



# 2016 Canadian Resident White-tailed Deer Draw

The online *2016 Canadian Resident White-tailed Deer Draw Supplement* helps hunters with their white-tailed deer draw application process, and includes information on seasons and quotas for 2016.

The Canadian resident white-tailed deer draw is a quota-based lottery used to allocate licences on a wildlife management zone basis. This draw uses two priority pools: the 'family first' pool and a general pool for all other applicants.

2016 quotas and season dates are unchanged from last year. Provincially, white-tailed deer populations are still in the process of recovering from a recent series of severe winters that have impacted the reproductive age classes. As a result, population recovery will take time.

Many hunters have expressed an interest in learning the results of the draw earlier in the year to help with vacation planning. In response to these requests, the ministry will shorten the application period by six days and provide draw results by mid-June this year.

**This year's draw will open on May 1 and close at midnight on May 25, 2016.**

All hunters who wish to apply for the 2016 draw must be registered in Saskatchewan's automated hunting, angling and trapping licence (HAL) system and are required to provide their HAL identification number (HAL ID). Registration for your HAL ID is a one-time requirement.

Information regarding the new application process, priority pools, zone quotas and detailed application instructions can be found in this supplement or online at [environment.gov.sk.ca/licences](http://environment.gov.sk.ca/licences).

## Hunters, please apply early!

**The 2016 application deadline has been modified to run from May 1 to midnight on May 25. Please ensure adequate time to complete your application.**

## What's New for 2016

The 2016 big game draw process has been improved. Hunters will see more relevant information displayed with each zone choice; the process to add group members to your application has changed and applicants will be able to easily modify the priority of their zone choices once selected.

A signature is no longer required on a hunting licence or the associated seals. Hunters can have a licence on an electronic device but must carry it on their person and be able to immediately produce it to a conservation officer. If you have concerns regarding battery life or allowing the inspection of your hunting licence stored on your electronic device, please print a hard copy of your licence.

### Family First Pool

The 'family first' pool continues to give priority to hunters who are sponsored by an immediate family member who is a Saskatchewan resident.

As in 2015, the sponsor must have a HAL account and be successfully validated as a Saskatchewan resident, and the sponsor must give their consent to be listed on the application. Sponsors are encouraged to establish HAL accounts early to avoid delays in the application process.

#### NOTE

The 2016 Hunters' and Trappers' Guide will be available online in early July.

## Licence Fees

	Prices include GST
<b>Draw Application Fee</b> .....	\$4.00
<b>Canadian Resident White-tailed Deer</b> .....	\$137.38
<b>Wildlife Habitat Licence</b> (all hunters) .....	\$10.79
<b>Duplicate Seals</b> (replacement of lost, detached or destroyed seals are available from Ministry of Environment offices or select provincial park offices) .....	\$5.40

#### NOTE

Your hunting licence and seals must be carried with you at all times while hunting.

### Our licence system is automated!

Hunting and angling licences are available through HAL. Licence purchases can be made by accessing your existing account using your HAL identification number or your previously registered secondary identification number. Do not create a second account. Please be mindful that your HAL ID is a one-time, permanent and personal number. For assistance with your account, call 1-855-848-4773 between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Big game hunters require a seal to complete an online purchase on a home computer. Unregistered seals are free and can be obtained in a seal pack. Unregistered seals can be used by any person and do not expire until 2020.

Seal packs are available online anytime at [saskatchewanlicences.active.com](http://saskatchewanlicences.active.com), through private issuers, Ministry of Environment and select provincial park offices, or by phone using a credit card at 1-855-848-4773 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please allow 10 business days for delivery.

### The HAL website has been improved!

New information is available such as key dates, a frequently asked questions section and listing of public licence issuers.

# 2016 guide to applying for the Canadian Resident White-tailed Deer Draw

## Automated licensing

In 2015, the Ministry of Environment incorporated the Canadian resident white-tailed deer draw into its automated Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) system. All draw applications, pool status, draw history, results and licence sales are processed through HAL.

All individual applicants must be registered in the automated licence system and have a HAL identification number (HAL ID) to apply.

## Existing customers

If you already have an account, please ensure you use the same HAL ID. Do not create a second account.

You can use your secondary identification number to access your account or use your HAL ID, which can be found on any previously printed licences.

Please call 1-855-848-4773 between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. if you are having difficulty accessing your existing account.

## New HAL customers

If you have not purchased a Saskatchewan angling or hunting licence, or have not applied for the big game draw since 2013, you must create a HAL account.

New customers must create an account the first time they apply for a licence or submit a big game draw application. You can create an account online at [saskatchewanlicences.active.com](http://saskatchewanlicences.active.com) or by phone at 1-855-848-4773 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

New customers creating an online account are required to select a password to secure their personal data and protect it from unauthorized access.

## Who is eligible?

All Canadian residents can apply for the Canadian resident white-tailed deer draw. A Canadian resident is:

- A person other than a Saskatchewan resident whose principal residence is in Canada and is a Canadian citizen or has resided in Canada for 12 months immediately before his/her application for a licence.

Applicants must be at least 12 years of age to apply for a licence. All applicants born after January 1, 1971 must graduate from a firearm safety/hunter education course before applying. Persons whose hunting rights are restricted due to a *Saskatchewan Wildlife Act* conviction or a firearm accident as of the application closing date are not eligible to submit an application.

## How do I apply?

You must apply online at [saskatchewanlicences.active.com](http://saskatchewanlicences.active.com) and choose "Canadian Resident White-tailed Deer Draw Information." Applications can be submitted from May 1 to midnight on May 25, 2016. This website also contains all the information you need to make your application decisions, such as available zone choices, tentative quotas and season dates. You will also find big game draw results from previous years to aid with hunt selections.

## Can I increase my chances of being drawn?

Applicants will be allowed to choose up to six wildlife management zones in order to maximize their chances of being drawn. Another technique to increase the odds of being drawn is to apply for less popular zones. Information from the 2015 draw is available at [saskatchewanlicences.active.com](http://saskatchewanlicences.active.com), which lists the 2015 quota, number of applicants and the number of successfully drawn hunters. Reviewing this information will assist in identifying zones that had fewer eligible applicants per available licence and therefore offer a greater opportunity to be selected.

## How Does the 'family first' pool system work?

To submit a 'family first' priority pool application, each applicant must have an immediate family member residing in Saskatchewan for the applicant to successfully be entered in the 'family first' priority pool." Immediate family members include grandmother, grandfather, mother, father, brother, sister, child, spouse or common law spouse. For example, if four applicants are entered on a single application, all four members must have an immediate family member sponsor or the entire application will be placed in the second priority pool. Multiple applicants are able to use the same family sponsor provided they are all considered immediate family of said family sponsor. A successful applicant is not required to hunt with their sponsor, or to hunt in the same zone in which their sponsor resides.

Applicants are reminded that all sponsors must have a HAL account and be successfully validated as a Saskatchewan resident. The sponsor must also give their consent to be listed on the application.

All applicants on a single application must have a validated family sponsor to be considered for the 'family first' priority pool. Failure to ensure this is correct will result in all applications being placed in the second priority pool.

All applicants that do not have an immediate family member living in Saskatchewan will be placed in the second priority pool.

## Editing an Application

Big game draw applications can be edited at any time before the application period closes. The group leader of an application (the individual who submitted the application) is able to change zone choices and/or change group members. These changes can be made on the group leader's HAL account. Other members of the application can view the application details but will not be able to make changes.

## Deleting an Application

Complete withdrawals of your application must be done either in person or by request via email to [draw.biggame@gov.sk.ca](mailto:draw.biggame@gov.sk.ca). These changes must be received by 5:00 p.m. May 25, 2016.

## How do I add group members to my application?

Applicants will notice a change with how group members and family sponsors are added to the application. Once zone choices have been confirmed, select 'Add/Edit Group Members' and specify if the application is being submitted for the 'family first' pool. Add up to three additional group members and, if applying for 'family first', provide the family sponsor for each group member.

## How do I pay for my application?

You must have a Visa or MasterCard to apply. There is a non-refundable \$4.00 fee for each application. If you do not have a credit card, your options are to use a family member's card or to purchase a prepaid credit card. Prepaid credit cards are available from Canada Post, most banks, cheque cashing outlets as well as convenience stores and other retail business. Fees may apply.

## How do I get my licence if I am drawn?

The big game draw is executed in mid-June and results will be available soon after. Hunters will be able to check their draw results online via their HAL web account.

Successful applicants must purchase their licences through the HAL system. Big game draw licences will be available to purchase beginning August 1. Successful applicants cannot forfeit or transfer their licence.

## Need assistance?

Detailed application instructions can be found in this supplement or at [www.saskatchewan.ca/hunting](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/hunting).

For questions regarding individual HAL accounts, identification information or technical issues related to licences, contact 1-855-848-4773 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

# Draw Seasons

## DRAW WHITE-TAILED DEER (Canadian Residents Only)

When a wildlife management zone is listed in the following pages as being open for hunting, the wildlife management units (WMU) and the National Wildlife Areas that lie within the zone are also open for hunting, with the exception of Fort à la Corne Wildlife Management Unit, and the St. Denis National Wildlife Research Area. Provincial parks not listed below are closed to all hunting.

Wildlife Management Zones	Season Dates	Bag Limit	Additional Information
WMZs 1, 2E, 2W, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7E WMZ 7W including Cypress Hills (West Block) Provincial Park WMZs 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 WMZ 13 including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River WMZs 14W, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 WMZ 23 including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) WMZs 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 WMZ 33 including Moose Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 34, 35 and 36 WMZ 37 including Duck Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 38, 39, 40, 41, 42E, 42W, 43, 44, 45E, 45W, 46, 47, 52 and 54	rifle Nov. 25 - Dec. 2	one white-tailed deer, either-sex	Tentative 2016 licence quotas for Canadian resident white-tailed deer: 1(15), 2E(10), 2W(10), 3(5), 4(10), 5(20), 6(30), 7E(5), 7W(5), 8(10), 9(25), 10(5), 11(5), 12(5), 13(20), 14E(10), 14W(20), 15(10), 16(5), 17(5), 18(10), 19(15), 21(30), 22(15), 23(15), 24(10), 25(5), 26(5), 27(5), 28(20), 29(15), 30(10), 31(5), 32(5), 33(10), 34(25), 35(5), 36(15), 37(45), 38(15), 39(30), 40(10), 41(20), 42E(10), 42W(15), 43(5), 44(15), 45E(20), 45W(25), 46(25), 47(60), 48(15), 49(30), 50(45), 52(15), 53(30), 54(50), 55 (95), 56(20), 57(5), 58(5), 59(15), 60(5), 61(5), 62(5), 63(5), 64(5), 65(5), 66(5), 67(40), 68S(15), 68N(5), 69(20), SMZ(20), RMZ (10), PMZ(5).  Rifle hunting is not permitted in Saskatoon Wildlife Management Zone and Regina/Moose Jaw Wildlife Management Zone. Shotguns may not be used during the muzzleloader season.  In provincial parks and recreation sites, white-tailed deer hunting is prohibited until September 10.
Saskatoon Wildlife Management Zone (Designate WMZ SMZ) Regina/Moose Jaw Wildlife Management Zone (Designate RMZ)	archery and crossbow Sept. 15 - Dec. 2 muzzleloader Oct. 15 - Dec. 2 shotgun Nov. 25 - Dec. 2	one white-tailed deer, either-sex	
Prince Albert Wildlife Management Zone (Designate PMZ)  <b>Note:</b> Archery and crossbow hunting only in Prince Albert Wildlife Management Zone.	archery and crossbow Sept. 15 - Dec. 2	one white-tailed deer, either-sex	
WMZs 48, 49 and 50 including Fort a la Corne Wildlife Management Unit WMZs 53 and 55  <b>Note:</b> Hunting in Fort a la Corne Wildlife Management Unit from Nov. 25 to Dec. 2 only.	archery Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Nov. 25 - Dec. 2	one white-tailed deer, either-sex	
WMZ 56 including Greenwater Lake Provincial Park and Round Lake Recreation Site WMZ 57 including Woody River Recreation Site WMZ 58 WMZ 59 including Wildcat Hill Provincial Park WMZs 60, 61 and 62 WMZ 63 including the southern portion of Narrow Hills Provincial Park WMZ 64 including Great Blue Heron, the southern portion of Clarence Steepbank Lakes and a portion of Narrow Hills provincial parks WMZ 65 including the northern portion of both Clarence Steepbank Lakes and Narrow Hills provincial parks WMZs 66 and 67 WMZ 68S including Bronson Forest Recreation Site WMZ 68N WMZ 69 including Meadow Lake Provincial Park	archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Nov. 1 - Dec. 2	one white-tailed deer, either-sex	

### NOTE

For general information, all hunting regulations can be found in the 2015 Hunters' and Trappers' Guide.

## Licence Information

All awarded big game draw licences will be available through the automated licence system on the individual hunter's HAL account. Licences will not be mailed to successful applicants. Please note if you are selected for a draw white-tailed deer licence, you will not be allowed to purchase a guided white-tailed deer licence. This applies even if you decide not to purchase the draw licence.

## Hunters, please confirm your mailing address

If you are ordering your hunting licence by phone or online and require seals by mail, confirm your mailing address is correct at least two weeks in advance. Leaving on your trip without your pre-ordered licence and seals may mean a long delay in obtaining replacement seals.