

Version
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Game Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2024

(SL 2024/8)

Game Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2024: revoked, on 3 May 2025, by clause 10 of the Game Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2025 (SL 2025/4).

This notice is made by the Minister of Conservation under section 72(3A) of the Wildlife Act 1953.

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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Game Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2024.

Note

The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

Note 4 at the end of this version provides a list of the amendments included in it.

This notice is administered by the Department of Conservation.

2 Commencement

- (1) Clause 10 comes into force on 4 May 2024.
- (2) The rest of this notice comes into force on 14 March 2024.

3 Interpretation

In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Act means the Wildlife Act 1953

adult means a person aged 18 years or over on 4 May 2024

appropriate fee, in relation to a licence, means the licence fee and the game bird habitat stamp fee set out in the Schedule

child means a person aged under 12 years on 4 May 2024

day licence means a licence that entitles the holder, during the open season, to hunt or kill game in all regions during the day specified in the licence, except for a day in the period beginning on 4 May 2024 and ending on 12 May 2024

Fish and Game Council has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Conservation Act 1987

junior means a person aged 12 years or over, but under 18 years, on 4 May 2024

licence means any licence issued under this notice to hunt or kill game during the open season on the date or dates or during the period specified in the licence

open season, in relation to a licence issued under this notice, means the period beginning on 4 May 2024 and ending on 2 May 2025, specified by notice in the *Gazette* made under section 15 of the Act

region means the region of a Fish and Game Council, specified by notice in the *Gazette* made under section 26A(1)(c) of the Conservation Act 1987

whole-season licence means a licence that entitles the holder, at any time during the open season, to hunt or kill game in all regions.

4 Licences issued by Fish and Game Councils

- (1) Every Fish and Game Council may issue the following classes of licence in accordance with clauses 5 and 6:
 - (a) day licences:
 - (b) whole-season licences.
- (2) However, a Fish and Game Council must not issue a day licence for the period beginning on 4 May 2024 and ending at the close of 12 May 2024.

5 Day licence

A person who is an adult or a junior may obtain a day licence from a Fish and Game Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in Part 1 of the Schedule.

6 Whole-season licence

A person who is an adult or a junior or child may obtain a whole-season licence from a Fish and Game Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in Part 2 of the Schedule.

7 Game bird habitat stamp fee

- (1) The fee payable for a game bird habitat stamp is,—
 - (a) in the case of a stamp displayed on a game licence in accordance with section 19A of the Act, the game bird habitat stamp fee set out in the Schedule; and
 - (b) in any other case, \$10.
- (2) Game bird habitat stamp fees are payable to the Fish and Game Council that supplies the stamp.

8 Fees exclusive of GST

The fees set out in the Schedule are exclusive of goods and services tax.

9 Forms of licences

Every licence must be in writing and must state the following:

- (a) the holder's full name, postal address, telephone number (if any), and date of birth;
- (b) whether the holder is an adult, a junior, or a child;
- (c) the class and effect of the licence;
- (d) the time and date of issue;
- (e) the period during which the licence is valid.

10 Revocation

The Game Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2023 (SL 2023/24) is revoked.

Schedule

Fees payable for game licences

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Part 1

Day licence

Class of applicant	Licence fee (\$)	Game bird habitat stamp fee (\$)	Total fee payable (\$)
Adult	18.26	4.35	22.61
Junior	4.35	4.35	8.70

Part 2

Whole-season licence

Class of applicant	Licence fee (\$)	Game bird habitat stamp fee (\$)	Total fee payable (\$)
Adult	93.91	4.35	98.26
Junior	18.26	4.35	22.61
Child	Free	4.35	4.35

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of February 2024.

Hon Todd McClay,
Minister for Hunting and Fishing.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice (except *clause 10*, which comes into force on 4 May 2024) comes into force on 14 March 2024. The notice—

- fixes the forms and classes of licence to hunt or kill game:
- fixes the scope and effect of those classes of licence:
- provides for the licences issued for any region to be available in all regions:
- fixes the fees payable to Fish and Game Councils for licences to hunt or kill game:
- fixes the fees payable to Fish and Game Councils for the game bird habitat stamp:
- revokes the Game Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2023.

This notice applies to game licences for the 2024–2025 open season for game. Every licence is subject to the conditions set out in the notice made by the Minister of Conservation under section 15 of the Wildlife Act 1953 that declares the open season for game.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 26 February 2024.

Notes

1 *General*

This is a consolidation of the Game Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2024 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 *Legal status*

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 *Editorial and format changes*

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

4 *Amendments incorporated in this consolidation*

Game Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2025 (SL 2025/4): clause 10