

Deployed Military Personnel FAQs

Drawing Permit Reissue & Tier II Permit Transfer Information

In November 2006, the Board of Game (BOG) adopted regulations allowing active duty military personnel who, due to deployment to a combat zone, were unable to use a drawing or Tier II permit, to request a reissue (drawing) or a transfer (Tier II) of that permit. Originally, only resident military personnel were eligible. However, in 2012, the BOG expanded the regulation for a reissued drawing permit to include all US military personnel, resident, and nonresident. In 2022, the BOG expanded the regulation to include those deployed for official business. -Governing regulation: 5 AAC 92.050(6)(B).

For drawing permits, if you are eligible, the drawing permit you won can be reissued for the following year to allow you a hunting opportunity.

For Tier II permits, if you are eligible, you may transfer your Tier II permit to a substitute hunter who can then use your permit to hunt for you while you are deployed.

Who is eligible?

A person that is on active duty, National Guard or Reserves status, in a branch of the United States Department of Defense, and who is under orders of a state's governor or the President of the United States for deployment to a combat zone, or for the purpose of humanitarian aid, peace-keeping, increased security, homeland defense, defense support of civil authority, or evacuation of United States citizens, and that has been issued a drawing or Tier II permit, and is prevented from using the permit due to deployment. Because you must be a resident to qualify for the Tier II permit, only resident military are eligible to obtain and transfer a Tier II permit.

How can I apply – email, fax, phone? Can my spouse or a friend take care of this if I am overseas?

A written signed statement from the permit holder (person awarded the permit) must be submitted to the department, stating dates of deployment, and order number for the deployment. The completed statement can be scanned and emailed, faxed, mailed or presented in person to the addresses and fax number on the form. Anyone can assist, but the form must be signed by the permit holder. The form may also be signed by someone with power of attorney from the permit holder.

The Draw Permit Reissue form can be found at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/huntlicense/pdfs/military_reissue_form.pdf

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When can I apply to have my draw permit reissued?

As soon as the permit is won, and deployment plans are known, you may apply for a reissued permit.

How long do I have to apply?

The deadline for applying for a reissued permit is 6 weeks after the permit hunt would have ended. Since the results for draw permits are available in late February and most hunts end by October, there can be 6-8 months to apply, depending on hunt.

The deadline for applying is aligned with permit harvest reporting reminders. For permit hunts, the first reminder letter for harvest reporting is sent out 3-4 weeks after the hunt ends. If you receive a reminder to report harvest on a permit that you have not been able to use due to deployment, this should serve as a reminder to apply for a reissued permit. If you are not going to request a reissue, please remember to return the harvest report for a permit hunt. If you fail to report, you will be listed on the failure to report list and will be ineligible to receive any permits the following year.

What happens if I miss the deadline to request the reissued permit?

You will be unable to have your permit reissued.

What constitutes use of the permit?

Deployment must preclude any use of a permit to be eligible for reissue. A written, signed statement from the hunter must state this. If any attempt is made to use the permit, regardless of the amount of time hunted or the success of the hunt, the permit is considered used. A reissue may not be authorized.

Can I get my permit back if my deployment is cancelled, changed, etc.?

Yes. If deployment dates are cancelled or changed, you may contact the department and request to use your original permit, if the hunt has not begun or if the season is still open. Please contact the department at the addresses listed on the form.

If permit is delayed until the following year, does the department decrease the number of permits for other hunters the following year?

Yes. The total number of permits available does not change for a hunt, regardless of the number of reissued permits being granted. Reissues are “guaranteed winners”, so they are allocated first. Any remaining permits are then allocated based on random number to the other applicants, until the total number of permits available have been issued.

How do we capture reporting for the unused permit?

Since the deadline for requesting a reissued permit is the same as the harvest reporting reminders, there will be two possibilities:

- The hunter applies for a reissued permit and the permit is reported as “did not hunt”.
- The hunter does not apply for a reissued permit and the permit goes unused. If hunter does not report on the permit, they will be placed on the failure to report list.

Tier II Permit Transfer Information

How can I apply – email, fax, phone? Can my spouse or a friend take care of this if I am overseas?

A written signed statement from the permit holder (person awarded the permit) must be submitted to the department, stating dates of deployment, and order number for the deployment. The completed statement can be scanned and emailed, faxed, mailed or presented in person to the addresses and fax number on the form. Anyone can assist, but the form must be signed by the permit holder. The form may also be signed by someone with power of attorney from the permit holder.

The Tier II Permit Transfer form can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/huntlicense/pdfs/t2transfer.pdf>

When can I apply to transfer my Tier II permit?

As soon as the Tier II permit is awarded, and deployment plans are known, you may apply to transfer your permit. Your deployment must preclude any use of the Tier II permit. Depending on the length of your deployment, you may still be able to use your permit. Many Tier II hunts have long seasons to allow maximum opportunity. Check the season dates and consider this possibility before requesting a transfer.

How long do I have to request a Tier II transfer?

The deadline for transferring a permit is the ending date of the Tier II hunt you're applying for. Since the results for Tier II permits are now available in late February and many Tier II hunts extend into late winter or early spring to allow maximum opportunity, there can be almost a year to transfer a permit, depending on the hunt.

What happens if I miss the deadline to request the transfer?

You will be unable to transfer your permit. The deadline coincides with the ending date of the Tier II hunt, so the season for the permit will be closed.

Who can I transfer my Tier II permit to?

You may transfer your Tier II permit to a substitute hunter who is an Alaska resident with a valid Alaska hunting license.

Why can't I just have my Tier II permit reissued for next year, like the drawing permit?

Tier II permits are issued for subsistence hunts, based on the customary and direct dependence on the game population for human consumption. The BOG recognized this need to obtain food on an annual basis and adopted regulations to provide opportunity for the year the permit was obtained.

Can I get my permit back if my deployment is cancelled, changed, etc.?

Yes, if the substitute hunter has not already harvested your animal and the season is still open. If your deployment dates are cancelled or changed, you may contact the department to nullify the transfer form and obtain your original permit. Please contact the department at the addresses listed on the form.