



## REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A TRAPPING LICENSE

If you are applying for your first trapping license, you will be required to take and pass a supervised, written trapping examination. The study materials needed to successfully take the examination are located online 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 ready to take the examination, contact a Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) office listed below for an appointment. **You must bring a completed trapping license application with you to the examination.**

Upon passing the examination, mail the completed trapping license application, a legible copy of your identification, and the appropriate license fee to the Department's License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, California 95834. **The License and Revenue Branch will issue your new trapping license by U.S. Mail.**

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. Also, a nonresident issued a California trapping license may take only those species and may take or possess only that quantity of a species which a resident of California may take or possess under a nonresident trapping license or permit in the state of residence of that nonresident. Nonresidents must also provide a copy of their current state of residence trapping license.

The Department will assign you a permanent trap number. This number 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 License and Revenue Branch at (916) 928-5852 or [SPU@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto: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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