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Resident License Discounts

Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis encouraged Floridians to go outdoors and explore Florida's natural resources. Governor DeSantis signed an executive order directing the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to provide a discount on hunting and fishing licenses. Beginning October 25, 2024, and extending through January 3, 2025, a 50% discount will apply to the annual resident Gold Sportsman license, 5-year Gold Sportsman license, and Youth Lifetime Sportsman licenses (for ages 0-17), and the annual resident freshwater fishing / saltwater fishing combination license will be discounted to \$5.

Promotional Prices:

- Annual Gold Sportsman - \$49.25, plus applicable fees
- 5-year Gold Sportsman - \$246.25, plus applicable fees
- Lifetime Sportsman:
 - Age 0-4 - \$200.00, plus applicable fees
 - Age 5-12 - \$350.00, plus applicable fees
 - Ages 13-17 - \$500.00, plus applicable fees
- Annual Freshwater Fishing / Saltwater Fishing Combination - \$5.00, plus applicable fees

To help customers get the best deal possible, some affected license types will be deactivated. For example, regular Saltwater and Freshwater fishing licenses will be unavailable for the duration of the promotion as the \$5.00 combination license covers both privileges. There will be no refunds issued for license purchases made outside of the promotional window.

See FAQ's Below

Florida Driver's License Number Change

On July 31, 2024, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) began implementing legislation which amends [Florida Statute 322.14 \(1\)\(a\)](#) and requires the distinguishing numbers assigned to a driver's license or identification card to include at least four randomly generated numbers. The GoOutdoorsFlorida licensing system utilizes FLHSMV's driver's licenses to determine Florida residency, so it is imperative that customer accounts are updated with the most up to date driver's license number. As an FWC license agent, we ask that you update customer accounts to reflect the new driver's license number as customers come into your offices and stores.

This change also means that your 2-D bar code scanner may not pull up a customer's account when scanned if the customer has a new driver's license number but has not updated their GoOutdoorsFlorida account. If a customer account does not pull up after scanning their driver's license, please try searching for their account with the other login options.

Spring Turkey Limited Entry/Quota Applications

Spring Turkey limited entry/quota applications will open at 10:00 AM EST on November 1st, and remain open until November 30th at 11:59 PM EST. These applications include [quota – spring turkey](#), [quota – youth spring turkey](#), [special-opportunity spring turkey](#), [Florida Panter NWR – spring turkey](#), [Lake Woodruff NWR – family spring turkey](#), and [St. Marks NWR – spring turkey](#). Application worksheets and additional information can be found by visiting the links provided previously.

Federal Duck Stamp Price Increase

Earlier this year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved an increase of the Federal Duck Stamp fulfillment convenience fee due to rising postal costs. This fee is now \$4.00 making the new price of a Federal Duck stamp \$30.50 in the GoOutdoorsFlorida licensing system.

PermitMe, Captive Wildlife, and TrophyCatch/BigCatch in GoOutdoorsFlorida

The FWC has been implementing new programs into GoOutdoorsFlorida which include our no-cost permits previously housed in PermitMe, [Captive Wildlife](#) licenses and permits, and soon the [TrophyCatch/BigCatch](#) programs. FWC license agents are not expected to assist customers with these programs or their applications. License agents can provide the following contact information to customers in your offices/stores asking for assistance with PermitMe, Captive Wildlife, or TrophyCatch/BigCatch:

- **No-cost permits previously in PermitMe:** 850-488-3641 or CustomerService@myfwc.com
- **Captive Wildlife:** 850-488-6253 or CWApps@myfwc.com
- **TrophyCatch/Big Catch:** 1-855-358-7674 or TrophyCatch@myfwc.com



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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Talking Points & Frequently Asked Questions

Talking Points

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Frequently Asked Questions

Which Gold Sportsman Licenses are included?

Residents can purchase the annual or 5-year gold sportsman licenses or youth lifetime sportsman licenses (for ages 0-17) at half the typical cost.

Where can I purchase a discounted FWC sportsman license?

Customers can purchase the discounted youth lifetime sportsman license online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com, [in person at a tax collector's office](#), or [through the Fish | Hunt FL App on Apple and Android devices](#). In addition, the 1-year and 5-year discounted licenses can be purchased at a [license agent](#).

How much will each license cost at the discounted price?

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- Annual Freshwater Fishing / Saltwater Fishing Combination (All ages) - \$5.00, plus applicable fees

NOTE: The Hunting / Freshwater Fishing / Saltwater Fishing Combination license is NOT discounted.

Who is eligible for the discount?

Only Florida residents are eligible to purchase the discounted licenses under this Executive Order. Florida Residents are:

(1) Any person who has declared Florida as his or her only state of residence as evidenced by a valid Florida driver license or identification card with both a Florida address and a Florida residency verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). Any dependent children residing in the household of a Florida resident.

OR

(2) Active-duty United States military personnel stationed in Florida, including spouses and dependent children residing in the household, with military orders.

The most common disqualifier for Florida residency is a driver's license from another state.

How long will the discount run?

The promotional period begins October 25, 2024 and ends January 3, 2025.

Will the discount apply automatically?

Yes, the discount will apply automatically to every eligible license.

What if I already have one of the discounted licenses?

You may renew your license within 90 days of expiration. If you renew during the promotional period, you will receive the discount.

What is included in an FWC Sportsman license?

Gold Sportsman and Lifetime Sportsman Licenses both include saltwater fishing, hunting, and freshwater fishing licenses; and wildlife management area, archery, muzzleloading gun, crossbow, deer, turkey, Florida waterfowl, snook, and lobster permits. The migratory bird permit, federal duck stamp, blue crab trap registration, stone crab trap registration, shore-based shark fishing permit, and state reef fish angler are **not** included in these licenses (all but the federal duck stamp are no-cost).

Are regular hunting and fishing licenses discounted?

No, regular hunting and fishing licenses including Lifetime Hunting/Fresh/Salt individual licenses are not discounted except for the saltwater fishing / freshwater fishing combination license.

If I live in Florida now and buy a Lifetime license, but later move, is my license still valid?

Yes, as long as you are a Florida resident at the time of purchase, your Florida Sportsman Lifetime license will continue to be valid.

Office of Licensing and Permitting Specific Questions

What are the requirements for the license discount to populate on a Go Outdoors Florida account?

In order to receive the discount, customers older than 16 must have a valid (not expired) Florida driver's license, a Florida address, and have their residency status marked correctly. Customers younger than 16 will need to leave the driver's license field blank and select resident in the drop-down menu.

Will youth lifetime licenses be application based?

No, the youth Sportsman Lifetime license will not require an application during the promotional period. They may purchase the Sportsman Lifetime License through the same process and at the same locations as the adult licenses.

How to purchase the Youth Lifetime Sportsman's promotional license for a child:

- (1) The resident parent or guardian of child must create a GoOutdoorsFlorida.com account for their child using the child's full legal name. The driver's license field must be left blank when creating an account for a youth under 16.
- (2) Once created, or if the child already has an account, the parent can login and select "Click Here to Get a License!"
- (3) Scroll to the "Lifetime" section and add the "Sportsman's Lifetime Promotion" to the child's cart. The selection and price will automatically reflect the discounted price according to the child's age.
- (4) Go to the shopping cart (upper right-hand corner), confirm your selection, and checkout.
- (5) Follow prompts to select Hard Card design, confirm mailing address, make a donation if you like, and complete purchase.
- (6) Alternatively, the resident parent/guardian can visit a Tax Collector's office to purchase. A Florida driver's license/ID for the parent/guardian, child's birth certificate, and Florida address will be required.
- (7) Enjoy a lifetime experiencing Florida's outdoors with your child! Go Outdoors Florida!

A customer reports that Go Outdoors Florida (GOF) requires a driver's license to create their child's account as a resident. What is the most common fix?

Instruct the customer to clear all driver's license fields including expiration date and state. Once all fields are cleared, GOF will allow the account to be created.

How can an active-duty military member or their families receive the discount?

At this time, active-duty military members and their families must present their orders to a local tax collector who can verify their residency and sell them the license. The regular Military Gold Sportsman license will continue to be available, and customers can continue to verify their status through ID.Me.

Do these licenses include a hard card style license?

The Gold Sportsman annual and 5-year licenses do not include a hard card, although one can be added at the time of purchase. The Lifetime Licenses include a unique lifetime license hard card.

Are any Commercial Licenses discounted?

No, the Governor's goal is to encourage outdoor recreation. No commercial licenses are eligible for a discount.

Hunter Safety Requirements

A holder of a license whose license does not indicate that a hunter safety course has been completed must have in his or her personal possession a hunter safety card while hunting.

It is not required that the applicant possess the hunter safety card at the time of application. The applicant may waive the requirement and hunt with a person who is over the age of 21 and who has passed the hunter safety course.

If a customer already has a hunting/freshwater/saltwater lifetime license, will we sell them the lifetime sportsman at the discounted price?

They may purchase the Lifetime Gold Sportsman for the discounted price.

If a customer already has more than one hunting/freshwater/saltwater lifetime license, will we allow them to upgrade to the Lifetime Sportsman License at the discounted price?

They may purchase the Lifetime Gold Sportsman for the discounted price; however, no credit will be applied for previous purchases.

Are adult lifetime licenses discounted?

No. Lifetime Licenses for adults will continue to be available at the regular rate.

Will refunds be issued?

No. Refunds will not be issued for licenses purchased outside of the promotional window.

Is the Freshwater / Saltwater / Hunt combination license included in the \$5 promotion?

No. The best way to take advantage of the promotion and obtain these privileges as well as additional fishing and hunting privileges is to purchase the discounted annual Gold Sportsman license for \$49.25, plus applicable fees.