REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A TRAPPING LICENSE

When applying for your first trapping license, you are required to take and pass a supervised, written trapping examination. The study material for the examination is located at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=84665&inline.

The examination is designed to test your knowledge of the California Laws and Regulations pertaining to trapping, and the natural history of California furbearing and nongame mammal species authorized to trap. When you are prepared to take the examination, contact your local Department of Fish and Wildlife office, listed below, for an appointment. **You must take the completed Trapping License Application (DFW 1389) with you to the examination,** located at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=84525.

Upon passing the examination, mail the completed Trapping License Application (DFW 1389), a legible copy of your identification, and license fee, to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, License and Revenue Branch, PO Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090. **The Department's License and Revenue Branch will issue your trapping license by U.S. Mail**.

Nonresidents: A nonresident trapping license may only be issued if the state in which the nonresident resides, provides for issuance of a nonresident trapping license to California residents. Additionally, a nonresident issued a California trapping license may take only those species and take or possess only that quantity of a species, which a California resident may take or possess under a nonresident trapping license or permit, in the state of residence of that nonresident. Nonresidents must also provide to the Department a copy of their trapping license or permit from their current state of residence.

The Department will assign a permanent trap number, which will be printed on your trapping license. Before using any traps, the permanent trap number must be clearly stamped on the trap, on a metal tag attached to the chain of the trap, or to any part of the trap.

Contact the Department's License and Revenue Branch at (916) 928-5846 or SPU@wildlife.ca.gov, if you need additional information about trapping.

INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Section 700.4(c), Title 14, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) states any applicant applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via the Automated License Data System (ALDS) shall provide valid identification. Acceptable forms of individual identification include:

- Any license document or Get Outdoors identification number (GO ID) previously issued via ALDS
- A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile
- US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel)
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
- US Birth Certificate
- Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation
- US Passport
- A foreign government-issued photo identification
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory

Any applicant less than 18 years of age applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation, or other entitlement, issued via ALDS, shall provide valid acceptable forms of identification, which include any form of identification described above or a parent or legal guardian's identification as described above.

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