

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC Chapter 95, Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-tenant Registration -
Final

The Commission is requested to adopt a final rule to amend Chapter 95, “Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-tenant Registration”. This chapter gives the regulations for reporting deer and turkey harvest and for registering for landowner-tenant licenses. The proposed change removes the three-year eligibility period limit and requires registered landowners and tenants to notify the DNR if their information or eligibility status changes. Eligibility will be periodically verified by DNR staff.

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Attachment: Chapter 95, Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-tenant Registration – Final Rule

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 95, “Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-Tenant Registration,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These rules give the regulations for reporting deer and turkey harvest and for registering for landowner-tenant licenses. The adopted changes remove the 3-year eligibility period limit and requires registered landowners and tenants to notify the Department if their information or eligibility status changes. Eligibility will be periodically verified by Department staff.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 8, 2009, as ARC 7688B. A public hearing was held on April 29, 2009. There were no comments received. No changes have been made to the Notice of Intended Action.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, 483A.1 483A.7 and 483A.24.

These amendments shall become effective August 19, 2009.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 571--95.2(481A) as follows:
571--95.2(481A) Verifying eligibility for free landowner or tenant licenses. Eligibility for free and reduced-fee deer and wild turkey hunting licenses, which are hereafter referred to as free licenses, is defined in Iowa Code section 483A.24, rule 571—98.5(483A) and rule 571—

106.12(481A). The electronic licensing system for Iowa (ELSI) will not issue free licenses to persons who have not registered their eligibility with ELSI. ~~Registering once will enable a landowner or tenant and any eligible family members to receive all the free licenses for which the landowner or tenant is eligible for three years after the date of registration, provided the landowner's and tenant's eligibility status does not change within the three year period.~~

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 95.2(6) as follows:

95.2(6) ~~Registration expiration and renewal. A landowner or tenant shall renew the landowner's or tenant's registration whenever the landowner's or tenant's eligibility or the eligibility of a family member changes. A landowner or tenant shall renew the landowner's or tenant's registration after three years to retain free license privileges. A registered landowner, tenant, or eligible family member may obtain free licenses as allowed in subrule 95.2(2) provided their registration information and eligibility status remains valid. If a registrant's information or eligibility status changes, that individual must mail or fax a DNR affidavit form or contact the DNR by telephone. The DNR will periodically review registration information to verify eligibility status, and will inactivate registrations when information fails to indicate eligibility.~~

Date

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