

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

**Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks**

**Part 1: General Administrative Rules of the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.**

**Part 1, Chapter 8: License. General Regulations applicable to sale and types of licenses to hunt, trap or fish.**

*Rule 8.4 NON-RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE & FEE PROGRAM.*

A. Non-Resident required to Possess License

1. Effective July 1, 1994, fishing and hunting licenses are required of all non-residents fishing in the fresh or marine waters or hunting in the State of Mississippi, except minors who have not reached the age of sixteen (16) years.

2. Non-Resident Defined. Any person not entitled to receive a resident fishing license under the provisions of MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-3, shall be considered a non-resident for purposes of obtaining a fishing license.

3. Any person not entitled to receive a resident hunting license under the provisions of MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-3, shall be considered a non-resident for purposes of obtaining a hunting license.

4. A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under sixteen (16) years of age may hunt without having a required certificate of hunter education, if the child is in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter, who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, when hunting.

B. Agent's Issuance Fee:

The agent's issuing fee for non-resident license shall be:

1. \$3.00 fee for each license (except the 3-day fishing license);
2. \$2.00 fee for each 3-day fishing license;
3. \$1.00 fee for each 1-day freshwater fishing license;
4. \$1.00 fee for each state waterfowl stamp;
5. \$1.00 fee for each fall turkey permit; and
6. \$1.00 fee for each shooting preserve license

C. Expiration Date: All annual licenses shall be valid for one (1) calendar year from the date of purchase/issuance.

D. Replacement Policy: Licenses, permits and waterfowl stamps will be replaced at a charge of \$5.00 each when lost or destroyed. The licensee can purchase a duplicate license from any location that sells hunting/fishing licenses.

E. Policy on Shooting Preserves:

1. Non-residents hunting on shooting preserves shall be required to possess either a regular non-resident hunting license or special non-resident shooting preserve license as prescribed in this rule. The shooting preserve license is good for the entire shooting preserve season on any such property in the state, for the taking of legal shooting preserve game only.

2. In accordance with MISS. CODE ANN. §49-11-21, non-residents hunting wild game found on shooting preserves shall be required to possess a regular non-resident hunting license in addition to the shooting preserve license prescribed in this rule.

F. License Types and prices for Non-Residents:

1. Fishing:

a. Annual Fishing (Freshwater) Required for fishing in the freshwaters of Mississippi: \$68.00

b. 3-Day Fishing (Freshwater) Required for fishing in the freshwaters of Mississippi for three (3) consecutive calendar days (not a 72-hour period): \$30.00

c. 1-Day Fishing (Freshwater) Required for fishing in the freshwaters of Mississippi for one (1) calendar day: \$10.00

2. Hunting:

a. All Game Hunting - Required for hunting all game and fowl in Mississippi as provided by law. Hunters hunting during special archery or primitive weapon seasons will be required to purchase an archery/primitive weapon permit in addition to this license. Hunters hunting waterfowl will be required to purchase both a state and a federal waterfowl stamp in addition to this license. Hunters hunting deer, fall turkeys, and spring turkeys will be required to purchase a deer permit, fall turkey permit, and/or spring turkey permit, respectively, in addition to this license: \$300.00

b. 3-Day All Game Hunting - Archery I Primitive Weapon - Required for hunting all game and fowl in Mississippi as provided by law. This license includes all game and archery/primitive weapon hunting. Hunter hunting waterfowl will be required to purchase both a state and a federal waterfowl stamp in addition to this license. Hunters hunting deer, fall turkeys, and spring turkeys will be required to purchase a deer permit, fall turkey permit, and/or spring turkey permit, respectively, in addition to this license. This license is valid for three (3) consecutive calendar days (not a 72-hour time period): \$150.00

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d. Archery / Primitive Weapon Permit - Required for hunting deer during special archery/primitive weapon seasons. This license must be purchased in addition to an all-game hunting or 7-day all-game hunting license: \$75.00

e. Deer Permit - Required for hunting deer during all deer seasons. This license must be purchased in addition to an any all game, 7-day all game, or 3-day all game hunting license: \$100.00

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j. State Waterfowl Stamp - It is unlawful for any person sixteen (16) years of age or older to hunt or take any migratory waterfowl within this state without first procuring a state migratory waterfowl stamp or its electronic equivalent and having the stamp or proof of purchase of the electronic equivalent in his possession while hunting or taking any migratory waterfowl. Each stamp shall be validated by the signature of the licensee written across the face of the stamp or the proof of purchase of the electronic equivalent. \$19.00

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last day of March. Not required for hunters on private lands or hunters drawn for MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas. Permitted hunters are additionally required to have appropriate hunting license and spring turkey permit. Allocation of the Non-Resident Public Lands Turkey Permit is conducted via a special drawing and is not available for purchase on demand. See [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com) for application dates and information. NO COST. Permitted (drawn) hunters, are also allowed one (1) non-drawn guest hunter to accompany or assist with the hunt. The guest, if a nonresident age 16 or older, must have an appropriate nonresident hunting license and Spring Turkey permit. If the guest hunter is a resident age 16 or older and not exempt from having to have a license, he or she must have the appropriate resident hunting license and/or other permit as applicable. ONLY the permitted/drawn hunter may take a turkey.

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d. Shooting Preserve - Required for hunting on shooting preserves in lieu of regular non-resident hunting license. Shooting preserve license is valid for entire shooting preserve season, for the taking of legal shooting preserve game only. NOTE: In accordance with Section 49-11-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, non-residents hunting wild game found on shooting preserves shall be required to possess a regular non-resident hunting license in addition to the shooting preserve license prescribed in this rule: \$13.00

History: Revised April 2023.

Source: Miss. Code Ann., §§ 49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-8.

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