



# ALBERTA'S HUNTING LICENSE SYSTEM

## The Facts

1. Alberta's automated licensing system is one of the best in North America. Hunting and fishing licenses are offered 365 days a year on a 24-hour basis and in 2008 Alberta's license system became available online. Ongoing development of the web licensing system is underway, with Alberta Sustainable Resources Development launching hunting licenses in a series of releases. The first release of hunting products will include non - tag items such as Wildlife Certificates and Game Bird licenses. For hunting licenses with harvest tags there is ongoing work required to develop a solution that will meet Enforcement requirements. Over 283 license issuers in 202 communities across Alberta sell hunting and fishing licenses.
2. The system is designed to serve multiple users:
  - The hunter who wants speed, accuracy and availability to purchase licenses.
  - The license issuer who wants to sell licenses accurately and efficiently.
  - The Fish & Wildlife Officer who needs to ensure compliance with laws and regulations.
  - The Wildlife Manager who wants more effective management information.
3. Over 100 hunting and fishing licenses are available for purchase online or at all license issuers. Alberta has one of the most diverse numbers of game species in Canada.
5. In 2016, over 410,000 Draw applications were processed in the June hunting draw compared to 373,000 applications in 2015, an increase of over 37,000 applications or 9.9%. Applications were distributed between the web, issuer point-of-sale (POS) locations and the 1-900 phone service. The automated paper-licensing system is more accurate and provides more information to the hunter, license issuer, Fish and Wildlife Officer, Conservation Officers and wildlife managers than the manual system. The paper hunting tags are less costly to produce than the old metal tags.
6. **TIPS FOR SUCCESS:**
  - a. **Be Prepared:** Information is available to help you. Read and understand the *Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations* and the *Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet. Obtain further information from your local Alberta Fish and Wildlife office or visit the My Wild Alberta Website, [www.mywildalberta.com](http://www.mywildalberta.com).
  - b. **Bring your WIN card with you when purchasing licenses.** The WIN card allows the license issuer to enter as much of your application information from the card. Over 10% of hunters and anglers do not bring their WIN cards when they purchase licenses. This creates delays for the license issuer and for other customers who are waiting to purchase their licenses. The new licence system requires the purchaser to verify with their Date of Birth.
  - c. **Know the specific license products you want to purchase.** You may need to refer to the *Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet or the *Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations* when purchasing special licenses.
7. Purchase your products from knowledgeable license issuers or online, and be knowledgeable about what specific products you want.
8. **Review your license and tags carefully before you exit the Internet licensing system or before you leave the license issuer** to ensure that the information is correct. The license and tags specifically identify the WIN number, the species, the WMU and special conditions associated with the license.

# FACT SHEET # 5

9. Remember to carry your hunting licenses and tags when hunting.
10. A new website is available to WIN card holders. Visit the My Wild Alberta Website — [www.mywildalberta.com](http://www.mywildalberta.com), then click the Alberta RELM site — [www.albertarelm.com](http://www.albertarelm.com). Login to view your licenses for the last 5 years, special draw priorities, special draw applications, and confirm that your address and phone number are correct.

### WHAT THE SYSTEM TELLS US:

- There are approximately **127,020 licensed hunters** in Alberta.
- In 2016, the number of **youth hunters decreased by 4.0%** from 2015 to 8350. Youth hunters make up **6%** of hunters in Alberta.
- In Alberta, approximately **92%** of hunters are Alberta residents with the remaining 8% coming from other provinces or countries.

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Licenses Issued	<b>341,795</b>	347,494	333,467	317,030	297,983

- The number of resident hunting licenses issued in 2016 which includes general and special licences:

Species	Licences Sold	Number of Harvests	Success %
Elk	46,444	7,464	16%
Moose	20,551	7,618	37%
Mule Deer	35,400	14,403	41%
White-Tailed Deer	131,146	40,606	31%
Black Bear	13,825	2,261	17%
Antelope	847	673	80%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>248,213</b>	<b>73,025</b>	<b>30%</b>

## KEY CONTACTS

<b>Alberta Environment and Parks Fish and Wildlife Division</b>	<b>Phone: 310.0000</b> and ask for the nearest Fish and Wildlife office. <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.mywildalberta.com">www.mywildalberta.com</a>
<b>Alberta RELM</b> (License Issuers & WIN Card Information)	<b>Phone:</b> 1.888.944.5494 <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.albertarelm.com">www.albertarelm.com</a>
<b>Canadian Firearms Centre Federal Firearms Legislation</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 1.800.731.4000 <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/">http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/</a>

### HUNTING FOR TOMORROW

911 Sylvester Crescent SW  
Calgary, AB T2W 0R8  
**Phone: 403-252-8474** or Fax: 403-252-3770  
Email: [robert\\_gruszecki@ezpost.com](mailto:robert_gruszecki@ezpost.com)  
Visit our website: [www.huntingfortomorrow.ca](http://www.huntingfortomorrow.ca)



**DISCLAIMER:** The information contained in this Fact Sheet is for general information purposes only. This Fact Sheet is not intended to be a comprehensive or detailed statement concerning the matters addressed herein, and is not intended as a substitute for legal or other professional advice. You should seek appropriate, qualified professional advice before acting or omitting to act, based upon any information in this Fact Sheet. Contact the appropriate legal authority to obtain current information on hunting and firearms regulations. While every effort is made to ensure that the information in this Fact Sheet is current and accurate, Hunting for Tomorrow does not accept any liability with respect to use of or reliance on the information provided.