



# License Agent News

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## 2022/2023 HUNTING ITEMS – ON SALE APRIL 15

Starting April 15, customers may start purchasing 2022/2023 hunting licenses, tags, and big game drawing applications. Please ensure the correct year and items are sold.

- ❖ 2022/2023 hunting items are valid to use from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- ❖ Customers hunting before June 30, 2022 must have 2021/2022 hunting items.



## **BIG GAME DRAWING INFORMATION – DEADLINE TO APPLY IS JUNE 2**

Customers participating in the Big Game Drawing for premium deer, elk, pronghorn, and/or bighorn sheep tags must have their applications submitted before midnight on June 2.

### **2022 Deer Tag Classifications Changes**

Please refer to the 2022 Deer Tag Classification Chart for the full list of deer hunt tag classifications. Below are highlights of hunt zones that changed classifications for 2022.

#### **Premium Deer Tag Changes: No New Tags (See Restricted / Unrestricted Changes)**

Premium Deer Tags are issued through the Big Game Drawing. **Customers applying must use a 1st Deer Tag Drawing Application** and may apply in parties of six with up to three hunt choices. **Drawing applications are located under 2022 Hunting > Drawings** menu on the sales terminal.

- **1st Choice** – Must be a premium hunt or preference point only (PD).
- **2nd and 3rd Choices** – Are optional and may be premium, restricted, or unrestricted hunts.

**Apprentice Deer Tags** are issued through the Big Game Drawing. To apply, customers must be less than 16 years of age on July 1, 2022, possess a Junior Hunting License, and may apply using either a 1st Deer Tag Drawing Application or 2nd Deer Tag Drawing Application.

#### **Restricted Deer Tag Changes: D6 (was Premium) and D19 (was Unrestricted)**

Restricted Deer Tag are available to issue to customer as a 1<sup>st</sup> Deer Tag or 2<sup>nd</sup> Deer Tag if the customer does not have a pending draw application or has an unrestricted 1<sup>st</sup> deer tag. **Tags are located under 2022 Hunting > Tags menu on the sales terminal.**

#### **Unrestricted Deer Tag Changes: D16 and A32 (were Premium in 2021)**

Unrestricted Deer Tags are available to issue to customers as either a 1<sup>st</sup> Deer Tag or 2<sup>nd</sup> Deer Tag. If a customer has a pending 1<sup>st</sup> deer drawing application or a restricted 1<sup>st</sup> Deer Tag, they can receive an unrestricted hunt tag as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Deer Tag at any time. **Tags are located under 2022 Hunting > Tags menu on the sales terminal.**

## ADDITIONAL DRAWING OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the year, customers may apply for additional random drawing opportunities through CDFW's Special Upland Game Bird Hunts and Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE). As they become available, these drawing applications can be found under the **2022 Hunting > Drawings** menu on the sales terminal.

### SHARE Drawing Applications

SHARE offers a variety of hunting opportunities (e.g., elk, deer, pig, upland game, etc.) on private or landlocked public land. The application periods change throughout the year depending on species and hunt dates.

### Upland Game Wild Bird Drawing Applications

The Upland Game Wild Bird Program offers hunting opportunities on private and public land for dove, chukar, quail, turkey, and pheasants. The applications become available throughout the year and the deadline to apply is 21 days prior to the season opener for the species.

## FEE INCREASE FOR CALIFORNIA DUCK AND UPLAND GAME BIRD VALIDATIONS

The California Duck Validation will increase to \$34.56 (\$23.25 in 2021-22) and the Upland Game Bird Validation will increase to \$21.60 (\$10.54 in 2021-22) for 2022. The new surcharge of \$10 is due to state legislation (AB614) incentivizing the creation of upland nesting habitat for ducks and other ground-nesting game birds in California.

## REGULATION BOOKLETS AND BIG GAME DIGEST

The CDFW has transitioned to a digital format for hunting and fishing regulations booklets and the Big Game Hunting Digest. Booklets are no longer being printed and shipped to license agents or customers, but electronic versions of the booklets will continue to be available online at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations).

## HUNTER EDUCATION REMINDER

To purchase a hunting license, a customer must have on file or present a valid form of hunter education listed below:

- California Hunter Education Certificate
- Out of State Hunter Education Certificate
- Previous California Hunting License
- Out of State Hunting License (issued within the last two years)
- Online California Hunter Education Certificate (print at home version temporarily accepted)

## NON-REPORTING FEES

Customers who failed to report their 2021 deer tag(s) will be required to pay a **\$21.60** non-reporting fee when purchasing a 2021 deer tag or drawing application. **The non-reporting fee is automatically added to the transaction.**

### License Agents Are Not Authorized To:

- ❖ Waive Non-Reporting Fees
- ❖ Cancel Non-Reporting Fees without also canceling the associated tag/report card

## HARVEST REPORTING

Customers are required to report harvest data each year by the reporting deadlines. Harvest reports may be submitted by using the following methods:

1. **Online:** [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/)  
Customers reporting online receive a confirmation number and **do not** need to mail in the physical report card.
2. **Mail** to the address listed on the report card.

**IMPORTANT! License Agents cannot accept from, or mail on behalf of, customers' completed harvest reports.**

## LICENSE AGENT HANDLING FEES

License Agents earn a 5% handling fee per fee-based item sold. The handling fee is incorporated into the price that prints on all license items and sales receipts.

**License Agents cannot charge more than the fee authorized or printed on any document and cannot refuse to issue free or reduced fee items.**

## CANCELED DOCUMENTS (NEW MAILING ADDRESS)

Documents sold incorrectly (that cannot be corrected by reprinting) should be canceled immediately. License Agents have up to four hours after a sale to cancel documents and 30 days to return the canceled documents to avoid paying unreturned canceled document charges.

- ✓ **Do not cancel documents if the customer paid for the items.**
- ✓ **Do not cancel documents if the customer received a reprint of the document.**

Mail all canceled document to:

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