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Landowner and Tenant Registration for Free Licenses

Public Hearings will be held on these proposed changes on April 18. See www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/files/ICN2006.html for a list of places to attend. The final rule will go to the Natural Resource Commission on May 11th at Waubonsie State Park in Fremont County.

The DNR has developed a new pre-registration system for landowners, tenants and their family members that wish to get free and reduced-fee deer and wild turkey licenses. The basic eligibility requirements are:

- 1) Must be a resident of Iowa.
- 2) A landowner or tenant must own or farm at least 2 acres of qualifying agricultural land in Iowa.
- 3) Family members must live with the landowner or tenant.

A more detailed explanation of who is eligible may be found in the *Iowa Hunting and Trapping Regulations* booklet. *The ELSI system will not issue free or reduced-fee licenses to persons that are not registered.*

How do landowners and tenants register?

Landowner & family members may register online at www.iowadnr.com 24 hours a day year around (easiest and the preferred method) or by calling 1-800-367-1188 from 6:00 a.m. until midnight. Persons that own and rent qualifying land should register as landowners.

Tenants & family members must mail in a form or affidavit to DNR. The form or affidavit may be found online at www.iowadnr.com, at DNR offices or by calling 1-515-281-5918.

What information is required to register?

A landowner, tenant or family member must have an ELSI customer record from a previous hunting season or call 1-800-367-1188 toll free to establish one.

Landowners & family members will be asked to enter the Taxpayer Parcel Identification Number listed on their most recent property tax statement for **one** parcel of qualifying agricultural land. This taxpayer PIN will be entered on their ELSI customer record. Family members must be registered to the same parcel as the landowner. Members of corporations that have more than one owner must have all owners registered to the same parcel. **It is only necessary to register on one parcel** - the license will be valid on the entire farm unit, including land that is owned or rented. Registering once will establish eligibility for all free and reduced-fee deer and turkey licenses.

Tenants & family members that only rent and do not own qualifying agricultural land will be asked to fill out an application that contains the personal information required to identify their ELSI customer record. They will be required to attach to the application a copy of their Farm Services Agency (FSA) Form AD-1026A for **one** parcel of land they

rent and mail it to the DNR. If they only rent land that is not enrolled in a USDA farm program, they may send in an affidavit with the landowners signature and phone number for verification. Application forms and affidavits will be supplied by the DNR.

When may landowners, tenants and family members obtain the licenses?

Landowners and family members that register online or over the phone may obtain their licenses as soon as the registration is complete. *Tenants* must wait until at least 5 business days after the DNR receives their application to obtain licenses.

When must registrations be renewed?

Registrations must be renewed at least every 3 years, or whenever circumstances change - new farmers, new tenants, family members are added or subtracted, etc. DNR will notify landowners and tenants when a renewal is due.

How will registrations be verified?

Landowners & family members: Registrations will be verified through the Internet using the county assessor's online real system. In counties where this system is not yet developed, conservation officers may visit county officers to verify eligibility.

Tenants & Family Members: A current FSA Form AD-1026A attached to their application is proof of eligibility. For affidavits, DNR conservation officers may call or visit the landowner.