

## **MILITARY PERMITS**

### **Reissued drawing permits and transferred Tier II permits.**

In November 2006 the Board of game adopted regulations allowing active duty military personnel who, due to deployment to a combat zone, were unable to use either a drawing or Tier II permit, to either request a reissue (drawing) or a transfer (Tier II) of that permit. Originally, only resident military personnel were eligible. However, in 2012, the Board expanded the regulation for a reissued drawing permit to include all US military personnel, resident and nonresident. --Governing regulation: 5 AAC 92.050(6)(B).

For drawing permits, if you are eligible, the drawing permit you won can be reissued for the following year to allow you a hunting opportunity.

For Tier II permits, if you are eligible, you may transfer your Tier II permit to a substitute hunter who can then use your permit to hunt for you while you are deployed.

#### **Who is eligible?**

All active duty US military, resident and nonresident, under US Department of Defense deployment orders to a combat zone designated by an executive order issued by the President of the United States who are unable to use the permit due to deployment. Because you must be a resident to qualify for a Tier II permit, only resident military are eligible to obtain and transfer a Tier II permit.

#### **How does the department substantiate the inability to use the permit?**

A written, signed statement from the permit holder must be submitted to the department, stating dates of deployment, area deployed to, and order number for the deployment.

## **Drawing Permit Reissue Information**

#### **When can I apply for a reissued drawing permit?**

As soon as the permit is won, and deployment plans are known, you may apply for a reissued permit.

#### **How long do I have to apply?**

The deadline for applying for a reissued permit is 6 weeks after the permit hunt would have ended. Since the results for drawing permits are now available in late February and most hunts end in October, there is a period of 6-8months to apply.

The deadline for applying is aligned with permit harvest reporting requirements. For permit hunts, the first reminder letter for harvest reporting is sent out 3-4 weeks after the hunt ends. If you receive a reminder to report harvest on a permit that you have not been able to use due to deployment, this should serve as a reminder to apply for a reissued permit. If you are not going to

request a reissue, please remember to return the harvest report for a permit hunt. If the report has not been received within 6 weeks after the ending date of the hunt, you will be listed on the failure to report list, and will be ineligible to receive any permits the following year.

**How can I apply-email, fax, phone? Can my wife or a friend take care of this if I am overseas?**

A written signed statement from the permit holder must be submitted to the department. The completed statement can be scanned and emailed, faxed, or mailed to the address on the form. Anyone can assist, but the form must be signed by the permit winner. The form may also be signed by someone with a power of attorney from the permit winner.

The drawing permit reissue form can be found at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/huntlicense/pdfs/military\\_reissue\\_form.pdf](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/huntlicense/pdfs/military_reissue_form.pdf)

**What happens if I miss the deadline to request the reissued permit?**

We have established the deadlines to align with harvest reporting requirements. The hunter should receive at least one reminder to report harvest prior to the deadline for requesting a reissued permit, so there should be a 2-3 week opportunity to request a reissue before the final deadline. If that deadline is missed, no reissued permit is available.

**What constitutes use of the permit?**

Deployment to a combat zone must preclude any use of a permit in order to be eligible for reissue. A written, signed statement from the hunter must state this. If any attempt is made to use the permit, regardless of the amount of time hunted or the success of the hunt, the permit is considered used. A reissue may not be authorized.

**Can I get my permit back if my deployment is cancelled, changed, etc?**

Yes. If deployment dates are cancelled or changed, you may contact the department and request to use your original permit, if the hunt has not begun or the season is still open. Please contact the department at the address listed on the form, or at [kurt.kamletz@alaska.gov](mailto:kurt.kamletz@alaska.gov).

**If the permit is delayed until the following year, does the department decrease the number of permits for other hunters the following year?**

Yes, the total number of permits available does not change for a hunt, regardless of the number of reissued permits being granted. Reissues are “guaranteed winners” so they are allocated first. Any remaining permits are then allocated based on random number to the other applicants, until the total number of permits available has been issued.

**How do we capture reporting for the unused permit?**

Since the deadline for requesting a reissue is the same as the harvest reporting deadline, there will be two possibilities-

- the hunter responds, requests a reissued permit, and the permit is a “did not hunt”.
- the hunter does not respond and is listed as a failure to report. The permit is treated as a used permit, with no harvest report available.

## **Tier II Transfer Information**

### **Who can I transfer my Tier II permit to?**

You may transfer your Tier II permit to a substitute hunter who is any Alaskan resident with a valid Alaska hunting license.

### **When can I transfer my Tier II permit?**

As soon as the Tier II permit is awarded, and deployment plans are known, you may apply to transfer your permit. Your deployment must preclude any use of the Tier II permit.

Depending on the length of your deployment, you may still be able to use your permit. Many Tier II hunts have long seasons to allow maximum opportunity. Check the season dates and consider this possibility before requesting a transfer.

### **How long do I have to request a Tier II transfer?**

The deadline for transferring a permit is the ending date of the Tier II hunt. Since the results for Tier II permits are now available in late February and many Tier II hunts extend into late winter or early spring to allow maximum opportunity, there is almost a year to transfer a permit.

### **What happens if I miss the deadline to request the transfer?**

You will be unable to transfer your permit. The deadline coincides with the ending date of the Tier II hunt, so the season for the permit will be closed.

### **Why can't I just have my Tier II permit reissued for next year, like a drawing permit?**

Tier II permits are issued for subsistence hunts, based on the customary and direct dependence on the game population for human consumption. The Board of Game recognized this need to obtain food on an annual basis, and adopted regulations to provide opportunity for the year the permit was obtained.

### **Can I get my permit back if my deployment is cancelled, changed, etc?**

Yes, if the substitute hunter has not already harvested your animal and the season is still open. If deployment dates are cancelled or changed, you may contact the department to nullify the transfer form and obtain your original permit.

### **How can I apply-email, fax, phone? Can my wife or a friend take care of this if I am overseas?**

A written signed statement from the permit holder must be submitted to the department. The completed statement can be scanned and emailed, faxed, or presented in person by the hunter obtaining the transferred permit.

Anyone can assist, but the form must be signed by the permit winner. The form may also be signed by someone with a power of attorney from the permit winner.

The Tier II permit transfer form can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/huntlicense/pdfs/t2transfer.pdf>