt big game may receive without charge, a permit for the region of their choice for one of the following general deer hunts:

(i) archery buck deer;

(ii) any weapon buck deer; or

(iii) muzzleloader buck deer.

(3) Sales of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses may not be refunded, except as provided in Section 23-19-38.

(4) Lifetime hunting and fishing licenses are not transferable.

(5) Lifetime hunting and fishing licenses are no longer for sale as of March 1, 1994.

(6)(a) Lifetime license holders may participate in the Dedicated Hunter Program.

(b) Upon entering the Dedicated Hunter Program, the lifetime license holder agrees to forego any rights to receive a buck deer permit for the general archery, general ~~[season]~~any weapon or general muzzleloader deer hunts as provided in Section 23-19-17.5 during enrollment in the Dedicated Hunter Program[.]

~~[(7)(a) Lifetime license holders may obtain a]][general any weapon buck deer~~

~~and bull elk combination permit.](b)]][Upon obtaining a general any weapon buck deer and bull elk combination permit, the lifetime license holder foregoes any rights to receive a buck deer permit for the general archery, general any weapon or general muzzleloader deer hunts as provided in Section 23-19-17.5 during the year the general any weapon buck deer and bull elk combination permit is valid].~~

R657-17-4. General Deer Permits.

(1)~~[(a)]~~ The Division ~~[shall send a reminder notice]~~will issue a general buck deer permit to each lifetime licensee ~~[eligible]~~prior to ~~[hunt big game prior to the beginning of the annual bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime application period as prescribed in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.]~~the big game general hunting season, provided:

(a) a current Lifetime Questionnaire has been completed prior to the application deadline, identifying the lifetime licensee's general season region and hunt type choice, or according to the recent lifetime licensee record; and

(b) provided the lifetime licensee ~~[shall, prior to the end of the annual bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime application period, complete and submit an online Lifetime Questionnaire through the division's web site]~~does not apply for a general deer permit in the big game drawing.

(2)~~[(a) Except as provided in Subsection (e) and Subsection (f), the division may not issue a permit to any lifetime licensee who was given notice of the deadline as provided in Subsection (1)(a) and fails to submit a complete Lifetime Questionnaire to]~~A lifetime licensee may change their previous year's region choice, prior to the application deadline by completing the online Lifetime Questionnaire through the division's website.

~~[(b) If an error is found the division reserves the right to:]~~

~~[(i) contact the lifetime licensee to correct the error; or]~~

~~[(ii) correct the lifetime licensee's choice of general deer permits.]~~

~~[(d) If the division is unable to correct the error, the lifetime licensee may not receive a permit, except as provided in Subsection (f).]~~

~~[(e) The director or his designee may issue a permit to a lifetime licensee who did not receive reasonable notice of the deadline as provided in Subsection (1)(a).]~~

~~[(f) If a lifetime licensee fails to submit a Lifetime Questionnaire by the deadline provided in Subsection (1)(b), the lifetime licensee may obtain an available general deer permit on the date these permits are made available over the counter to the general public.]~~

~~[(3) As used in this section "notice" means that a reminder was sent within a reasonable time before the deadline as provided in Subsection (1)(b) to the most recent address given to the division by the lifetime licensee.]~~

~~[(4) The Division will provide lifetime licensees notification confirming the information received on the Lifetime Questionnaire.]~~~~[(5)]~~3 Lifetime licensees must notify the division of any change ~~[of]~~in mailing address, email address, residency, address, telephone number, physical description, or driver's license number~~[or email address].~~

(4) If a general buck deer permit is not issued to a lifetime licensee during the preceding 3 years, the lifetime licensee must complete and submit the Lifetime

Questionnaire on the division's website prior to the application deadline.

(5) If a lifetime licensee fails to submit a current year Lifetime Questionnaire and does not have a recent lifetime licensee record by the application deadline, the lifetime licensee may only obtain a remaining general deer permit when remaining drawing permits are made available to the public over-the-counter. If no general deer permits are remaining after the drawing, the lifetime licensee shall not be issued a permit.

(6)(a) Lifetime licensees may apply for ~~[or obtain]~~ any general deer permit in the big game drawing.

(b) Drawing applications are subject to the established application fee.

(c) A lifetime licensee that applies for a general deer permit in the drawing waives the opportunity to be issued a general deer permit according to the recent lifetime licensee record or the current Lifetime Questionnaire.

(7) Lifetime licensees may apply for general deer preference points ~~[or permits]~~ through the big game general buck deer drawing as provided in Rule R657-62 and the ~~[proclamation]~~ guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, provided the lifetime licensee waives their ~~[choice of general deer permits as provided in Subsection R657-17-3(2) and the region in which the lifetime licensee chooses to hunt.]~~ opportunity to be issued a general buck deer permit that year according to the recent lifetime licensee record or the current Lifetime Questionnaire.

R657-17-5. Applying for ~~[Limited Entry]~~ Big Game Permits ~~[-in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Drawing].~~

(1) A lifetime licensee may apply for a limited entry permit offered through the ~~[bucks, bulls and once-in-a-lifetime]~~ big game drawing using a bucks, bulls and once-in-a-lifetime application.

(2) Limited entry permit species and application procedures are provided in Rule R657-~~[5]~~ 62 and the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3)(a) If the lifetime licensee applies for and is successful in obtaining a premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit in the ~~[bucks, bulls and once-in-a-lifetime]~~ big game drawing, a general deer permit will not be issued.

(b) If the lifetime licensee does not draw a premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit in the ~~[bucks, bulls and once-in-a-lifetime]~~ big game drawing, the general deer permit requested on the Lifetime Questionnaire or the recent lifetime licensee record shall be issued.

(4) Applying for or obtaining an antlerless deer, antlerless elk, or doe pronghorn permit does not affect eligibility for obtaining a general buck deer permit.

(5) All rules established by the Wildlife Board regarding the availability of big game permits in relation to obtaining general deer permits shall apply to lifetime licensees.

R657-17-6. Hunter Education Requirements -- Minimum Age for Hunting.

(1) The division shall issue a lifetime licensee only those licenses, permits, and

tags for which that person qualifies according to the hunter education requirements, age restrictions specified in this Section and Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code of Utah, and suspension orders of a division hearing officer.

(2)(a) Lifetime licensees born after December 31, 1965, must be certified under Section 23-19-11 to engage in hunting.

(b) Proof of hunter education must be provided to the division by the lifetime licensee.

(3) Age requirements to engage in hunting are as follows:

(a) A lifetime licensee must have completed a valid hunters education course to hunt.

(b) A lifetime licensee must be 12 years of age or older to hunt big game.

R657-17-7. Change of Residency.

(1) A lifetime hunting and fishing license shall remain valid if the licensee changes residency to another state or country.

(2)(a) A lifetime licensee who no longer qualifies as a resident under Section 23-13-2 shall notify the division within 60 days of leaving the state.

(b) The division shall issue the lifetime licensee a new lifetime hunting and fishing license with the change of address after the lifetime licensee surrenders the lifetime hunting and fishing license with the previous address.

(3) A lifetime licensee who does not qualify as a resident shall purchase the required nonresident permits or tags required for hunting, except as provided in Subsection R657-17-3(2).

R657-17-8. Lost or Stolen Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License.

(1) If a lifetime hunting and fishing license is lost or stolen, a duplicate may be obtained from any division office by:

(a) providing verification of identity; and

(b) paying a lifetime hunting and fishing license duplication fee.

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