

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE

GUIDELINES FOR ISSUING PROFESSIONAL HUNTER'S LICENCES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Zambia Wildlife Act No.12 of 1998 under sections 5(1)(i), 43(1), 47(1) and 54(1) provides that the Department of National Parks & Wildlife (DNPW) can issue licenses and permits such as Professional Hunters' licenses, Apprentice Professional Hunters' licenses and Restricted Professional Hunters' licenses to any person who applies to the Director General and has the prescribed qualifying conditions.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS FOR APPLYING TO HOLD PROFESSIONAL HUNTER'S LICENCES

Any person with the following is considered eligible to apply, on a prescribed form, to the Director General of DNPW to hold a Professional Hunter's License, Apprentice Professional Hunter's License or Restricted Professional Hunter's License:

- 2.1 An adult Zambian or Resident with valid identity documents such as National Registration Card, Employment Permit, or any other valid immigration permit.
- 2.2 Has not been convicted of a crime or offence stemming from a violation of the Zambia Wildlife Act No. 12 of 1998.
- 2.3 Able to read and write in the Zambian official language.
- 2.4 Has a letter from the locally registered Safari Hunting Outfitter (company) approving the Professional Hunter to conduct safari hunting on behalf of the Outfitter.
- 2.5 Has passed the examination set by the Professional Hunters Association of Zambia (PHAZ) for people who intend to become Professional Hunters in Zambia.
- 2.6 Has a recommendation letter from PHAZ.
- 2.7 Has a tax clearance letter from the Zambia Revenue Authority.

3.0 ADMINISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS' LICENCES

3.1 Apprentice Professional Hunter's License

An Apprentice Professional Hunter's License is issued to a trainee professional hunter who is duly permitted to accompany a safari hunting party under a fully qualified professional hunter whom he understudies.

Accordingly, to obtain an Apprentice Professional Hunter's License one must:

- 3.1.1 Apply to the Director General of DNPW on a prescribed form.
- 3.1.2 Have a letter from the locally registered Safari Hunting Outfitter (company) approving the Apprentice Professional Hunter to train under the Outfitter.
- 3.1.3 Have a letter from a Full Professional Hunter offering to train the applicant for the Apprentice Professional Hunter's License.
- 3.1.4 Have a letter from PHAZ recommending them to be issued with the Apprentice Professional Hunter's License.
- 3.1.5 Satisfy the DNPW interviewing panel that they are qualified to be issued the Apprentice Professional Hunter's License.

3.2 Restricted Professional Hunter's License

The Restricted Professional Hunter's License is classified into two progressive categories: namely Restricted Professional Hunter's License **with plains game animals** and Restricted Professional Hunter's License **with buffalo**. The former permits the holder to guide safari hunts that do not involve any of the dangerous animals whereas the later permits the holder to guide hunts which may include buffalo but not lion, leopard, and elephant.

- 3.2.1 The holder of the Apprentice Professional Hunter's License may apply to the Director General of DNPW, on the prescribed form, to have their license upgraded to Restricted Professional Hunter's License with plains game animals.
- 3.2.2 The applicants for an **upgrade** to Restricted Professional Hunter's License **with plains game animals** must have passed the examination set by PHAZ, completed the training in accordance to PHAZ set syllabus and acquired enough experience as an Apprentice Professional Hunter, have letter of recommendation from PHAZ and have a letter of approval from a Safari Hunting Outfitter to conduct hunts on their behalf.
- 3.2.3 The Director General of DNPW may issue a Restricted Professional Hunter's License with plains game animals after an applicant satisfies the DNPW panel of interviewers and upon payment of prescribed fees.
- 3.2.4 The holder of the Restricted Professional Hunter's License with plain game animals may apply to the Director General of DNPW, on the prescribed form, to have their license upgraded to Restricted Professional Hunter's License with buffalo.

- 3.2.5 The applicants for an **upgrade** to Restricted Professional Hunter's License **with buffalo** must have passed the examination set by PHAZ, guided enough hunts and acquired enough experience as a Restricted Professional Hunter with plains game animals, have letter of recommendation from PHAZ and have a letter of approval from a Safari Hunting Outfitter to conduct hunts on their behalf.
- 3.2.6 The Director General of DNPW may issue a Restricted Professional Hunter's License with buffalo after an applicant satisfies the DNPW panel of interviewers and upon payment of prescribed fees.

3.3 Full Professional Hunter's License

A holder of Full Professional Hunter's License is permitted to guide safari hunts that may involve all dangerous animals allocated on hunting quotas.

- 3.3.1 The holder of the Restricted Professional Hunter's License with buffalo may apply to the Director General of DNPW, on the prescribed form, to have their license upgraded to Full Professional Hunter's License.
- 3.3.2 The applicants for an **upgrade** to Full Professional Hunter's License must have passed the examination set by PHAZ, guided enough hunts and acquired enough experience as a Restricted Professional Hunter with buffalo, have letter of recommendation from PHAZ and have a letter of approval from a Safari Hunting Outfitter to conduct hunts on their behalf.
- 3.3.3 The Director General of DNPW may issue a Full Professional Hunter's License after an applicant satisfies the DNPW panel of interviewers and upon payment of prescribed fees.
- 3.3.4 Applicants who have been Full Professional Hunters in other countries may be issued with Full Professional Hunter's Licenses depending on the recommendations from PHAZ, validity of their documents and performance in the interviews with DNPW panel.

3.4 Renewal of Professional Hunters' licenses

Professional Hunters' Licenses are renewed on an annual basis upon payment of respective prescribed fees provided that an applicant:

- 3.4.1 Filled in the DNPW 14 correctly and accordingly.
- 3.4.2 Has letter of tax clearance from Zambia Revenue Authority.
- 3.4.3 Has valid first aid certificate.

3.5 Revocation of Professional Hunters' licenses

The Director General may revoke a Professional Hunter's License from any person who violates the Zambia Wildlife Act No. 12 of 1998 and Professional Hunters Regulations or is deemed to have been involved in gross misconduct that tarnishes the image of DNPW or is no longer physically healthy to guide safari hunts.