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### **TITLE 12. NATURAL RESOURCES**

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#### **ARTICLE 2. LICENSES; PERMITS; STAMPS; TAGS**

##### **R12-4-201. Pioneer License**

- A.** A pioneer license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a combination hunting and fishing license. The pioneer license is only available at a Department office.
- B.** The pioneer license is a complimentary license and is valid for the license holder's lifetime.
- C.** A person who is age 70 or older and has been a resident of Arizona for at least 25 consecutive year's immediately preceding application may apply for a pioneer license by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). A pioneer license applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
  - 1. The applicant's personal information:
    - a. Name;
    - b. Date of birth,
    - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
    - d. Department identification number, when applicable;
    - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when

- applicable;
  - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
  - g. Physical address;
  - h. Telephone number, when available; and
  - i. E-mail address, when available;
2. Affirmation that:
- a. The applicant is 70 years of age or older and has been a resident of this state for 25 or more consecutive years immediately preceding application for the license; and
  - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate.
3. Applicant's signature and date. The applicant's signature shall be either notarized or witnessed by a Department employee,
- D.** In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), an applicant for a pioneer license shall also submit any one of the following documents at the time of application:
- 1. Valid U.S. passport;
  - 2. Original or certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate;
  - 3. Original or copy of a valid government-issued driver's license; or
  - 4. Original or copy of a valid government-issued identification card.
- E.** All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- F.** The Department shall deny a pioneer license when the applicant:
- 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336(A)(1),
  - 2. Fails to comply with this Section, or
  - 3. Provides false information on the application.
- G.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Ch 6, Article 10.
- H.** A pioneer license holder may request a no-fee duplicate of the paper license provided:
- 1. The license was lost or destroyed;
  - 2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a no-fee duplicate paper license; and
  - 3. The Department's records indicate a pioneer license was previously issued to that person.
- I.** A person issued a pioneer license prior to January 1, 2014 shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).

**R12-4-202. Disabled Veteran's License**

- A.** A disabled veteran's license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a combination hunting and fishing license. The disabled veteran's license is only available at a Department office.
- B.** The disabled veteran's license is a complimentary license and is valid for a three-year period from the issue date or the license holder's lifetime, as established under subsection (F).

- C.** An eligible applicant is a disabled veteran who:
1. Has been a resident of Arizona for at least one year immediately preceding application, and
  2. Is receiving compensation from the United States government for permanent service-connected disabilities rated as 100% disabling. Eligibility for the disabled veteran's license is based on the disability rating, not on the compensation received by the veteran.
- D.** A person applying for a disabled veteran's license shall submit an application to the Department. The application form furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's personal information:
    - a. Name;
    - b. Date of birth,
    - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
    - d. Department identification number, when applicable;
    - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
    - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
    - g. Physical address;
    - h. Telephone number, when available; and
    - i. E-mail address, when available;
  2. Affirmation that:
    - a. The applicant meets the eligibility requirements prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336(A)(2),
    - b. The applicant has been a resident of this state for at least one year immediately preceding application for the license,
    - c. The information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
  3. Applicant's signature and date. The applicant's signature shall be either notarized by a notary public or witnessed by a Department employee,
- E.** In addition to the requirements established under subsection (D), an applicant for a disabled veteran's license shall also submit an original certification at the time of application. The certification form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The certification shall be completed by an agent of the United States Department of Veteran's Services. The certification shall include all of the following information:
1. The applicant's full name,
  2. Certification that the applicant is receiving compensation from the United States government for permanent service-connected disabilities rated as 100% disabling,
  3. Certification that the 100% rating is permanent, and:
    - a. Will not require reevaluation or
    - b. Will be reevaluated in three years, and

4. The signature and title of the Department of Veterans' Services agent who issued or approved the certification.
- F.** If the certification required under subsection (E) indicates that the applicant's disability rating of 100% is permanent and:
1. Will not be reevaluated, the disabled veteran's license will not expire.
  2. Will be reevaluated in three years, the disabled veteran's license will expire three years from the date of issuance.
- G** All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- H.** The Department shall deny a disabled veteran's license when the applicant:
1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336(A)(2),
  2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
  3. Provides false information during the application process.
- I.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10
- J.** A disabled veteran's license holder may request a no-fee duplicate paper license provided:
1. The license was lost or destroyed,
  2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a duplicate license, and
  3. The Department's records indicate a disabled veteran's license was previously issued to that person.
- K.** A person issued a disabled veteran's license prior to January 1, 2014 shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).
- L.** For the purposes of this Section, "disabled veteran" means a veteran of the armed forces of the United States with a service connected disability.

**R12-4-205. High Achievement Scout License**

- A.** A high achievement scout license is offered to a resident who is:
1. Eligible for a combination hunting and fishing license,
  2. Under 21 years of age, and
  3. A member of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America and has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, or
  4. A member of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and has attained the Gold Award.
- B.** The high achievement scout license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of the youth combination hunting and fishing license and is only available at Department offices.
1. The license is valid for one year from the date of purchase or selected start date provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
  2. A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate the high achievement scout license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.

- C.** An applicant for a high achievement scout license shall apply on an application form available from any Department office and on the Department's web site at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
    - a. Name;
    - b. Date of birth;
    - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
    - d. Department identification number, when applicable;
    - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
    - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
    - g. Physical address;
    - h. Telephone number, when available; and
    - i. E-mail address, when available;
  2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
  3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D.** In addition to the application, an eligible applicant shall present with the application:
1. For an applicant who is a member of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America, any one of the following original documents:
    - a. A certification letter from the Boy Scouts of the United States of America stating that the applicant has attained the rank of Eagle Scout,
    - b. A Boy Scouts of the United States of America Eagle Scout Award Certificate, or
    - c. A Boy Scouts of the United States of America Eagle Scout wallet card.
  2. For an applicant who is a member of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, any one of the following original documents:
    - a. A certification letter from the Girl Scouts of the United States of America stating that the applicant has completed the award,
    - b. A Girl Scouts of the United States of America Gold Award Certificate, or
    - c. A Girl Scouts Gold Award Certificate from the local council.
- E.** The Department shall deny a high achievement scout license to an applicant who:
1. Is not eligible for the license;
  2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section; or
  3. Provides false information during the application process.
- F.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.

**R12-4-208. Guide License**

- A.** A guide, as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101, is a person who does any one of the following:
1. Advertises for guiding services.
  2. Is presented to the public for hire as a guide.
  3. Is employed by a commercial enterprise as a guide.
  4. Accepts compensation in any form commensurate with the market value in this state for guiding services in exchange for aiding, assisting, directing, leading, or instructing a person in the field to locate and take wildlife.
  5. Is not a landowner or lessee who, without full fair market compensation, allows access to the landowner's or lessee's property and directs and advises a person in taking wildlife.
- B.** A person shall not act as a guide unless the person holds one of the following guide licenses:
1. A hunting guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the taking of lawful wildlife other than aquatic wildlife as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101.
  2. A fishing guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the taking of lawful aquatic wildlife.
  3. A hunting and fishing guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the taking of lawful wildlife.
- C.** A guide license shall expire on December 31 of each year.
- D.** A person is not eligible to apply for an original or renewal guide license when any one of the following conditions apply:
1. The applicant was convicted of a felony violation of any federal wildlife law, within five years immediately preceding the date of application;
  2. The applicant was convicted of a violation listed under A.R.S. § 17-309(D), within five years immediately preceding the date of application;
  3. The applicant was convicted of a violation of a federal or state wildlife law for which a license to take wildlife may be revoked or suspended within five years immediately preceding the date of application; or
  4. The applicant's privilege to take or possess wildlife or to guide or act as a guide is currently suspended or revoked anywhere in the United States for violation of a federal or state wildlife law.
- E.** Notwithstanding subsection (D), a person who was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of any wildlife law within one year preceding the date of application may apply for a guide license provided the person immediately and voluntarily reported the violation to the Department after committing the violation.
- F.** An applicant for a guide license shall:
1. Be 18 years of age or older, and
  2. Possess the required Department-issued license, as applicable:
    - a. A current Arizona hunting license when applying for a hunting guide license;
    - b. A current Arizona fishing license when applying for a fishing guide license;
    - c. A current Arizona combination hunting and fishing license when applying for a hunting and fishing

guide license;

- G.** The guide license does not exempt the license holder from any applicable method of take or licensing requirement. The guide license holder shall comply with all applicable Commission rules, including, but not limited to, rules governing:
1. Lawful methods of take,
  2. Lawful devices, and
  3. License requirements.
- H.** Unless otherwise provided under this Section, a person shall successfully complete the Department administered examination, and answer at least 80% of the questions correctly, prior to applying for a guide license. Guide examinations are:
1. Provided at a Department office.
  2. Valid for a period up to twelve months prior to the date on which the applicant submits an application to the Department.
  3. Conducted during normal business hours.
  4. Conducted on the first Monday of the month or by special appointment. A person interested in taking the guide examination shall contact a Department office to obtain scheduling information.
- I.** The examination is based on the type of guide license the person is seeking.
1. A person shall provide acceptable proof of identity, as listed under subsection (L)(2), prior to taking the examination.
  2. The examination may include questions regarding any of the following topics:
    - a. A.R.S. Title 17 Game and Fish statutes and Commission rules regarding the taking and handling of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife;
    - b. A.R.S. Title 28, Ch 3, Article 20 Off-highway Vehicles statutes and rule regarding the use of off-highway vehicles;
    - c. A.R.S. Title 5, Ch 3, Boating and Water Sports statutes and Commission rules on boating;
    - d. Requirements for guiding on federal lands;
    - e. Identification of aquatic wildlife species;
    - f. Identification of wildlife;
    - g. Special state and federal laws regarding certain species;
    - h. General knowledge of species habitat and wildlife that may occur in the same habitat;
    - i. General knowledge of the types of habitat within the State; and
    - j. General knowledge of special or concurrent jurisdictions within the State.
  3. An applicant who fails an examination may retake the examination on the same day or as otherwise agreed upon by the applicant and the examination administrator. An applicant who fails an examination twice on the same day shall wait at least seven calendar days, from the examination date, before retaking the examination.
- J.** In addition to the guide examination requirement under subsection (H), a guide license holder shall take the

Department administered examination when:

1. The applicant is applying to add a new guiding authority to a current guide license;
2. The applicant for a hunting guide license was convicted of a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rule governing the taking and handling of terrestrial wildlife within one year preceding the date of application;
3. The applicant for a fishing guide license was convicted of a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rule governing the taking and handling of aquatic wildlife within one year preceding the date of application;
4. The applicant failed to submit a renewal application postmarked before the expiration date of the guide license; or
5. The applicant failed to submit the annual report for the preceding license year by January 10 of the following license year.

**K.** A person may apply for a guide license by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). A guide license applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:

1. The applicant's personal information:
  - a. Name;
  - b. Date of birth,
  - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
  - d. Social Security Number or Department identification number;
  - e. Residency status;
  - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
  - g. Physical address;
  - h. Telephone number, when available;
  - i. E-mail address, when available;
  - j. Type of guide license sought; and
  - k. Calendar year for which the application is made;
2. The outfitting or guide:
  - a. Business name; and
  - b. Business address, as applicable;
3. Responses to questions relating to criminal violations;
4. Affirmation that:
  - a. The applicant meets the eligibility requirements prescribed under this Section; and
  - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate;
5. Applicant's signature and date.

**L.** In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (K), an applicant for a guide license shall also submit the following documents at the time of application for an original or renewal of a guide license:

1. Proof of the successful completion of the guide examination required under subsection (H). The applicant must successfully complete the examination within the twelve months immediately preceding the date of application.
  2. One of the following as proof of the applicant's identity:
    - a. Valid U.S. passport;
    - b. Original or certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate;
    - c. Original or copy of a valid government-issued driver's license; or
    - d. Original or copy of a valid government-issued identification card.
- M.** All information and documentation provided by the guide license applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- N.** An applicant for a guide license shall pay all applicable fees required under R12-4-102 upon approval of an initial or renewal application for a guide license.
- O.** The Department shall deny a guide license when the applicant:
1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-362,
  2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section,
  3. Provides false information during the application process,
  4. Fails to provide the annual report required under subsection (R) by January 10, or
  5. Provides false information in the annual report required under subsection (R) within three years immediately preceding the date of application.
- P.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- Q.** A guide license holder may submit an application for renewal of a guide license after December 1 of the year it was issued. The Department shall not start the substantive review, as defined under A.R.S. § 41-1072, before January 10 of the following license year, unless the Department receives the annual report prior to the date established under subsection (R). The current guide license shall remain valid pending a Department decision on the application for renewal, provided:
1. The application for renewal is submitted to the Department by December 31, and
  2. The Department receives the annual report submitted in compliance with subsection (R).
- R.** A guide license holder shall submit to the Department the annual report required under A.R.S. § 17-362(C) for the previous calendar year before January 10 of the following license year. The report form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office or online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).
1. A report is required whether or not the license holder performed any guiding activities.
  2. The annual report shall include all of the following information, as applicable:
    - a. License holder's personal information:
      - i. Name;
      - ii. Guide license number; and

- iii. E-mail address, when available; and
    - b. Client's personal information:
      - i. Name;
      - ii. Mailing address, and
      - iii. Arizona license, tag and permit numbers, and
    - c. Dates guiding activities were conducted;
    - d. Number and species of wildlife taken by the clients;
    - e. Game management unit or body of water where guiding activities took place;
    - f. Affirmation that the information provided in the annual report is true and accurate; and
    - g. License holder's signature and date.
  - 3. The Department shall not renew a guide license if the annual report is not submitted to the Department by January 10 of the following license year.
- S.** The date of receipt for the items required under subsections (K), (L), (Q), and (R) shall be as follows:
- 1. The date a person presents the items to a Department office;
  - 2. The date a private express mail carrier receives the package containing the items as indicated on the shipping package; or
  - 3. The date of the United States Postal Service postmark stamped on the envelope containing the items.
- T.** While performing guide activities or providing guide services, a guide license holder shall:
- 1. Possess a valid guide license.
  - 2. Possess a valid Arizona hunting, fishing, or combination hunting and fishing license, as applicable under subsection (F)(2).
  - 3. Present the license for inspection upon the request of any peace officer, wildlife manager, or game ranger.
  - 4. Report any violation of a federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule personally witnessed by the guide license holder.
- U.** A guide license holder shall not:
- 1. Use, or allow another person to use, any method or device prohibited under any federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule while taking wildlife.
  - 2. Aid, counsel, agree to aid, or attempt to aid another person in planning or engaging in conduct that results in a violation of any federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule while taking wildlife.
  - 3. Pursue any wildlife or hold at bay any wildlife for a person unless that person is present during the pursuit to take the wildlife.
    - a. The person shall be continuously present during the entire pursuit of that specific target animal.
    - b. If dogs are used, the person shall be present when the dogs are released on a specific target animal and shall be continuously present for the remainder of the pursuit.
  - 4. Hold wildlife at bay other than during daylight hours, unless a Commission Order authorizes the take of the species at night.
- V.** As authorized under A.R.S. § 17-362(A), the Commission may revoke or suspend a guide license when any one

or more of the following actions occur:

1. The guide license holder failed to comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Title 17 or was convicted of violating any provision of A.R.S. Title 17.
2. The guide license holder was convicted of a felony violation of any federal wildlife law;
3. The guide license holder was convicted of a violation listed under A.R.S. § 17-309(D);
4. The guide license holder was convicted of a violation of a federal or state wildlife law for which a license to take wildlife may be revoked or suspended; or
5. The guide license holder's privilege to take or possess wildlife is suspended or revoked by any jurisdiction for violation of a federal or state wildlife law.

**R12-4-216. Crossbow Permit**

- A.** For the purposes of this Section, "healthcare provider" means a person who is licensed to practice by the federal government, any state, or U.S. territory with one of the following credentials:
- Medical Doctor,  
Doctor of Osteopathy,  
Doctor of Chiropractic,  
Nurse Practitioner, or  
Physician Assistant.
- B.** A crossbow permit allows a person to use a crossbow, or any bow to be drawn and held with an assisting device, during an archery-only season, as prescribed under R12-4-318, when authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted.
- C.** The crossbow permit does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable method of take or licensing requirement. The permit holder shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements.
- D.** The crossbow permit does not expire, unless:
1. The medical certification portion of the application indicates the person has a temporary physical disability; then the crossbow permit shall be valid only for the period of time indicated on the crossbow permit as specified by the healthcare provider,
  2. The permit holder no longer meets the criteria for obtaining the crossbow permit, or
  3. The Commission revokes the person's hunting privileges under A.R.S. § 17-340. A person whose crossbow permit is revoked by the Commission may petition the Commission for a rehearing as established under R12-4-607.
- E.** An applicant for a crossbow permit shall apply by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). A crossbow permit applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
    - a. Name;
    - b. Date of birth;

- c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
  - d. Department identification number, when applicable;
  - e. Residency status;
  - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
  - g. Physical address;
  - h. Telephone number, when available; and
  - i. E-mail address, when available;
2. Affirmation that:
    - a. The applicant meets the requirements of this Section, and
    - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate, and
  3. Applicant's signature and date.
  4. The certification portion of the application shall be completed by a healthcare provider. The healthcare provider shall:
    - a. Certify the applicant has one or more of the following physical limitations:
      - i. An amputation involving body extremities required for stable function to use conventional archery equipment;
      - ii. A spinal cord injury resulting in a disability to the lower extremities, leaving the applicant nonambulatory;
      - iii. A wheelchair restriction;
      - iv. A neuromuscular condition that prevents the applicant from drawing and holding a bow;
      - v. A failed functional draw test that equals 30 pounds of resistance and involves holding it for four seconds;
      - vi. A failed manual muscle test involving the grading of shoulder and elbow flexion and extension or an impaired range-of-motion test involving the shoulder or elbow; or
      - vii. A combination of comparable physical disabilities resulting in the applicant's inability to draw and hold a bow.
    - b. Indicate whether the disability is temporary or permanent and, when temporary, specify the expected duration of the physical limitation; and
    - c. Provide the healthcare provider's:
      - i. Typed or printed name,
      - ii. License number,
      - iii. Business address,
      - iv. Telephone number, and
      - v. Signature and date;
  5. A person who holds a valid Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) and who is applying for a crossbow permit is exempt from the requirements of subsection (E)(4) and shall indicate "CHAMP" in the space provided for the medical certification on the crossbow permit application

- F.** All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- G.** The Department shall deny a crossbow permit when the applicant:
  - 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under this Section,
  - 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
  - 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- H.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- I.** The applicant claiming a temporary or permanent disability is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the medical documentation, re-evaluation of the information, or a second medical opinion.
- J.** When acting under the authority of a crossbow permit, the crossbow permit holder shall possess the permit, and exhibit the permit upon request to any peace officer, wildlife manager, or game ranger.
- K.** A crossbow permit holder shall not:
  - 1. Transfer the permit to another person, or
  - 2. Allow another person to use or possess the permit.

**R12-4-217. Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP)**

- A.** For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

"Healthcare provider" means a person who is licensed to practice by the federal government, any state, or U.S. territory with one of the following credentials:

  - Medical Doctor,
  - Doctor of Osteopathy,
  - Doctor of Chiropractic,
  - Nurse Practitioner, or
  - Physician Assistant.

"Severe permanent disability" means one or more permanent physical or mental disabilities resulting from amputation, arthritis, autism, blindness, burn injury, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, intellectual disability, muscular dystrophy, musculoskeletal disorders, neurological disorders, paraplegia, pulmonary disorders, quadriplegia and other spinal cord conditions, sickle cell anemia, and end stage renal disease or a combination of permanent disabilities resulting in comparable substantial functional limitations.
- B.** The Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) allows a person with a severe permanent disability to perform one or more of the following activities:
  - 1. Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle if, under existing conditions:
    - a. The discharge is otherwise lawful;
    - b. The motor vehicle is not in motion;
    - c. The motor vehicle is not on any road, as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101; and
    - d. The motor vehicle's engine is turned off.

2. Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a watercraft, as defined under R12-4-501; provided the motor is turned off, the sail furled, or both; and progress has ceased.
    - a. The watercraft may be drifting as a result of current or wind, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or propelled by paddle, oars, or pole.
    - b. A person may use a watercraft under power to retrieve dead or wounded wildlife.
    - c. For the purposes of this subsection, "watercraft" does not include a sinkbox.
  3. Use off-road locations in a motor vehicle if use is not in conflict with federal or state statutes or regulations or local ordinances or regulations and the motor vehicle is used as a place to wait for game. A person shall not use a motor vehicle to chase or pursue game.
  4. Designate an assistant to track and dispatch a wounded animal, and to retrieve the animal, in accordance with the requirements of this Section.
- C.** The CHAMP holder shall comply with all applicable regulatory requirements. A CHAMP does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable method of take or licensing requirement.
- D.** The CHAMP does not expire, unless:
1. The permit holder no longer meets the criteria for obtaining the CHAMP, or
  2. The Commission revokes the person's hunting privileges under A.R.S. § 17-340. A person whose CHAMP is revoked by the Commission may petition the Commission for a rehearing as established under R12-4-607.
- E.** An applicant for a CHAMP shall apply by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available from any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The CHAMP applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
    - a. Name;
    - b. Date of birth;
    - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
    - d. Department identification number, when applicable;
    - e. Residency status;
    - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
    - g. Physical address;
    - h. Telephone number, when available; and
    - i. E-mail address, when available;
  2. Affirmation that:
    - a. The applicant meets the requirements of this Section, and
    - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate, and
  3. Applicant's signature and date.
  4. The certification portion of the application shall be completed by a healthcare provider. The healthcare provider shall:

- a. Certify the applicant is a person with a severe permanent disability as defined under subsection (A), and
  - b. Provide the healthcare provider's:
    - i. Typed or printed name,
    - ii. Business address,
    - iii. Telephone number, and
    - iv. Signature and date;
- F.** All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- G.** The applicant claiming a severe permanent disability is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the medical documentation, re-evaluation of the information, or a second medical opinion.
- H.** The Department shall deny a CHAMP when the applicant:
- 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under this Section,
  - 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
  - 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- I.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed in A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- J.** When acting under the authority of the CHAMP, the permit holder shall possess and exhibit the permit upon request to any peace officer, wildlife manager, or game ranger.
- K.** The CHAMP holder shall ensure the CHAMP vehicle placard, issued with the CHAMP, is visibly displayed on the motor vehicle or watercraft when in use.
- L.** The Department shall provide a CHAMP holder with a dispatch permit that allows the CHAMP holder to designate a licensed hunter as an assistant to:
- 1. Dispatch and retrieve an animal wounded by the CHAMP holder, or
  - 2. Retrieve wildlife killed by the CHAMP holder.
- M.** The CHAMP holder shall:
- 1. Designate an assistant only after the animal is wounded or killed.
  - 2. Ensure the designation on the dispatch permit is in ink and includes a:
    - a. A description of the animal,
    - b. The assistant's name and valid Arizona hunting license number,
    - c. The date and time the animal was wounded or killed, and
  - 3. Ensure compliance with all of the following requirements:
    - a. The site where the animal is wounded and the location from which tracking begins are marked so they can be identified later.
    - b. The assistant possesses the dispatch permit and a valid hunting license while tracking and dispatching the wounded animal. When acting under the authority of the dispatch permit, the assistant shall possess and exhibit the dispatch permit and hunting license upon request to any peace officer, wildlife

manager, or game ranger.

- c. The CHAMP holder is in the field while the assistant is tracking and dispatching the wounded animal.
  - d. The assistant does not transfer the dispatch permit to anyone except that the dispatch permit may be transferred back to the CHAMP holder.
  - e. Dispatch is made by a method that is lawful for the take of the particular animal in the particular season in accordance with requirements established under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
  - f. The assistant attaches the dispatch permit to the carcass of the animal and returns the carcass to the CHAMP holder, and the tag of the CHAMP holder is affixed to the carcass.
  - g. If the assistant is unsuccessful in locating and dispatching the wounded animal, the assistant returns the dispatch permit to the CHAMP holders. The CHAMP holder shall strike the name and authorization of the assistant from the dispatch permit.
- N.** A dispatch permit may not be reused when all spaces for designation of an assistant are filled or the dispatch permit is attached to a carcass. The CHAMP holder may request another dispatch permit from the Department if:
- 1. All spaces for assistants are filled,
  - 2. The dispatch permit is lost, or
  - 3. When the CHAMP holder needs another dispatch permit for another big game hunt.
- O.** A CHAMP holder shall not:
- 1. Transfer the permit to another person, or
  - 2. Allow another person to use or possess the permit.