

**6232.4500 ELK LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.**

Subpart 1. **General provisions.** The provisions in this part apply to the elk license application process.

A. If the number of applications for any zone exceeds the quota, a random selection will be conducted to determine the successful applicants.

B. Up to 20 percent of the licenses in each zone may be issued in a separate landowner and tenant drawing. The following persons are eligible for this separate drawing:

(1) owners of at least 160 acres of agricultural or grazing land, within the zone applied for;

(2) tenants living on at least 160 acres of agricultural or grazing land, within the zone applied for; or

(3) family members of qualifying landowners and tenants, if they live on the qualifying property and are part of the farming operation. Family members include those related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

Applicants unsuccessful in the landowner and tenant drawing will be included in the selection process for the remaining licenses in the same zone. Landowner and tenant party applications that include individuals who do not meet the requirements for this license will be removed from the landowner and tenant drawing and will not be entered into the general drawing.

C. Applications for the general and landowner and tenant drawing must be made on the appropriate forms and in accordance with instructions. The commissioner may reject applications not completed according to instructions.

D. The application deadline is the Friday nearest July 15.

E. An application fee as prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.433, subdivision 3, must accompany each application of one or two hunters. Checks returned to the department for nonpayment will invalidate the application. Refunds of application fees will not be made for any reason.

F. Successful applicants will receive instructions for obtaining their licenses.

Subp. 2. **Modifying quota numbers for group applications.** The quota of licenses or permits for a drawing may be increased to accommodate group members if the last applicant to be selected is a member of a group.

Subp. 3. **Drawing procedure.**

A. If one or more qualified landowners in either zone apply, a drawing to select one landowner in the Primary and Secondary Grygla Elk Zones, combined, and one landowner in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone shall occur first. The remaining parties shall then be selected in a general drawing to finalize successful parties. If no qualified landowners apply, all licenses shall be drawn from the general pool of applicants.

B. There shall also be alternate parties drawn from the pool of unsuccessful parties. These parties would be offered the opportunity to purchase licenses that have been offered to a successful party, but not purchased. The pool consists of the remaining landowners, tenants, and parties from the general drawing. An alternate party shall only be notified in the event that a successful party decides not to purchase a license.

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