

# ELK SEASON: REGULATIONS & INFORMATION



Special Elk Conservation Tag Season: September 1 - November 10, 2012. One license.

Regular Elk Season (In designated Elk Hunt Zones within the Elk Management Area): November 5-10, 2012.

Required elk hunting license. Limit of one antlered or one antlerless elk, depending on license, during the hunting license year.

Extended Elk Season (Antlered or Antlerless) Outside of the Elk Management Area: November 12-17, 2012.

Required elk hunting license. Limit of one antlered or one antlerless elk, regardless of licenses, during the hunting license year.

How to apply:

- 1) To apply for an elk license online go to [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us), click on "Buy Your Elk License" icon next to the elk photo and then click "Apply Online." Applications on the e-commerce site will be accepted through midnight August 26, 2012. It costs \$10.70 to apply and application fees are non-refundable. Hunters can check on the status of an elk application by visiting the PGC website ([www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us)) and clicking on "Buy Your Elk License" and then "Check on the status of an Antlerless Deer or Elk Application."
- 2) Application may also be made at Point of Sale (POS) locations through the PALS system.

Nonresidents have an equal opportunity in the drawing. If drawn, a Pennsylvania resident may purchase an elk license for \$25; nonresidents \$250. Individuals drawn for an Antlered license are not eligible to apply again for five license years; this does not apply to individuals drawn for an Antlerless license. Successful applicants must obtain a Pennsylvania general hunting license for the appropriate license year. Unsuccessful applicants will earn bonus points for future drawings. Licenses will be assigned according to the drawn hunter's selected antlered/antlerless preferences. If a hunter selected the "No Preference" field and is drawn after all Antlered licenses have been assigned, he/she will be assigned an antlerless license. A map of the elk hunt zones can be found below or on the website. If a hunter is drawn and his/her preferred elk hunt zone is already filled, he/she will be assigned to an elk hunt zone. If a person submits more than one application, all of their applications will become ineligible and they will be subject to prosecution. Details of the drawing, normally the second Friday in September, are available on the Game Commission's website, [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us).

Earn Preference Points! Beginning in the 2003-04 license year, unsuccessful applicants are granted preference points in future drawings. For each unsuccessful application, one point will be added to their record. When a hunter with preference points applies for an elk license, his or her name is added to the drawing an extra time for each preference point accumulated. Preference points are carried forward until an applicant is drawn. There is no requirement that applications be made in consecutive years in order to retain preference points. However, you must apply in order to have your preference points used for a given license year.

## Regulations

Arms & Ammunition: Manually operated centerfire rifles and handguns at least 27 caliber that propel single-projectile ammunition 130 grains or larger. Manually operated shotguns at least 12-gauge firing a single projectile. Muzzleloading firearms at least 50 caliber propelling a single projectile weighing at least 210 grains. A bow with a minimum draw weight of 45 pounds. Any arrow with a broadhead with an outside diameter or width of at least 7/8 of an inch and at least two cutting edges with each cutting edge on the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface, and broadhead may not exceed 3 inches in length; and legal crossbows.

Driving Elk: It is unlawful to drive or herd elk.

Fluorescent Orange Requirements: All elk hunters and those accompanying them must wear at least 250 square inches of fluorescent orange, visible 360 degrees, on the head, chest and back combined. Camouflage-fluorescent orange may satisfy this regulation if the total orange content is at least 250 square inches.

Tagging, Reporting Requirements: A successful hunter must tag the elk immediately after harvest and before the carcass is moved. In addition, within 24 hours each hunter who harvests an elk must take it, along with their hunting license and elk license, to a Game Commission check station for examination. The Elk Check Station is located at the PGC maintenance building in Quehanna in Clearfield County (see bear check station page for directions).

Elk Guides: Elk Guides are regulated by the Game Commission and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and offer various services to the hunter. Those individuals drawn for elk licenses will be provided a list of permitted guides. Elk guide permit applications must be received by the Game Commission by September 28.

