

Support Material for CGR 375 LCB R019-10 Apprentice License

BACKGROUND

In late 2008 Assemblyman Bobzien proposed a Bill Draft Request (BDR) for an Apprentice License for the state of Nevada. The Department worked with him in order to help assure that the legislation would be a mutually beneficial license. A BDR and bill for the Apprentice License were presented and passed during the 2009 legislative session.

There are apprentice license programs in 28 other states. The apprentice license programs are supported by Families Afield, a partnership formed between the National Shooting Sports Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation and U.S. Sportsmens' Alliance as a way to increase participation in hunting.

Questions & Answers

Question – What is the purpose of the Apprentice License?

Answer- Nevada and other states hope to utilize this license as a hunter recruitment tool. It provides a means to introduce a person to hunting on short notice or spur of the moment by temporarily deferring hunter education and at a lower cost. Hopefully the person will enjoy hunting enough to want to continue.

Question – Will a person that has an Apprentice License be able to obtain game tags?

Answer – No. By statute the Apprentice License will only be good for migratory birds and upland game, except wild turkey because it is a species that requires a tag.

Question – What are the fees associated with the Apprentice License?

Answer - By statute the license itself will have no fee. However, statute requires that the habitat conservation fee (\$3), the agent commission (\$1) and the convenience fee (\$2 resident, \$3.50 nonresident) if issued electronically will still be required. The upland game stamp and migratory waterfowl stamps will also be required if the apprentice pursues those hunting activities.

Question- Why require the stamps if you want to keep the cost low?

Answer - This is a good question and was asked during the bill draft development. Part of the activity of hunting is learning about the conservation efforts that sportsmen support when they participate in the activity. Having to purchase the stamps to participate in upland game and migratory waterfowl hunting helps them support those wildlife programs.

Question - Can a person obtain the Apprentice License more than once?

Answer- No. It can only be issued once to a person.

Question - Is hunter education required?

Answer - Statute exempts the hunter education requirement for the Apprentice License.

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Question- What if a person wants to continue hunting after their Apprentice License expires?
Answer- The person will have to pass hunter education and purchase a hunting license.

Question - Is there a minimum age for the Apprentice License.
Answer - Yes, 12 years of age. Anyone younger is already exempt from license requirements.

Language Explanations

Sections 2, 3 and 4 – definitions as identified in the statute.

Section 5-subsection 1 – language regarding the proof of identity the license agent may require. This is language that is utilized in other areas of regulation.

Section 5-subsection 2 – this language identifies what shall be correctly captured on the original and copies of the license whether issued electronically or manually.

Language update to this subsection – SCI pointed out that what is ISSUED, printed on the document electronically is different than what is ISSUED written on the manual license. The added language clarifies the differences.

Section 5-subsection 3 – This is the language specifying that the license will contain a statement the applicant must sign acknowledging their eligibility for the license.

Section 6 – Language to allow for a temporary license if issued electronically. This is similar to what we provide for other licenses when issued from the online consumer site.

Section 7 – This section identifies the requirements for mentor affidavit application form and that the mentor will be required to have separate affidavits for each apprentice they mentor.

Language update for this section – delete this subsection “e” on the agent account number and agent initials. The agent number and clerk information will be captured as standard procedure when it is issued by the Department. In the Online Consumer site the client will be generating the document from their personal computer and there will not be any agent initials involved.

Section 8 - This section identifies the valid period of the mentor affidavit.

Section 9 - This section identifies the requirement that a mentor may only supervise one apprentice in the field and that the mentor must carry the affidavit for that apprentice while in the field.

This section also identifies that the apprentice may only be supervised by one mentor in the field. This maintains the 1:1 ratio in the field.

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Section 10 – Housekeeping language added by LCB regarding the definitions provided in this regulation.

Sections 11 and 12– Housekeeping language added by LCB. These identify the exceptions regarding the Apprentice License in the other NAC pertaining to licenses.

Implementation

Manually – at NDOW offices in the Fall of 2010 once regulation and procedures are in place.
Electronically through NWDS – An implementation date for NDOW offices and the online consumer site is dependent upon programming, QA, and testing.