



#HuntNM21

Apply now for the Big Game Draw

Deadlines are approaching fast:

- **March 10 at 5:00 p.m.** - [Deadline to qualify for the incentive program.](#)

- **March 17 at 5:00 p.m.** - Deadline to apply for draw licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, pronghorn and oryx. Deadline to submit late 2020–21 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn and turkey; an \$8 late fee will apply.

- **April 7** - Deadline to submit 2020–21 harvest reports for Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapper license holders to be eligible for big-game licenses.

Hunters, even if you are not ready to apply, make sure that you can log into your account. Hold times are already extended and expected to get longer. [Log into your account here.](#)



[Apply Here](#)

Hunter Education



Is your child 10 years of age or older? They can still complete hunter education online!

New Mexico residents 10 years of age and older have the option of earning their New Mexico hunter education certification completely online. Courses are entirely online, self paced and the certification is recognized in all 50 states. All online course options are provided through a Department-approved outside vendor. Online students are required to pass all chapter quizzes and a final exam to earn their New Mexico hunter education number.

[Learn more here.](#)

Need Assistance - We are here to help



Due to COVID restrictions, support for applying will be limited in 2021. Hunters are encouraged to apply early. DO NOT wait until the last minute to apply.

Application assistance is also available virtually. Message us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [TikTok](#). You can [email](#) the Department's Information Center. You can also call our Information Center at (888) 248-6866, but due to call volume expect extended wait times.

- [2021-2022 Big Game Draw: What You Should Know](#)
- [7 tips to help you apply](#)
- [5 reasons why you should apply](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Draw odds](#)
- [Military and Disabled Information](#)
- [GMU Maps](#)
- [Guides and Outfitters List](#)
- [Draw Podcast](#)

#HuntNM21 - "All you need to know" virtual series

February 24 - Meet the Biologists – Nicole Tatman, big game program manager, and Austin Teague, SE area biologist, will be on hand to answer questions about applying for, and hunting, ibex, oryx and Barbary sheep in New Mexico. [Register here.](#)



March 3 - Meet the Biologists – Caitlin Ruhl, bighorn sheep program manager, will be on hand to answer questions about applying for, and hunting, bighorn sheep in New Mexico. [Register here.](#)

March 10 – Did you miss your opportunity for hunter education? Learn about the Mentored-Youth Program and small game hunting opportunities in New Mexico. Jennifer Morgan, hunter education coordinator, and Casey Cardinal, resident game bird biologist, will discuss opportunities and answer your questions. [Register here.](#)

Each session will start at 6:00 p.m.

Previous workshops covering:

- Reading the Rules and Information Booklet (RIB) - [Watch the video](#)
- Hunter Education and the Mentored Youth Program - [Watch the video](#)
- The draw process and how to apply - [Watch the video](#)
- Using the draw odds report - [Watch the video](#)
- Bear and turkey draw and over-the-counter opportunities - [Watch the video](#)
- Hunting deer in New Mexico - [Watch the video](#)
- Hunting elk in New Mexico - [Watch the video](#)
- Hunting pronghorn in New Mexico - [Watch the video](#)

The logo for the New Mexico Game & Fish department, featuring a circular emblem with a bison head in the center and the text "NEW MEXICO GAME & FISH" around the perimeter.

HUNTERS! THE 2021 BIG GAME DRAW IS NOW OPEN!

IMPORTANT DRAW DEADLINES

TURKEY AND BEAR:
FEBRUARY 10 AT 5 p.m.

**DEER, ELK,
PRONGHORN, ORYX,
BARBARY SHEEP,
BIGHORN SHEEP,
IBEX AND JAVELINA:**
MARCH 17 AT 5 p.m.

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APPLY ONLINE:
AVOID THE LINES AND
HOLD TIMES

A photograph of an elk with large, velvet-covered antlers, standing in a grassy field.A photograph of a white-tailed deer with large antlers, standing in a field.A photograph of a pronghorn antelope standing in a field.A photograph of a bighorn sheep with large, curved horns, standing in a field.