

HUNTING AND FISHING GUIDES

NRS 504.390 Licensing; records; regulations. [Effective until the date of the repeal of the federal law requiring each state to establish procedures for withholding, suspending and restricting the professional, occupational and recreational licenses for child support arrearages and for noncompliance with certain processes relating to paternity or child support proceedings.]

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2. Each person who provides guide service for compensation or provides guide service as an incidental service to customers of any commercial enterprise, whether a direct fee is charged for the guide service or not, must obtain a master guide license from the Department. Such a license must not be issued to any person who has not reached 21 years of age.

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4. Fees for master guide and subguide licenses must be as provided in [NRS 502.240](#).

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8. The holder of a master guide license shall maintain records of the number of hunters and fishermen served, and any other information which the Department may require concerning fish and game taken by such persons. The information must be furnished to the Department on request.

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NRS 504.395 Acting as guide without license: Penalty; forfeiture.

1. Any person who acts as a master guide or as a subguide without first obtaining a license pursuant to [NRS 504.390](#) is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

2. Any vessel, vehicle, aircraft, pack or riding animal or other equipment used by a person operating in violation of subsection 1 is subject to forfeiture upon the conviction of that person of a gross misdemeanor if that person knew or should have known that the vessel, vehicle, aircraft, animal or equipment would be used in violation of subsection 1.

(Added to NRS by 1987, 1454)