

**6238.1300 PERMIT QUALIFICATIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Permit application.** A form, provided by the commissioner, must be submitted to obtain the following permits and renewal of the following permits: falconry, nonresident take, propagation, abatement, and eagle. The commissioner shall specify the information or supporting documentation required on the application, including information or documentation required by federal regulations. In addition to other requested documentation, the documentation under items A to D must be submitted for falconry permits and the documentation under items C and D must be submitted for propagation and abatement permits:

A. documentation of a passing score of at least 80 percent on a supervised examination provided by the commissioner. A person who fails to score at least 80 percent on the examination must wait a minimum of two weeks before retaking the examination;

B. a sponsorship acceptance letter from a sponsor for an individual who is applying for a falconry permit at the junior apprentice or apprentice level, who is a new resident of the United States, or who has had a falconry permit revoked and is eligible for reinstatement;

C. documentation of inspection and approval of the applicant's raptor equipment and housing facilities, including indoor mews and outdoor weathering area, by an agent of the commissioner to ensure compliance with standards under federal regulations. This item also applies to permit renewal and upgrade. Other documentation, such as photographs and schematics, must be submitted when multiple raptors will be housed in the permittee's facilities; and

D. a form provided by the commissioner and signed by the applicant stating that the falconer or propagator has read and understands all applicable state and federal regulations; will maintain the facilities and equipment according to federal regulations for the duration of the permit; and will allow inspection of the facilities, equipment, raptors, and supporting documentation according to federal regulations.

Subp. 2. **Propagation permits.** To obtain a propagation permit, in addition to the requirements in subpart 1, a person must:

A. be the holder of a valid master falconry permit in good standing under part 6238.1350, item D; or

B. demonstrate through written or other documentation at least two years' experience propagating raptors and:

(1) have a valid general falconry permit in good standing under part 6238.1350, item C, with 24 months' experience with a raptor at the general level; or

(2) be conducting research on raptors for an educational or governmental institution and submit a research proposal.

Subp. 3. **Eagle permits.** A master falconer in good standing may apply to possess up to three eagles, which count as part of the falconer's raptor possession limit. To obtain an eagle permit, falconers must submit the supporting documentation required by federal regulations. Falconers may not possess bald eagles under a permit issued under this subpart.

Subp. 4. **Abatement permits.** To obtain an abatement permit, a person must be the holder of a valid master falconry permit in good standing under part 6238.1350, item D, in addition to the requirements in subpart 1. Holders of a valid master falconry permit in good standing under part 6238.1350, item D, or a valid general falconry permit in good standing under part 6238.1350, item C, may conduct abatement activities as subpermittees of a holder of an abatement permit.

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