

# ALLIGATOR APPLICATION PROCESS

## FAQs

The Application Process is available only during the first week of June each year. The application process is an online electronic procedure that requires an email address and a processing fee of about \$2.34. Applicants may only apply once in one zone of their choice.

### When are applications available?

Applications will be offered only and beginning at **10:00 a.m. June 1 through 10:00 a.m. June 8.**

### Who can apply?

- To be eligible to purchase an alligator hunting permit application you must be at least 16 years of age at the time of purchase
- **AND**, must possess one of the following valid resident licenses to be eligible: Sportsman License, All-Game Hunting/Fishing License, Small Game Hunting/Fishing License, Apprentice Sportsman License, Apprentice All Game License, Apprentice Small Game License, Senior Exempt License, Disabled Exempt License, or a Lifetime License.
- NO Exceptions.

**If you do not currently possess one of the pre-requisite licenses listed above:** You may purchase a pre-requisite license online [Purchase Licenses Here](#) , then immediately return to purchase your alligator hunting application.

### How much does the application cost?

- Applications are free, a processing fee of \$2.29 to \$2.34, depending on purchasing method, will be charged. A credit card or debit card is required for on-line purchases.

### How many times can I apply?

- Customers may purchase an application in only one Alligator Hunting Zone of their choice.
- There are 7 Zones: Northwest, Northeast, West Central, Southwest, South Central, Southeast, and the Pearl Ross Barnett Zone.

### Where are applications sold?

- Applications are only accepted online via the MDWFP Webpage, at any location that sells MS Hunting/Fishing Licenses, or by phone (1-800-5GO-HUNT).

**APPLICATION NOTE:** At the time of application, customers are encouraged to review their application receipt or email confirmation to be sure that they have applied for the correct zone and that their email address is correct. If there is an error on your receipt, customers should call the MDWFP immediately to make corrections ph. (601) 432-2055.

### **When will the drawing take place?**

- A random drawing for each hunting zone will be completed on about June 14 by a third-party-entity.
- A second drawing will occur on about June 22 to draw winners to fill any unpurchased permits that remain from the first drawing in each alligator hunting zone.
- The second drawing will consist of all applicants who were not drawn in the first drawing.
- The second drawing will occur only for zones that have unpurchased permits remaining from the first drawing.

### **How will winners be notified?**

- Winners will be notified via email with a link to purchase their permit.
- An email address is required (notifications will be sent to winners via email).
- Winners will have 48 hours to complete their online permit purchase.
- The permit cost is \$200.
- Winners of the 2nd drawing will be notified by email and will also be provided a link to purchase their permit. They will have 48 hours to purchase their permit.
- Additionally, customers may return to the Application Purchasing Page to “Check status” after 12:00 Noon on June 14 and June 22 to check to see if you have been drawn.
- **NEW FOR 2022:** At the time of application, applicants can opt-in to receive **SMS Text Notifications** in addition to email notifications.

### **How will I receive my permits and tags?**

- Winners who successfully purchase their permit will receive their Permit/License/Tags in the mail in approximately 2 weeks.
- The Temporary Possession Tags are attached to the paper Permit/License and are to be torn off, signed, and placed onto your alligator, as required.
- An Alligator Hunting Guide will be included in your permit packet.

### **Then, watch the MS Alligator Hunting Training Course?**

- **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:** The Training Course is a series of 11 YouTube videos available on the Alligator Program Webpage. [www.mdwfp.com/alligator](http://www.mdwfp.com/alligator)