

ZAMBIA WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

GUIDELINES FOR ISSUING PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS' LICENCES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Zambia Wildlife Act No.12 of 1998 under sections 5(1)(i), 43(1), 47(1) and 54(1) provides that the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) can issue licenses and permits such as Professional Hunters' licences, Apprentice Professional Hunters' licences and Restricted Professional Hunters' licences to any person who applies to the Director General and has the prescribed qualifying conditions.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS FOR APPLYING TO HOLD PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS' LICENCES

Any person with the following is considered eligible to apply, on a prescribed form, to the Director General of ZAWA to hold a Professional Hunter's licence, Apprentice Professional Hunter's licence or Restricted Professional Hunter's licence:

- 2.1 An adult Zambian or Resident with valid identity documents such as National Registration Card, Employment Permit or any other valid immigration permit.
- 2.2 Has not been convicted of a crime or offence stemming from a violation of the Zambia Wildlife Act No. 12 of 1998.
- 2.3 Able to read and write in the Zambian official language.
- 2.4 Has a letter from the locally registered Safari Hunting Outfitter (company) approving the Professional Hunter to conduct safari hunting on behalf of the Outfitter.
- 2.5 Has passed the examination set by the Professional Hunters Association of Zambia (PHAZ) for people who intend to become Professional Hunters in Zambia.
- 2.6 Has a recommendation letter from PHAZ.
- 2.7 Has a tax clearance letter from the Zambia Revenue Authority.

3.0 ADMINISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS' LICENCES

3.1 Apprentice Professional Hunter's Licence

An Apprentice Professional Hunter's Licence is issued to a trainee professional hunter who is duly permitted to accompany a safari hunting party under a fully qualified professional hunter whom he understudies.

Accordingly, to obtain an Apprentice Professional Hunter's Licence one must:

- 3.1.1 Apply to the Director General of ZAWA on a prescribed form.
- 3.1.2 Have a letter from the locally registered Safari Hunting Outfitter (company) approving the Apprentice Professional Hunter to train under the Outfitter.
- 3.1.3 Have a letter from a Full Professional Hunter offering to train the applicant for the Apprentice Professional Hunter's Licence.
- 3.1.4 Have a letter from PHAZ recommending them to be issued with the Apprentice Professional Hunter's Licence.
- 3.1.5 Satisfy the ZAWA interviewing panel that they are qualified to be issued the Apprentice Professional Hunter's Licence.

3.2 Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence

The Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence is classified into two progressive categories; namely Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence **with plains game animals** and Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence **with buffalo**. The former permits the holder to guide safari hunts that do not involve any of the dangerous animals whereas the later permits the holder to guide hunts which may include buffalo but not lion, leopard and elephant.

- 3.2.1 The holder of the Apprentice Professional Hunter's Licence may apply to the Director General of ZAWA, on the prescribed form, to have their licence upgraded to Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence with plains game animals.
- 3.2.2 The applicants for an **upgrade** to Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence **with plains game animals** must have passed the examination set by PHAZ, completed the training in accordance to PHAZ set syllabus and acquired enough experience as an Apprentice Professional Hunter, have letter of recommendation from PHAZ and have a letter of approval from a Safari Hunting Outfitter to conduct hunts on their behalf.
- 3.2.3 The Director General of ZAWA may issue a Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence with plains game animals after an applicant satisfies the ZAWA panel of interviewers and upon payment of prescribed fees.
- 3.2.4 The holder of the Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence with plain game animals may apply to the Director General of ZAWA, on the prescribed form, to have their licence upgraded to Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence with buffalo.

- 3.2.5 The applicants for an **upgrade** to Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence **with buffalo** must have passed the examination set by PHAZ, guided enough hunts and acquired enough experience as a Restricted Professional Hunter with plains game animals, have letter of recommendation from PHAZ and have a letter of approval from a Safari Hunting Outfitter to conduct hunts on their behalf.
- 3.2.6 The Director General of ZAWA may issue a Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence with buffalo after an applicant satisfies the ZAWA panel of interviewers and upon payment of prescribed fees.

3.3 Full Professional Hunter's Licence

A holder of Full Professional Hunter's Licence is permitted to guide safari hunts that may involve all dangerous animals allocated on hunting quotas.

- 3.3.1 The holder of the Restricted Professional Hunter's Licence with buffalo may apply to the Director General of ZAWA, on the prescribed form, to have their licence upgraded to Full Professional Hunter's Licence.
- 3.3.2 The applicants for an **upgrade** to Full Professional Hunter's Licence must have passed the examination set by PHAZ, guided enough hunts and acquired enough experience as a Restricted Professional Hunter with buffalo, have letter of recommendation from PHAZ and have a letter of approval from a Safari Hunting Outfitter to conduct hunts on their behalf.
- 3.3.3 The Director General of ZAWA may issue a Full Professional Hunter's Licence after an applicant satisfies the ZAWA panel of interviewers and upon payment of prescribed fees.
- 3.3.4 Applicants who have been Full Professional Hunters in other countries may be issued with Full Professional Hunter's Licences depending on the recommendations from PHAZ, validity of their documents and performance in the interviews with ZAWA panel.

3.4 Renewal of Professional Hunters' licences

Professional Hunters' Licences are renewed on an annual basis upon payment of respective prescribed fees provided that an applicant:

- 3.4.1 Filled in the ZAWA 14 correctly and accordingly.
- 3.4.2 Has letter of tax clearance from Zambia Revenue Authority.
- 3.4.3 Has valid first aid certificate.

3.5 Revocation of Professional Hunters' licences

The Director General may revoke a Professional Hunter's Licence from any person who violates the Zambia Wildlife Act No. 12 of 1998 and Professional Hunters Regulations or is deemed to have been involved in gross misconduct that tarnishes the image of ZAWA or is no longer physically healthy to guide safari hunts.