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How to Participate in Rulemaking

Review Published Notices

Review notices published in the *Arizona Administrative Register*.

The Preamble at the beginning of a notice contains information about the rulemaking and provides agency justification and regulatory intent. Agency contact information is published in the Preamble for those interested in participating in the rulemaking process.

The Preamble includes reference to the specific statutes authorizing the agency to make the rule, an explanation of the rule, reasons for proposing the rule, and the preliminary Economic Impact Statement.

Agency Contact Lists

Many agencies maintain stakeholder lists to contact those interested in proposed changes to rules. Check an agency's website and its newsletters for information about notices, oral proceedings, and meetings.

Feel like a change should be made to a rule and an agency has not proposed changes? You can petition an agency to make, amend, or repeal a rule. The agency must respond to the petition. Refer to A.R.S. § 41-1033 for more information.

Attend a Public Meeting

Attend a public meeting, known as an oral proceeding, being conducted by the agency on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

A proceeding may be listed in the Preamble of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or an agency may inform the public of the meeting in a Notice of Oral Proceeding. Attend the meeting and be prepared to speak and comment.

An agency may not have a public meeting scheduled on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. If not, you may request the agency schedule a proceeding. This request must be put in writing within 30 days after the published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Refer to information in the Preamble.

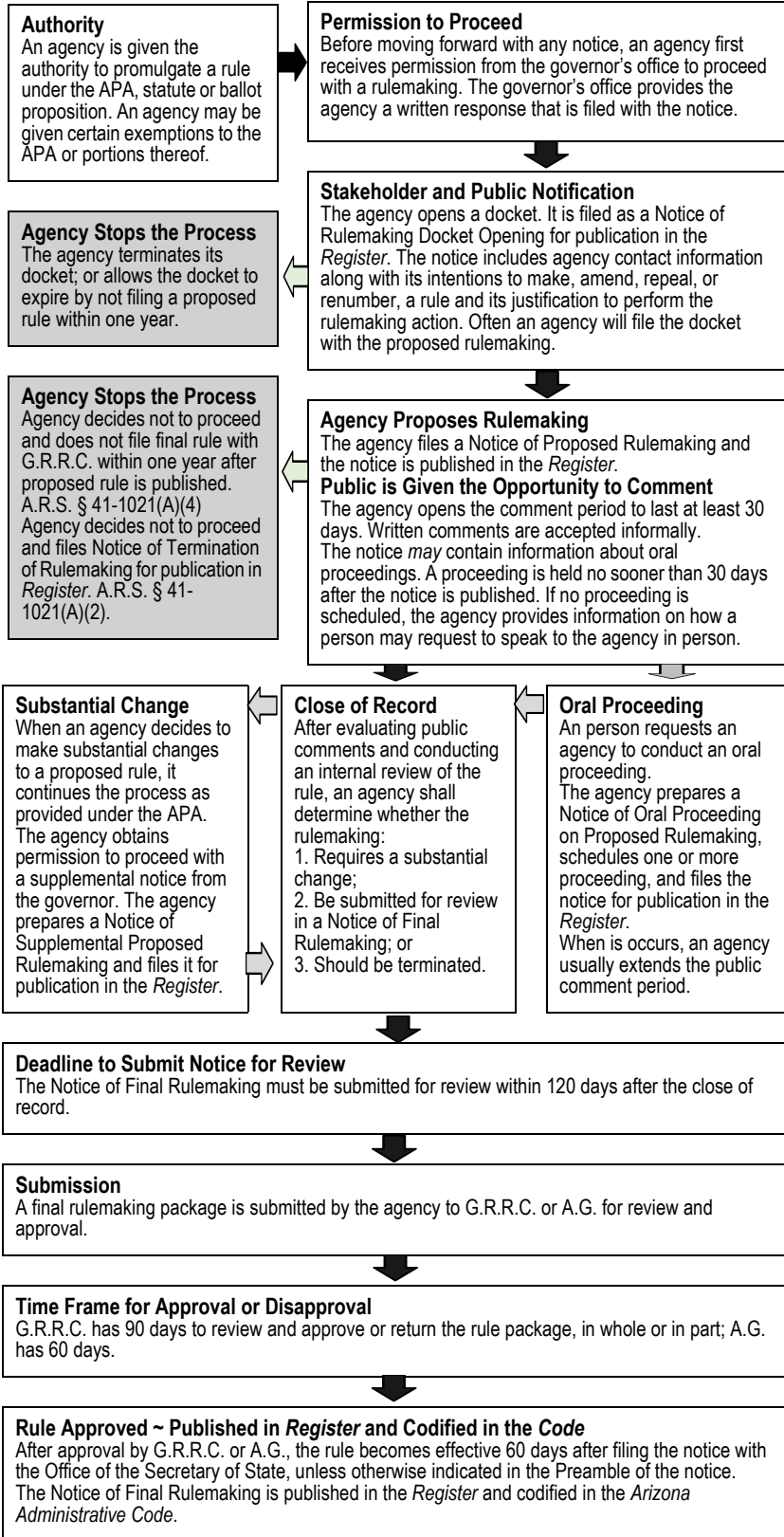
Write the Agency

Put your comments in writing and send them to the agency. In order for the agency to consider your comments, the agency must receive them by the close of record. The comment must be received within the 30-day comment timeframe following the *Register* publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

You can also submit to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council written comments that are relevant to the Council's power to review a given rule (A.R.S. § 41-1052). The Council reviews the rule at the end of the rulemaking process, before the rules are filed with the Secretary of State.

THE REGULAR RULEMAKING PROCESS

START THE PROCESS HERE



Definitions and Acronyms

Arizona Administrative Code, Code (A.A.C.): Official rules codified and published by the Secretary of State's Office. Available online at www.azsos.gov.

Arizona Administrative Register, Register (A.A.R.): The official publication that includes filed documents pertaining to Arizona rulemaking. Available online at www.azsos.gov.

Administrative Procedure Act (APA): A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Articles 1 through 10. Available online at www.azleg.gov.

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.): The statutes are made by the Arizona State Legislature during a legislative session. They are compiled by Legislative Council, with the official publication codified by Thomson West. Citations to statutes include Titles which represent broad subject areas. The Title number is followed by the Section number. For example, A.R.S. § 41-1001 is the definitions Section of Title 41 of the Arizona Administrative Procedures Act. The "§" symbol simply means "section." Available online at www.azleg.gov.

Chapter: A division in the codification of the *Code* designating a state agency or, for a large agency, a major program.

Close of Record: The close of the public record for a proposed rulemaking is the date an agency chooses as the last date it will accept public comments, either written or oral.

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): The *Code of Federal Regulations* is a codification of the general and permanent rules published in the *Federal Register* by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government.

Docket: A public file for each rulemaking containing materials related to the proceedings of that rulemaking. The docket file is established and maintained by an agency from the time it begins to consider making a rule until the rulemaking is finished. The agency provides public notice of the docket by filing a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening with the Office for publication in the *Register*.

Economic, Small Business, and Consumer Impact Statement (EIS): The EIS identifies the impact of the rule on private and public employment, on small businesses, and on consumers. It includes an analysis of the probable costs and benefits of the rule. An agency includes a brief summary of the EIS in its preamble. The EIS is not published in the *Register* but is available from the agency promulgating the rule. The EIS is also filed with the rulemaking package.

Governor's Regulatory Review (G.R.R.C.): Reviews and approves rules to ensure that they are necessary and to avoid unnecessary duplication and adverse impact on the public. G.R.R.C. also assesses whether the rules are clear, concise, understandable, legal, consistent with legislative intent, and whether the benefits of a rule outweigh the cost.

Incorporated by Reference: An agency may incorporate by reference standards or other publications. These standards are available from the state agency with references on where to order the standard or review it online.

Federal Register (FR): The *Federal Register* is a legal newspaper published every business day by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). It contains federal agency regulations; proposed rules and notices; and executive orders, proclamations, and other presidential documents.

Session Laws or "Laws": When an agency references a law that has not yet been codified into the Arizona Revised Statutes, use the word "Laws" is followed by the year the law was passed by the Legislature, followed by the Chapter number using the abbreviation "Ch.," and the specific Section number using the Section symbol (§). For example, Laws 1995, Ch. 6, § 2. Session laws are available at www.azleg.gov.

United States Code (U.S.C.): The Code is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States. The Code does not include regulations issued by executive branch agencies, decisions of the federal courts, treaties, or laws enacted by state or local governments.

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The APA requires an agency file a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening which outlines its rulemaking intentions under A.R.S. § 41-1021. A docket opening and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking are often filed at the same time and published in the same *Register* issue. If they are not filed at the same time, information on where the docket opening was published is listed in the preamble of the proposed rulemaking.

An agency must allow at least 30 days to elapse after the publication of the Notice of Pro-

posed Rulemaking in the *Register* before scheduling any oral proceedings. Written public comments shall be accepted for at least 30 days after the published notice. Refer to A.R.S. §§ 41-1013, 41-1022 and 41-1023.

Questions about the notice can be answered by the person listed in item #5 of the preamble.

Refer to item #11 for information on how to comment on this notice, the close of record to comment, and information related to oral proceedings.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

CHAPTER 34. BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING

[R26-17]

PREAMBLE

- 1. Permission to proceed with this proposed rulemaking was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:**
July 22, 2025

<u>2. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)</u>	<u>Rulemaking Action</u>
R4-34-101	Amend
R4-34-102	Amend
R4-34-201	Amend
R4-34-204	Amend
R4-34-401	Amend
R4-34-402	Amend
R4-34-403	Amend
R4-34-603	Amend
R4-34-606	Amend
R4-34-701	Amend
R4-34-802	Amend

- 3. Citations to the agency's statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):**

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. § 41-4010(A)(13)

Implementing statute: A.R.S. §§ 41-4002, 41-4004, 41-4005, 41-4010, 41-4025, 41-4029

- 4. Citations to all related notices published in the *Register* that pertain to the current record of the proposed rule:**

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 32 A.A.R. 587, March 6, 2026 (*in this issue*); File Number: R26-21

- 5. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:**

Name: Tara Brunetti
Title: Assistant Deputy Director
Address: 1110 W. Washington, Suite 280
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Telephone: (602) 771-1035
Email: tara.brunetti@azhousing.gov
Website: housing.az.gov

6. An agency's justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

The Department of Housing, Office of Manufactured Housing (OMH) is amending rules to update materials incorporated by reference, increase required bond amounts, and comply with a recent legislative change (See Laws 2025, Chapter 126) regarding installation certificates. The Department is also correcting some typographical errors.

7. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and proposes either to rely on or not to rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

Not applicable

8. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

9. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

The primary economic impact results from increasing the bond amount licensees are statutorily required to post. The bond, which is a cost of doing business that may be passed on to consumers, is required to protect consumers of manufactured housing. More than 97 percent of licensees choose to post a bond rather than make a cash deposit. Licensees pay only a percentage of the bond amount to obtain the bond. The current bond amounts are very old. Indeed, the most recent update in bond amounts was done in 2005. Before establishing the new bond amounts, the Department gathered information from all states and established the new amounts consistent with the gathered information.

Updating the material incorporated by reference will have a minor economic impact. Licensees will need to be able to access the new materials, which will be available on the Department's website. The new materials provide current standards for manufacturing, constructing, and installing manufactured homes. Using the current standards protects public health and safety.

10. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the economic, small business and consumer impact statement:

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Phoenix, AZ 85007
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Email: tara.brunetti@azhousing.gov
Website: housing.az.gov

11. The time, place, and nature of the proceedings to make, amend, repeal, or renumber the rule, or if no proceeding is scheduled, where, when, and how persons may request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule:

Written comments about this proposed rulemaking will be accepted in person at the address provided under item #5, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for state holidays. Comments will also be accepted via email at the email address provided under item #5. Mailed written comments shall be postmarked within 30 days of this published notice.

An oral proceeding is scheduled on this proposed rulemaking.

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: 1700 W. Washington St., Room 104
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Instructions for joining the oral proceeding virtually will be posted on the Department's website.

Nature: Public meeting

12. All agencies shall list other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additionally, an agency subject to Council review under A.R.S. §§ 41-1052 and 41-1055 shall respond to the following questions:

None

a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general

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permit is not used:

A.R.S. § 41-1025 establishes qualifications and requirements for licensure as a manufacturer, dealer, broker, salesperson, or installer. These licenses are not general permits as defined at A.R.S. § 41-1001 because statute requires an individualized license be issued. Statute indicates an applicant for licensure may be subject to a background investigation, required to take an examination and meet experience prerequisites, and submit a valid fingerprint clearance card. Multiple categories of licensees are required to post a surety bond or cash deposit.

b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

The rules are not more stringent than federal law. Federal law applies to the subject of the rules (See 24 CFR 3280, 3282, 3284, 3285, 3286, and 3288). Under a contract with HUD, the Department enforces the federal law.

c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule's impact on the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:

Not applicable

13. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:

The following materials are incorporated by reference at R4-34-102. The international codes are available from the International Code Council:

- International Building Code (IBC), 2024 edition;
- International Residential Code (IRC), including appendices BB (Tiny Homes) and BC (Accessory Dwellings), 2024 edition;
- International Mechanical Code (IMC), 2024 edition;
- International Plumbing Code (IPC), 2024 edition;
- International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), 2024 edition;
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), 2024 edition;
- National Electrical Code (NEC), 2023 edition, available from the National Fire Protection Association;
- International Fire Code (IFC), Chapters 1 through 3, 6 through 12, 20, 23, 24, 31 through 33, and Appendices B and F, 2024 edition

14. The full text of the rules follows:

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R4-34-802. General Installation

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL

R4-34-101. Definitions

The definitions in A.R.S. §§ 41-4001, and 41-4008 apply to this Chapter. Additionally, in this Chapter:

1. “Act” means the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000, which is Title VI of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000.
2. “Agency” means the seller or purchaser of a used home has given a licensed salesperson written legal authority to act on behalf of the seller or purchaser when dealing with a third party. The written legal authority is also binding on the salesperson’s licensed and employing retailer.
3. “Agency disclosure” means a document that specifies the person a licensed salesperson or licensed retailer represents in a brokered transaction.
4. “Agent” means a licensed retailer authorized to act on behalf of a seller, purchaser, or both the seller and purchaser of a used home.
5. “Attached” means an accessory is fastened or affixed to a regulated structure in a manner that imposes a load on the structure.
6. “Branch location” means a satellite office, in addition to the principal office, where business may be transacted.
7. “Brokered transaction” means a transaction in which a licensed broker acts as an agent for the seller, purchaser, or both.
8. “Certificate” means an Arizona Insignia with which a licensee certifies all work performed complies with applicable law, including this Chapter, relating to modular manufacture and reconstruction, ~~installation of modular, manufactured, and mobile homes,~~ or rehabilitation work and construction.
9. “Co-brokered transaction” means a transaction in which the listing retailer and the selling retailer are not the same person.
10. “Consummation of sale, as defined at A.R.S. § 41-1001, includes filing an Affidavit of Affixture, if applicable.
11. “FBB” means factory-built building.
12. “Field installed” means components, equipment, and/or construction that is to be completed or installed at the site. Field installed does not include reconstruction.
13. “HVAC” means heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.
14. “Modular” means a type of FBB built in a factory and transported in three-dimensional sections to an installation site.
15. “New” means a unit not previously sold, bargained, exchanged, or given away to a purchaser.
16. “Panelized” means a type of commercial FBB built in a factory using closed construction, including partly or fully finished walls, floors, or roof panels, and transported in two-dimensional condition to an assembly site.
17. “Permanent foundation” means a system of support and perimeter enclosure, with or without crawl space, that is:
 - a. Constructed of durable materials;
 - b. Developed in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions or designed by an Arizona registered engineer;
 - c. Attached in a manner that effectively transfers all vertical and horizontal design loads that could be imposed on the structure by wind, snow, frost, seismic, or flood conditions, as applicable, to the underlying soil or rock; and
 - d. Designed to exclude unwanted elements and varmints, ensure sufficient ventilation, and provide adequate access to the building.
18. “Purchase contract in a brokered transaction” means a written agreement between a purchaser and seller of a used home that indicates the sales price and terms of the sale.
19. “Repair” means work performed on a manufactured home, mobile home, or FBB to restore the building to a habitable condition but does not impact the original structure, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, mechanical, use occupancy, or energy design.
20. “Retailer” means a broker or dealer as prescribed at A.R.S. § 41-4001(5) and ~~(4)~~ (12).
21. “Site” means a parcel of land bounded by a property line or a designated portion of a public right-of-way.
22. “Site work” means soil preparation including soil analysis, grading, drainage, utility trenches, and foundation systems preparation, and field-installed work including terminal and connections, on-site utility connections, accessibility structures, egress paths, parking, lighting, landscaping, and similar work.
23. “Standards” means the materials referenced in R4-34-102.
24. “Supplement” means a submittal noting change of a floor plan design, system, component, or configuration, and is incorporated as part of an originally approved plan.
25. “Used home” means a previously titled manufactured home, mobile home, or FBB designed for use as a residential dwelling.

R4-34-102. Materials Incorporated by Reference

The following materials are incorporated by reference, apply to this Chapter, include no later amendments or editions, and are available on the ~~Board’s~~ Department’s website. If there is a conflict between the incorporated material and a statute or rule, the statute or rule controls.

1. International Building Code (IBC), ~~2018~~ 2024 edition, available from the International Code Council, 4051 Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 or iccsafe.org;
2. International Residential Code (IRC), including appendices BB (Tiny Homes) and BC (Accessory Dwellings), ~~2018~~ 2024 edition, available from the International Code Council, 4051 Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 or iccsafe.org;
3. International Mechanical Code (IMC), ~~2018~~ 2024 edition, available from the International Code Council, 4051 Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 or iccsafe.org;
4. International Plumbing Code (IPC), ~~2018~~ 2024 edition, available from the International Code Council, 4051 Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 or iccsafe.org;
5. International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), ~~2018~~ 2024 edition, available from the International Code Council, 4051 Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 or iccsafe.org;

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6. International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), ~~2018~~ 2024 edition, available from the International Code Council, 4051 Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 or iccsafe.org;
7. National Electrical Code (NEC), ~~2017~~ 2023 edition, available from the National Fire Protection Association, One Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169 or nfpa.org; and
8. ~~Protecting Manufactured Homes from Floods and Other Hazards, publication 85, second edition, November 2009, available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C. St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20472 or www.fema.gov. International Fire Code (IFC), Chapters 1 through 3, 6 through 12, 20, 23, 24, 31 through 33, and Appendices B and F, 2024 edition, available from the International Code Council, 4051 Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 or iccsafe.org.~~

ARTICLE 2. LICENSING

R4-34-201. General

- A. Within five business days following receipt, the Department shall perform an administrative review of an application. If the Department determines the application is incomplete, the applicant will be provided an opportunity to complete the application. Within 14 business days following receipt of a completed application and after the applicant has passed any required license examination, the Department shall issue a conditional license.
- B. Corporate applicants shall submit a copy of their organizational documents, including articles of incorporation or organization, with all amendments, filed with the state, as applicable, and a certificate of good standing to transact business in this state.
- C. An exemption from any applicable examination requirement may be granted if a new license application identifies the same license classification and the same qualifying party listed on a previously held license, provided the previous license was in good standing before it expired.
- D. A licensee will be given notice that a conditional license is automatically effective as a permanent license to transact business within the scope of the license following review and approval by the Department of the licensee's ~~criminal~~ background analysis.
- E. Unless otherwise stated in the purchase contract, a retailer selling a mobile home, manufactured home, or FBB shall know the ordinances of the town, city, or county where the unit is to be installed regardless of whether the retailer is obligated to provide for the delivery or installation of the unit.

R4-34-204. Installers

- A. Installers' license applications fall into one of the following license classes:
 1. I-10C General installer of manufactured homes, mobile homes, or residential FBBs:
 - a. Installs manufactured homes, mobile homes, or residential FBBs on foundation systems;
 - b. Installs ground anchors and tie-downs for manufactured homes or mobile homes;
 - c. Connects water, sanitary waste, gas, and electrical systems of all amperages to the proper onsite utility terminals provided by others;
 - d. Installs HVAC and evaporative cooler systems, including electrical wiring, gas connections, and ductwork on manufactured homes, mobile homes, or residential FBBs. Provides roof jack to cooler ducts, installs exterior duct work, provides electrical service and controls to cooler from nearest supply source, provides water to the cooler from nearest fresh water source, and performs cooler repair work. An I-10C installer does not provide service, maintenance, repair, discharging, adding, or reclaiming refrigerants, or other work that requires certification;
 - e. Installs accessory structures attached to manufactured homes, mobile homes, or residential FBBs, including installation of prefabricated accessory structure units, on-site constructed accessory structures, concrete footings or slabs for accessory structures, and plumbing, electrical, and mechanical equipment;
 - f. Performs repair work, replaces or newly installs to existing mobile homes, manufactured homes, and residential FBBs items in subsections (A)(1)(a) through (e); and
 - g. May subcontract to a properly licensed entity for installation of a manufactured home, mobile home, or residential FBB or installation of an accessory structure in conjunction with installation of a home.
 2. I-10D Installer of accessory structures attached to manufactured homes, mobile homes, or residential FBBs including installation of prefabricated accessory structure units, on-site constructed accessory structures, concrete footings or slabs for accessory structures, and plumbing, electrical, and mechanical equipment. An I-10D Installer may subcontract, as needed, to a properly licensed installer or contractor for installation of any accessory-structure item under this subsection.
 3. I-10G Master installer of manufactured homes, mobile homes, or residential FBBs is permitted to perform the work described under subsection (A)(1). Additionally, an I-10G Master installer is permitted to perform all activities listed in subsection (A)(1) on a commercial FBB. An I-10G Master installer does not provide service, maintenance, repair, discharging, adding, or reclaiming refrigerants, or any other work requiring certification.
- B. Installer applicants. To be qualified for an installer I-10C, I-10D, or I-10G license, an applicant shall:
 1. Have a minimum of three years practical or field management experience in the specific type of installation, a related construction field, or the equivalent, for which the applicant is applying. At least two of the three years' experience shall be within 10 years of the date of application. The applicant may substitute technical training in the specific type of installation, a related construction field, or the equivalent, from an accredited college or university or from a Department of Housing workshop for no more than one year of the three years' experience required in this subsection;
 2. Supply a written, notarized statement from each employer or other individual familiar with the applicant's employment or other work experience, which includes the name, address, and telephone number of the individual making the statement, the dates of the applicant's employment or other work experience, a description of the position the applicant held, and a signature indicating the signer vouches for the truthfulness of the statement as proof the applicant meets the experience requirement in subsection (B)(1); and

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- 3. Supply a certified copy of each official transcript or certificate, demonstrating successful completion of any technical training the applicant wishes the Department to consider as proof of meeting the experience requirement in subsection (B)(1).

ARTICLE 4. SURETY BONDS

R4-34-401. Surety Bond Forms

- A. Manufacturers, installers, and retailers (except those with a D-8B license classification), shall submit the applicable surety bond amount from the list in R4-34-403, with a form provided by the Office of Administration Department.
B. A rider to the bond is required for the following changes:
1. Location of the licensee’s principal place of business,
2. Business name,
3. Branch address,
4. License classification, or
5. Bond amount, or
6. Deletion of a branch name or branch address.

R4-34-402. Cash Deposits

- A. Unless exempt under R4-34-401, an applicant or licensee posting cash in lieu instead of a commercial surety bond shall pay by:
1. Cash. A cash deposit is not transferable and shall be made in the name of the applicant or licensee as the name appears on the license application or issued license; or
2. Certified certified or cashier’s check or bank or postal money order made payable to the Arizona State Treasurer.
B. Upon receipt of an order from a court of competent jurisdiction directing payment of funds on deposit, the Director shall make payment as directed and suspend the license under A.R.S. § 41-4029. To reinstate the license, the licensee shall return the cash deposit to the required balance or file a commercial surety bond for the full amount, and pay all applicable reinstatement fees.
C. A cash deposit may be withdrawn by the applicant, licensee, or someone having authority to act on behalf of the applicant or licensee, under the following circumstances:
1. A license is not issued to the applicant;
2. The license has been terminated, expired, revoked, or voluntary canceled for at least two years, and there are no outstanding claims; and
3. Two years after the licensee files a commercial surety bond that replaces the cash deposit if there are no outstanding claims.

R4-34-403. License Bond Amounts

- A. An applicant shall submit the license bond amount listed for each license class.

Table with 2 columns: License Class, Bond Amount. Rows include M-9A, M-9C, M-9E, D-8, D-10, D-12, I-10C, I-10D, I-10G with their respective bond amounts.

- B. The Board Department shall not renew a license unless and until the licensee’s surety bond is in full force and effect or the full cash deposit is made or in place.

ARTICLE 6. MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSPECTION

R4-34-603. FBBs

- A. A manufacturer shall construct an FBB according to the applicable standards in R4-34-102 and:
1. Provide a complete set of drawings and specifications to the Department under R4-34-703(B);
2. Affix a permanent serial or identification number to each module or panel during the first stage of manufacturing. If an FBB has multiple sections, the manufacturer shall ensure each module or panel is separately identified. The serial or identification number location and application method shall be shown in the plans required under R4-34-703; and
3. Affix a Modular Manufacturer’s Certificate to each completed module of each modular building where indicated in the plan required under R4-34-703(B)(5). A Modular Manufacturer’s Certificate is not required for a panelized building.
B. The Department may require a manufacturer of an FBB that is produced and shipped before plan approval to remove the FBB from this state and remove the Modular Manufacturer’s Certificate based on the Department’s assessment of the following factors:
1. Probable harm to public safety and welfare,
2. Previous violations of a similar nature, and
3. Manufacturer’s failure to comply with plan submittal and requirements.

R4-34-606. Rehabilitation of Mobile Homes

- A. A rehabilitation permit shall be obtained from the Department before any modification of a mobile home.
B. The following requirements shall be met for a mobile home to be issued a certificate of compliance:
1. A smoke detector shall be installed in each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping rooms. Each smoke detector shall be installed in accordance with its manufacturer’s instructions;

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- 2. The walls, ceilings, and doors of each gas-fired furnace and water-heater compartment shall be lined with gypsum board that is a minimum of 5/16 inches except a door to the compartment that opens to the exterior of the mobile home and is of all metal construction. All exterior compartments shall seal to the interior of the mobile home;
 - 3. Each room designated expressly for sleeping purposes shall have at least one outside egress window or an approved exit device. The window or exit shall have a minimum clear width dimension of 22 inches, a minimum clear opening of five square feet, and the bottom of the exit is not more than 36 inches above the floor;
 - 4. The electrical system is tested for continuity to ensure metallic parts are properly bonded, tested for operation to demonstrate all equipment is connected and in working order, and given a polarity check to determine connections are proper. The electrical system shall have proper overcurrent protection for the required amperage load. If aluminum conductors are used, all receptacles and switches rated 20 amperes or less and directly connected to the aluminum conductors shall be marked CO/ALR. Conductors of dissimilar metals (Copper/Aluminum/or Copper Clad Aluminum) shall be connected in accordance with the National Electrical Code referenced at ~~R4-36-102~~ R4-34-102. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter protection shall be provided in compliance with the National Electrical Code referenced in R4-36-102; and
 - 5. Gas piping shall be tested with methods incorporated at ~~R4-36-102~~ R4-34-102. All gas furnaces and water heaters shall be installed in compliance with materials incorporated at ~~R4-36-102~~ R4-34-102. If a rehabilitated mobile home is to be relocated following rehabilitation, the gas tests required under this subsection may be performed and inspected at the time of installation at the new location.
- C. The rehabilitated mobile home shall be inspected by the Department to ascertain compliance with subsection (B).
 - D. The Department shall issue a certification of compliance for each rehabilitated mobile home in compliance with subsection (B), and affix an insignia of approval to the exterior wall nearest the point of entrance of the electrical service.
 - E. If the Department determines a rehabilitated mobile home does not comply with subsection (B), the Department shall serve a correction notice and require the person served to make corrections within the time specified in the notice. The Department shall determine the time for correction based on the severity of the hazard or violation and the time reasonably needed to make the correction. The Department shall allow at least 30 days for correction unless an imminent safety hazard is found or the correction has been unreasonably delayed, in which case, the Department shall serve an Order to Vacate to the person occupying the rehabilitated mobile home.
 - F. The Department shall serve an Order to Vacate on a person occupying a non-rehabilitated mobile home within five days after an inspection of the non-rehabilitated mobile home finds an imminent safety hazard.

ARTICLE 7. PLAN APPROVALS

R4-34-701. General

- A. Before construction of an FBB, a manufacturer shall submit to the ~~office~~ Department:
 - 1. The compliance assurance manual required by R4-34-702, and
 - 2. The drawings and specifications required by R4-34-703.
- B. Before performing one of the following, a person shall obtain plan approval:
 - 1. Under R4-34-704(A) for an alteration,
 - 2. Under R4-34-704(B) for a reconstruction,
 - 3. Under R4-34-705 to install an attached accessory structure, and
 - 4. Under R4-34-706 to install an FBB.
- C. Within 20 business days after receiving a plan submitted under subsection (B), the Department shall perform an administrative review of the plan submittal and if incomplete, require the licensee to provide a complete plan submittal. Within 20 business days after receiving a complete plan submittal, the Department shall approve or disapprove the plan submittal.
- D. A person that submits a plan under subsection (B) shall ensure the plan conforms to the following standards:
 - 1. Each page is at least 8 1/2 X 11 inches and printed to the scale referenced on the drawing;
 - 2. The font is at least eight point;
 - 3. The cover page includes an index and provides a 3 X 5 inch blank space near the title block;
 - 4. The plan and all details and calculations are sealed by an Arizona registered engineer; and
 - 5. The plan is consistent with all applicable standards referenced at R4-34-102.

ARTICLE 8. PERMITS AND INSTALLATION

R4-34-802. General Installation

- ~~A.~~ A properly licensed entity shall complete and affix an Arizona Installation Certificate to a manufactured home, mobile home, or FBB at the end of the unit opposite the hitch and adjacent to the manufacturer certificate or HUD label. The properly licensed entity shall affix the Arizona Installation Certificate before calling the Department for an inspection.
- ~~B.~~ A properly licensed entity shall make a report by the 15th of each month regarding compliance with subsection (A).
- ~~C.~~ ~~A.~~ Before beginning an installation, a properly licensed entity shall check with the local jurisdiction regarding frost-line requirements governing permanent foundations or utilities.
- ~~D.~~ ~~B.~~ A properly licensed entity shall install all new manufactured homes, used manufactured homes, and mobile homes according to the applicable materials referenced in R4-34-102, HUD requirements, and manufacturer requirements.
- ~~E.~~ ~~C.~~ Before installing a unit, a properly licensed entity shall perform or contract with a qualified party to assess the site and soil, ensure required permits are obtained, and make site preparations necessary to ensure the site is compatible with the manufactured home, mobile home, or FBB to be installed. The entity that actually prepares the site has primary responsibility for the work performed. The entity that contracts to have the site preparation done, if different, has secondary responsibility for the work performed.
- ~~F.~~ ~~D.~~ Installation of a manufactured home, mobile home, or FBB shall be performed only by a properly licensed entity.

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An agency shall submit a Notice of Final Rulemaking to the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (Council) or Attorney General for review within 120 days after the close of the record on a proposed rulemaking, and if applicable, supplemental proposed rulemaking, under A.R.S. § 41-1024.

The Notice of Final Rulemaking as published in this section has been filed with a certificate of approval from the Council or Attorney General.

An economic, small business and consumer impact statement is filed with this notice but not published in the *Register*.

The effective date of this notice is published in item #4 of the preamble.

Questions about the notice can be answered by the person listed in item #6 of the preamble.

The codified version of Notices of Final Rulemaking are published in the *Arizona Administrative Code* by title and chapter.

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TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

CHAPTER 36. DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT

[R26-18]

PREAMBLE

1. Permission to proceed with this final rulemaking was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:
September 27, 2025

<u>2. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)</u>	<u>Rulemaking Action</u>
R4-36-201	Amend
R4-36-302	Amend
Exhibit A	Amend

3. Citations to the agency’s statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. § 37-1302(A)(2)
Implementing statute: A.R.S. § 37-1383(A)(2)

4. The effective date of the rule:
April 13, 2026

a. If the agency selected a date earlier than the 60-day effective date as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1032(A), include the earlier date and state the reason the agency selected the earlier effective date as provided in A.R.S. § 41-1032(A)(1) through (5):

Not applicable

b. If the agency selected a date later than the 60-day effective date as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1032(A), include the later date and state the reason the agency selected the later effective date as provided in A.R.S. § 41-1032(B):

Not applicable

5. Citations to all related notices published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A) that pertain to the current record of the final rule:

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 31 A.A.R. 75; Issue Date: January 3, 2025; Issue Number: 1; File Number: R24-292
Notice of Rulemaking Proposed Rulemaking: 31 A.A.R. 5; Issue Date: January 3, 2025; Issue Number: 1; File Number: R24-287
Notice of Supplemental Proposed Rulemaking: 31 A.A.R. 1589; Issue Date: May 16, 2025; Issue Number: 20; File Number: R25-84
Notice of Public Information: 31 A.A.R. 4353; Issue Date: November 14, 2025; Issue Number 46; File Number: M25-91

6. The agency’s contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:

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7. An agency's justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

The Department needs to amend its rules to update the incorporated materials to the more recent 2024 edition. The 2024 International Fire Code updates the 2018 edition by addressing emerging fire and life-safety hazards, including energy storage systems, lithium-ion batteries, carbon monoxide detection, and new technologies not fully recognized in earlier codes. These updates reflect current industry standards and lessons learned from recent incidents, making the amendment necessary to ensure the fire code remains effective, relevant, and capable of protecting life and property in today's built environment.

8. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and either relied on or did not rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

Not applicable

9. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

10. A summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

All costs associated with the changes will not have a broad economic impact. Rather, the economic impact of the changes will be based on individual compliance with current and updated safety requirements, meaning the range of economic impact could be minor to significant.

11. A description of any changes between the proposed rulemaking, to include supplemental notices, and the final rulemaking:

Not applicable

12. An agency's summary of the public or stakeholder comments made about the rulemaking and the agency response to the comments:

The Department held an oral proceeding on June 20, 2025. At that proceeding, Barbara Rice, a Fire Building Code Consultant from Shamskota Associates shared a comment related to battery energy storage systems for solar systems and the need for additional sprinkler systems that may be necessary. However, she did not request any changes to the rules based on her comment. She also made a comment about the impact of the rules on single-story hotels and that the exception for existing single-story hotels appears to cover most of them, so she did not have any suggested changes regarding those rules. While the Department appreciates the comments that were shared during the oral proceeding, the Department did not formally respond to the comments because the comments did not request or suggest any changes to the rules.

The Department re-opened the public comment period with a Notice of Public Information in order to allow more time for public comments and to ensure compliance with A.R.S. § 41-1024(B). On December 16, 2025, the Department received a letter forwarded from Andy Tobin at The Western Way in support of this rulemaking because of the "critically important safety updates it makes for Battery and Energy Storage Systems." The Department appreciates the support and has included this letter of support in these rulemaking documents.

13. All agencies shall list other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additionally, an agency subject to Council review under A.R.S. §§ 41-1052 and 41-1055 shall respond to the following questions:

Not applicable

a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:

The Department issues specific permits for operations and construction. A general permit is not feasible because each permit must ensure that the applicant meets the specific requirements necessary for the applicant to operate safely in compliance with the IFC.

b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes and Standards apply to these rules, but these rules are not more stringent than the NFPA.

c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule's impact of the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:

Not applicable

14. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:

R4-36-201 and R4-36-302 incorporate by reference the IFC 2024.

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15. Whether the rule was previously made, amended or repealed as an emergency rule. If so, cite the notice published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A). Also, the agency shall state where the text was changed between the emergency and the final rulemaking packages:

Not applicable

16. The full text of the rules follows:

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ARTICLE 2. ARIZONA STATE FIRE CODE

Section

R4-36-201. Incorporation by Reference of the International Fire Code

ARTICLE 3. INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE MODIFICATIONS AND ACCEPTED PRACTICES

Section

R4-36-302. Appendices

Exhibit A. Incorporated Appendices

ARTICLE 2. ARIZONA STATE FIRE CODE

R4-36-201. Incorporation by Reference of the International Fire Code

Unless otherwise provided by law, any person residing, doing business, or who is physically present within the state of Arizona shall comply with the provisions of the International Fire Code (2018 2024 Edition), including D102.1 and D107.1 of Appendix D and all provisions of Appendices B, C, E, F, G, H, I, J, and N, which is published by the International Code Council, incorporated by reference as the State Fire Code, and modified by Article 3. The incorporated material does not include any later amendments or editions. Copies of the International Fire Code are available from the International Code Council, 4051 W. Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5795 and a copy is available for inspection at the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

ARTICLE 3. INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE MODIFICATIONS AND ACCEPTED PRACTICES

R4-36-302. Appendices

The International Fire Code (2018 2024 Edition), which is incorporated by reference at R4-36-201, is modified as shown in Exhibit A.

Exhibit A. Incorporated Appendices

Section 101.2.1. The following appendices are adopted as part of this Code:

B: Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings

C: Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution

D. Fire Apparatus Access Roads

~~D102.1 or the minimum requirement of the local fire response agency~~

~~D107.1 or the minimum requirement of the local building or subdivision authority~~

E: Hazard Categories

F: Hazard Ranking

G: Cryogenic Fluids – Weight and Volume Equivalents

H. Hazardous Materials Management Plan (HMMP) and Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement (HMIS) Instructions

I. Fire Protection Systems – Noncompliant Conditions

J. Building Information Sign

N. Indoor Trade Shows and Exhibitions

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TITLE 12. NATURAL RESOURCES

CHAPTER 4. GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

[R26-19]

PREAMBLE

1. Permission to proceed with this final rulemaking was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:

May 9, 2024

2. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)

Rulemaking Action

R12-4-201

Amend

R12-4-202

Amend

R12-4-203

Amend

R12-4-204

Amend

R12-4-205

Amend

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R12-4-206	Amend
R12-4-207	Amend
R12-4-208	Amend
R12-4-210	Amend
R12-4-211	Amend
R12-4-213	Amend
R12-4-215	Amend
R12-4-216	Amend
R12-4-217	Amend

3. Citations to the agency's statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. § 17-231

Implementing statute: A.R.S. §§ 17-101, 17-102, 17-231(A)(2), 17-231(A)(3), 17-231(B)(7), 17-245, 17-301(B), 17-301(D)(2), 17-332, 17-333, 17-335, 17-335.01, 17-340, 17-362, and 41-1005

4. The effective date of the rule:

July 1, 2026

a. If the agency selected a date earlier than the 60-day effective date as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1032(A), include the earlier date and state the reason the agency selected the earlier effective date as provided in A.R.S. § 41-1032(A)(1) through (5):

Not applicable

b. If the agency selected a date later than the 60-day effective date as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1032(A), include the later date and state the reason the agency selected the later effective date as provided in A.R.S. § 41-1032(B):

Due to the Department's timing of the Big Game draws and the season openers for those hunts, the Department believes an implementation date of July 1, 2026 would reduce confusion and allow constituents ample time to acquire the updated crossbow permits or CHAMP permits prior to the beginning of the Fall 2026 hunting season.

5. Citations to all related notices published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A) that pertain to the current record of the final rule:

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 31 A.A.R. 2238; Issue Date: July 11, 2025; Issue Number: 28; File Number: R25-157

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 31 A.A.R. 2282; Issue Date: July 11, 2025; Issue Number: 28; File Number: R25-148

6. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:

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7. An agency's justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission (Commission) proposes to amend its Article 2 rules, addressing licenses, permits, stamps, and tags to enact amendments developed during the preceding Five-year Review Report. The amendments proposed in the five-year review report are designed to clarify current rule language; facilitate job growth and economic development; enable the Department to provide better customer service; and reduce regulatory and administrative burdens wherever possible. After evaluating the scope and effectiveness of the proposed amendments specified in the review, the Commission proposes additional amendments to further implement the original proposals.

R12-4-201. Pioneer License: The objective of the rule is to establish application requirements and hunting and fishing privileges for the pioneer license. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to correct the reference to the governing statute, replacing 17-336(C)(1) with 17-333(C)(1) to make the rule more concise. The Commission also proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number."

R12-4-202. Complimentary and Reduced-fee Disabled Veteran's License; Reduced-fee Purple Heart Medal License: The objective of the rule is to establish eligibility, application requirements, and hunting and fishing privileges for the complimentary licenses that are issued to disabled veterans and Purple Heart Medal recipients. The rule was adopted to comply with the statutory mandate under A.R.S. § 17-333(C)(2) and (3). The Department offers three types of veterans' licenses: a complimentary or reduced fee license available to veterans who are receiving compensation from the United States government for a service connected disability rated as 100% disabling, a 25% reduced fee license to a veteran who is receiving such compensation for a service connected disability of any rating, and a 50% reduced-fee license to a person who is a bona fide recipient of a Purple Heart Medal. Like the lifetime licenses issued under R12-4-211 (Lifetime License), the permanent (lifetime) Disabled Veteran's License is valid for the person's lifetime and continues to remain valid if the license holder moves out-of-state. The out-of-state license holder must

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pay the nonresident fee when purchasing any required hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp to hunt and fish in Arizona, but the hunt-permit tag issuance limitations for nonresident permit holders do not apply to a Disabled Veteran's License holder. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to clarify the permanent disabled veteran's license will remain valid if the license holder moves out-of-state and is not subject to the limits placed on nonresident permit-tags. This amendment will also increase consistency between the permanent disabled veteran's license and other lifetime licenses issued by the Department. This change is in response to customer comment. The Commission also proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number."

R12-4-203. National Harvest Information Program (HIP); State Waterfowl and Migratory Bird Stamp: The objective of the rule is to establish requirements for the application and use of the Arizona migratory bird stamp, which covers the take of waterfowl and migratory game birds. The Arizona stamp is separate from the Federal waterfowl stamp (also known as "Duck Stamp"), which is required when a person wants to hunt waterfowl in Arizona. The stamp enables the Department to obtain hunter participation and harvest data for migratory game birds in compliance with the requirements of the federally mandated National Harvest Information Program, which is administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). On December 19, 2023, President Biden signed into law the Duck Stamp Modernization Act of 2023. The Act modifies provisions regarding the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp to allow a person to carry an electronic stamp for the entire waterfowl hunting season; the USFWS Migratory Bird Program worked diligently to implement this Act for the 2024-2025 hunting season. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to reference the federal e-stamp. In addition, the USFWS is in the process of evaluating whether to amend federal migratory waterfowl hunting rules from which states may select season dates, limits, and other options for migratory bird hunting seasons. Over the past 20 years, waterfowl hunter numbers have declined significantly. Many factors are associated with this, including the harvest restrictions for certain species and sexes of ducks, which puts pressure on new or inexperienced hunters to be able to correctly identify waterfowl during their hunt. Because duck identification can be difficult, it is believed this could be preventing potential hunters from getting into the sport. To help address the issue, the USFWS recently approved a two-tier duck regulation experiment. Nebraska and South Dakota are piloting the new system and, if proven a success through waterfowl hunter numbers and duck populations, the program will be extended to additional states. In order to prepare for this potential opportunity in the near future, the Commission proposes to put language in rule that, once authorized, will require a waterfowl hunter to select which tier/bag limit to operate under for the entirety of the waterfowl season: 1) a traditional season with the current species and sex restrictions, and bag and possession limits; or 2) a reduced bag limit for ducks with no species or sex restrictions. Once an option is selected, the hunter must stay with that option for the duration of the duck season. There is no requirement to "move up" after a certain period; waterfowl hunters may select either the traditional or reduced bag option each year. The Commission also proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number".

R12-4-204. Taxidermy Registration; Register: The objective of the rule is to establish registration requirements with the Department before engaging in the business of taxidermy for hire. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number."

R12-4-205. High Achievement Scout License: The objective of the rule is to establish application requirements and hunting and fishing privileges for the high achievement scout license. The combination hunting and fishing license is offered to a resident of this state who is a member of the Boy Scouts of America "Scouting America" program and who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout or a member of the "Girl Scouts of the U.S.A." who has received the Gold Award provided the scout is under 21 years of age. The "Boy Scouts of America," a program where young men could earn an Eagle Scout has been rebranded to "Scouting America" which includes both male and female participants. In addition, the "Girls Scouts of the United States of America," a program where young women could earn a Gold Award has been rebranded to "Girl Scouts of the USA." The Commission proposes to amend the rule to reflect the organization's current programs. The Commission also proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number".

R12-4-206. General Hunting License; Exemption: The objective of the rule is to establish application requirements and hunting privileges for the general hunting license. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number".

R12-4-207. General Fishing License; Exemption: The objective of the rule is to establish application requirements and hunting privileges for the general fishing license. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number".

R12-4-208. Guide License: The objective of the rule is to establish the application, reporting, and guiding requirements for those persons who provide commercial guiding services in Arizona. Under subsection (T), a licensed guide is required to report any violation of a federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule personally witnessed by the guide license holder. In addition, most guides use support personnel (who are not licensed guides) to assist the guide in locating an animal. The Department was recently involved with a lengthy criminal trial, civil lawsuit, and Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) hearing with a licensed guide and a friend of the guide who operated a powered parachute plane. The guide accepted information through text and phone calls regarding wildlife locations, herd size, horn size of bighorn sheep, and various essential information from the friend who operated the powered parachute plane to locate wildlife during an open big game season in violation of R12-4-319. While the Department was successful in prosecuting the friend of the guide for locating wildlife during a big game season and the OAH hearing regarding the guide accepting this information in violation of R12-4-319(B) and failing to report this information to the Department in violation of R12-4-208(T)(2)(d), it was a difficult hearing. The argument used by the defense was that the guide did not "personally witness the violation." The Commission proposes to amend the rule to replace "Report any violation of a federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule personally witnessed by the guide license holder." with "Report any violation of a federal or state statute or regulation the guide license holder knew or should have known of that involves or relates to the take or possession of wildlife or

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involves or relates to another guide or guide license holder's legal obligations." The Commission proposes to amend the rule to add that "It is a violation for a licensed or unlicensed guide to employ, hire, direct, or authorize another person to provide guiding services for compensation, and the guide knew or should have known that person would likely commit a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rules while the person is providing such guiding services on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the guide." "Knew or should have known" means actual knowledge, or that a reasonably observant person under the same or similar circumstances would have had knowledge, or a person had a duty to inquire or investigate the facts and circumstances that person would commit a violation. In addition, a guide whose hunting and fishing privileges are revoked is prohibited from obtaining a guide license while under revocation. A guide whose license is revoked is also unable to assist a person in locating or taking wildlife. The Department is aware of instances where a revoked guide will hire another licensed guide to take their clients on a guided hunt, thus usurping the Commission-ordered revocation while still collecting guiding fees from the customer. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to prohibit a licensed guide from acting as an agent for a revoked guide: "A guide license holder shall not aid, assist, serve as an agent to, represent, associate, or contract with a person whose privilege to take wildlife or guide is currently suspended or revoked pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 17-340, 17-362, or R12-4-606."

R12-4-210. Combination Hunting and Fishing License; Exemption: The rule establishes the requirements and privileges of both the resident and nonresident hunting and fishing combination licenses. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number."

R12-4-211. Lifetime License; Benefactor License: The objective of the rule is to establish the hunting and/or fishing privileges for the three lifetime licenses, application requirements, and fees for lifetime licenses. The rule was adopted to ensure compliance with statutory amendments resulting from the Fifty-first Legislature, 1st Regular Session, which amended statutes within Title 17 to authorize the Commission to establish license, permit, tag, and stamp fees by rule. Arizona's lifetime general hunting and fishing license program provides a unique opportunity for resident sportsmen and sportswomen to participate in the long-term funding of Arizona's Wildlife Conservation programs. The dollars derived from the sale of these special licenses are deposited into the established Arizona Wildlife Endowment Fund from which only the interest accrued will be used for management programs. Because the fees for the lifetime licenses are based on the applicant's age, the Commission proposes to amend the rule to clarify the kind of documents required in order to determine the applicant's age for the purpose of establishing the fee for the license. The Commission also proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number."

R12-4-213. Hunt Permit-tags and Nonpermit-tags: The objective of the rule is to establish requirements to validate a license for the taking of a big game animal or any other wildlife requiring a valid tag. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number."

R12-4-215. Youth Group Two-day Fishing License: The objective of the rule is to establish youth group two-day fishing license privileges and requirements by rule to comply with statutory amendments. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number."

R12-4-216. Crossbow Permit: The objective of the rule is to establish eligibility requirements, conditions, and restrictions for the crossbow permit. The permit allows a person with a disability who cannot draw and hold a bow to use a crossbow during an archery-only hunt. The rule was adopted to provide a mechanism that afforded persons with a disability the opportunity to participate in archery hunting. From January 1, 1996 through January 2, 2015, the Department offered only permanent (lifetime) crossbow permits to persons with a permanent disability of at least 90% impairment of function of one arm. In response to customer comments regarding the overly restrictive eligibility requirements and the need for a temporary crossbow permit, on January 3, 2015, the Commission established a temporary crossbow permit that was valid for the time-frame specified by the healthcare professional and greatly expanded the eligibility criteria. The Department relies on the medical health professional to determine whether the applicant's medical condition is temporary or permanent. No specific testing was required by the medical health professional conducting the evaluation and no documentation of the evaluation was required to be submitted with the application for the crossbow permit. The only requirement is a general diagnosis as to whether the applicant's disability is permanent or temporary and a signature from the medical health professional. There is widespread concern over the issuance of these permits. Public comments voicing concerns over the abuse of the Crossbow Permit have come from multiple sources over the last 5 years (various article reviews, "Call to the Public" during which an individual may speak to the Commission at a public meeting, Hunt Guidelines reviews, etc.). When the public expresses consistent and considerable consternation over a topic, the Department and Commission feel that topic warrants further review and scrutiny. In addition, the Department's law enforcement officers have personally witnessed incidents of abuse of the Crossbow Permits in the field where a permit holder did not appear to have a disability requiring the need for a permit or admitted to obtaining a permit under false medical assertions. This further emphasizes the need to scrutinize concerns voiced by our hunting public. The overarching concern is that people with the Crossbow Permit have an unfair advantage over those using compound or traditional bows to gain access to mature bulls and bucks in premium, high-demand hunts when the animals are very vulnerable (i.e., in the rut). Harvesting an animal with a crossbow is easier than with a compound or traditional bow, and the rates of success are higher, thus skewing success rates in archery-only seasons and closing seasons early or limiting opportunities for archery-only hunters using more conventional devices. Looking at recent data, from 2010-2013 to 2014-2018, the Department saw an average annual increase in permanent crossbow permits go from 895 per year to 925 per year; this is an average increase of 3.3%. From 2014-2018 to 2019-2023, the number of permanent crossbow permits increased to 1098 per year; an increase of 15.8%, which is five times greater than the earlier time frame. Many archery groups (e.g. Pope & Young and ABA) and hunters believe that crossbows function more like firearms, especially when equipped with scopes. Several bowhunting groups and archers have voiced the opinion that to use a compound, long, or recurved bow successfully and skillfully requires lots of diligent practicing and patience, while the capability of a scoped crossbow to shoot out to greater distances with greater accuracy, especially when mounted on a bipod or tripod, allows for a relatively unskilled and unpracticed hunter to take a crossbow to

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the field, point, shoot, and harvest, with no real archery skills or real effort that a vertical bow requires. In addition, the improvements in crossbow technology have advanced to the point that a crossbow is no longer comparable to today's standard archery equipment and can no longer be considered a reasonable accommodation because advanced crossbow technology does not provide evenhanded treatment between the use of crossbows and conventional archery equipment. The unfair advantage the crossbow provides with higher success rates and limited permits has fundamentally altered archery-only hunts such that the crossbow under the current rule is not a reasonable accommodation. After a number of meetings with a group of hunters and stakeholders, and with comments submitted recently via a lengthy public comment period, the Commission proposes to amend the rule to establish stricter standards towards the issuance of permits to ensure all applicants have a disability that prevents them from using conventional archery equipment and to eliminate some of the devices used with a crossbow that have contributed to the unfair advantage over hunters using conventional archery equipment. These changes include a qualified healthcare provider certifying an applicant has a disability and identifying the physical impairment that substantially limits an applicant's ability to use conventional archery equipment. The proposed rule will also restrict the use of magnifying scopes, red dots, and other optics, as well as establishing when and who may use external support structures, like tripods and bipods, to make modern crossbow technology, accessories, and shooting techniques more comparable to modern standard archery equipment. The Commission also proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number."

R12-4-217. Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP): The objective of the rule is to establish eligibility requirements, conditions, and restrictions for the Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP). The permit allows a disabled person with significant mobility impairments to perform activities while hunting normally prohibited under A.R.S. § 17-301. The Commission previously amended R12-4-216 to clarify that the use of a pneumatic weapon using bolts or arrows during an archery-only season is limited to persons who possess both a Crossbow Permit issued under R12-4-216 and a CHAMP issued under R12-4-217. The Commission proposes to amend the rule to state a CHAMP holder may use any of the following during an archery-only season as prescribed under R12-4-318: a crossbow, as defined under R12-4-101, using a single bowstring, capable of firing only a single arrow or bolt with each loading and cocking action, and subject to the same prohibitions on the use of a crossbow set forth in R12-4-216 (B)(1)(a), except that a person with a valid CHAMP may use external structures or devices to stabilize the crossbow when in use; any bow to be drawn and held with an assisting device, or a pre-charged pneumatic weapon, as defined under R12-4-301, using arrows or bolts and capable of firing only a single arrow or bolt at a time. The Commission also proposes to amend the rule to correct the references to "Department identification number" with "Customer identification number."

8. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and either relied on or did not rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:
Not applicable

9. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:
Not applicable

10. A summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:
The Commission's intent in proposing the amendments indicated in #6 is to benefit the regulated community, members of the public, and the Department by clarifying rule language, creating consistency among existing Commission rules, creating additional opportunity for archery hunters, and reducing the burden on the regulated community where practical. The Commission anticipates the rulemaking will result in an overall benefit to the regulated community, members of the public, and the Department. The Commission anticipates the rulemaking will result in little or no impact to political subdivisions of this state; private and public employment in businesses, agencies or political subdivisions, or state revenues. The Commission has determined that there are no less intrusive or costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the rulemaking. Therefore, the Commission has determined that the benefits of the rulemaking outweigh any costs.

11. A description of any changes between the proposed rulemaking, to include supplemental notices, and the final rulemaking:
Based on public comments, the department modified the language for the type of medical professional needed to evaluate and endorse a CHAMP or Crossbow permit in order to more accurately reflect the desired outcome of the rulemaking.

12. An agency's summary of the public or stakeholder comments made about the rulemaking and the agency response to the comments:
The department had a public comment period from July 11, 2025 to August 10, 2025. The public was notified via e-mail distributions and press releases. The department received 176 comments during this period. Many comments were form letters or substantially the same, mostly (127) in support of the rulemaking.

Regarding R12-4-202

Written Comment: July 28, 2025: You're disallowing a right determined by the Federal Government to be applicable. If you allow me, I have many ways to prove it so. ex. I have a federally granted 100% disabled ID card. They do not grant these to someone that is 90% service-connected and 10% otherwise disabled. You are interpreting the rule to the states advantage and in the process denying many 100% service-connected disabled veterans the rights to which state law has granted. I have my car registered in AZ as a 100% service-connected disabled veteran. I have been granted these rights for many years now and have used them without fail to receive 100% service-connected disabled veteran benefits in WA, OR, TX, and with other agencies in AZ. My wife has been granted a Military ID card that is only granted to the spouse of a 100% service-connected disabled veteran. She is also on a Federal Government health plan that that requires your spouse to be a 100% service-connected disabled veteran. The words on the document I submitted, "permanent and total" mean 100% service-connected disabled veteran; you're the only agency in 42 years I

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have encountered, that interprets it differently. There is nothing wrong with the way the law was written, every other agency I have ever encountered interprets it to be a 100% service-connected disabled veteran. Even the Federal Government that grants the designation deems it to be so and grants me all the rights and privileges I deserve as a 100% service-connected disabled veteran. I have documents to back up what I am saying and ask that you take into consideration what I have said today. Thank you

Agency Response: The department is applying existing statutes to the rule and is currently contemplating no change to the current wording.

Regarding R12-4-204

Written Comment: July 18, 2025: why do we need to have taxidermist register? dumb as shit

Agency Response: This is required by statute and there are no changes to how the registration works in this rulemaking packet.

Regarding R12-4-208

Written Comment: July 18, 2025: "should have known" .. this is going to screw over people when the state decides to prosecute because they think someone "should have known" about a violation.. this ius complete BULLSHIT and you fucking know it .. this is going to give the state too much prosecutorial power to screw over hunters and guide because you, as the state, can just assume someone "should have known" FUCK YOU, FUCK THIS RULE CHANGE

Agency Response: Currently every guide who is licensed must report any violation of a federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule personally witnessed by the guide license holder. Recently, the Department was involved with a lengthy criminal trial, civil lawsuit, and Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) hearing with a licensed guide and a friend of the guide who operated a parachute plane. The guide accepted information through text and phone calls regarding wildlife locations, herd size, horn size of big-horn sheep, and various essential information from the friend who operated the powered parachute plane to locate wildlife during an open big game season in violation of R124-319. The Department was successful in prosecuting the friend of the guide for locating wildlife during a big game season and the OAH hearing regarding the guide accepting this information in violation of R12-4319(B) and failing to report this information to the Department in violation of R12-4-208(T)(2)(d), but it was a difficult hearing. The argument used by the defense was the guide did not "personally witness the violation." The Department recommends amending the rule to replace "personally witnessed the violation" with "knew or should have known of the violation" to increase the ability to enforce the rule

Regarding R12-4-216

The department received numerous emails expressing support for the proposal as written.

Agency Response: Thank you for your support.

The department received comments suggesting that the rulemaking is singling out disabled or elderly hunters.

Agency Response: The crossbow permit and CHAMP are available to all individuals who qualify and certify with a qualified healthcare provider that their disability does not allow for the use of conventional archery equipment (crossbow permit) or that their disability impacts life functions and prevents the mobility necessary to hunt without additional accommodations (CHAMP). Neither the crossbow permit nor the CHAMP is restricted to persons of a specific gender or age, just as hunt-permit tags are not restricted by gender or age, except that youth below the age of 10 may not hunt big game.

The department received several comments suggesting that crossbows and vertical bows (and pneumatics) should have comparable equipment restrictions (e.g. no magnifying optics).

Agency Response: The current proposed rulemaking is limited to revising the medical qualifications to obtain a crossbow permit, healthcare providers who review such qualifications, and determining permitted equipment and accessories for the use of crossbows in archery-only hunts. The suggestion that vertical bows and pneumatic bows have no magnifying optics is outside the current purview of this proposed rulemaking. The Department has recorded this suggestion for consideration in the next rule review cycle affecting archery equipment.

The department received comments suggesting that crossbow permittees should be allowed to use shooting sticks/tripod or bipod for hunting.

Agency Response: The crossbow permit is intended to provide individuals with upper body limitations that prohibit use of conventional archery equipment an opportunity to participate in archery-only hunts. The Department desires to set comparable practice and harvest success for vertical bows and crossbows in an archery-only hunt by limiting external support devices on crossbows. A conventional archer must physically hold the bow steady through the draw cycle and release of an arrow, while a bipod or tripod on a crossbow confers stability that is not available for conventional archery equipment.

The department received comments concerning that DOs and MDs with orthopedic practices don't address issues where other specialties are needed, like rheumatology, hematology, mental disorders, etc.

Agency Response: In response to public comments, the Department has modified who may be considered a qualified healthcare provider to evaluate applicants for crossbow permits and CHAMP.

The department received comments suggesting one year crossbow permits are too short.

Agency Response: The Department intends for a crossbow permit's validity to mirror the availability of annual hunt opportunities. Annual hunt periods end at times prescribed by the Commission and permit-tags for those opportunities are no longer usable or available when the hunt or season ends. The Department proposes that crossbow permits for those hunt opportunities also expire annually.

The department received comments suggesting the creation of a separate season for crossbow hunters or allow them to hunt in the

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later weeks or phases of archery-only hunts rather than be removed.

Agency Response: This is outside the purview of Article 2 Rulemaking. This suggestion has been noted and will be provided in the review of hunt guidelines for consideration.

The department received comments suggesting that making amputees recertify annually is not reasonable.

Agency Response: The Department intends for a crossbow permit's validity to mirror the availability of annual hunt opportunities. Individuals seeking crossbow permits, even those with permanent amputations, may not have the opportunity to hunt archery-only hunts every year. Annual hunt periods end at times prescribed by the Commission and permit-tags for those opportunities are no longer usable or available when the hunt or season ends. The Department proposes that crossbow permits for those hunt opportunities also expire annually.

The department received a few comments suggesting the repeal of the crossbow permit.

Agency Response: The Commission voted to terminate previous proposed rulemaking that would have repealed the crossbow permit. As such, the suggestion to repeal the crossbow permit is outside the scope of the current proposed rulemaking.

The department received comments requesting the repeal of the temporary crossbow permit and removing crossbows from archery-only seasons, except for CHAMP hunters.

Agency Response: The Commission voted to terminate previous proposed rulemaking that would have repealed both the temporary and permanent crossbow permit. The current proposed rulemaking is limited to revising the medical qualifications to obtain a crossbow permit, healthcare providers who review such qualifications, and determining permitted equipment and accessories for the use of crossbows in archery-only hunts. As this rulemaking does not propose removing all crossbows from archery-only seasons, the suggestion to repeal either form of the crossbow permit is outside the scope of the current proposed rulemaking. While prohibiting or limiting the use of crossbows during archery-only seasons is outside the scope of the proposed rulemaking, this suggestion will be provided to the hunt guidelines review team for consideration and potential future rulemaking.

The department received comments in favor of stricter qualifications and increased restrictions on qualified healthcare providers.

Agency Response: The Department believes the current rulemaking sufficiently restricts the types of qualified healthcare providers.

The department received comments in favor of removing crossbows and airbows from any archery-only hunts and from all hunts, not just archery-only hunts, creating a separate hunt/season/time for crossbow hunters or requiring nonresidents draw for OTC archery-only hunts with a cap of 10% for nonresidents.

Agency Response: This is outside the purview of Article 2 Rulemaking. This suggestion has been noted and will be provided in the review of hunt guidelines for consideration.

The department had several comments seeking the grandfathering of the CHAMP, particularly for elderly hunters.

Agency Response: The department does not intend to grandfather any existing crossbow permits or CHAMP permits in order to accomplish the goal of the rulemaking.

13. All agencies shall list other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additionally, an agency subject to Council review under A.R.S. §§ 41-1052 and 41-1055 shall respond to the following questions:

a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:

The following rules require the issuance of a "general permit" as defined under A.R.S. § 41-1001(11) and are in compliance with A.R.S. § 41-1037.

R12-4-201. Pioneer License

R12-4-202. Complimentary and Reduced-fee Disabled Veteran's License; Reduced-fee Purple Heart Medal License

R12-4-203. National Harvest Information Program (HIP); State Waterfowl and Migratory Bird Stamp

R12-4-204. Taxidermy Registration; Register

R12-4-205. High Achievement Scout License

R12-4-206. General Hunting License; Exemption

R12-4-207. General Fishing License; Exemption

R12-4-208. Guide License

R12-4-210. Combination Hunting and Fishing License; Exemption

R12-4-211. Lifetime License; Benefactor License

R12-4-213. Hunt Permit-tags and Nonpermit-tags

R12-4-215. Youth Group Two-day Fishing License

R12-4-216. Crossbow Permit

R12-4-217. Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP)

b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

Except for the following rule, all rules included in this proposed rulemaking are based on State law and federal law is not

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directly applicable to the rules; 50 C.F.R. 20.20 Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program is applicable to rule R12-4-203. National Harvest Information Program (HIP); State Waterfowl and Migratory Bird Stamp. The federal regulation requires all state wildlife agencies to ask each licensed migratory bird hunter to report approximately how many ducks, geese, doves, and woodcock he or she bagged the previous year, whether he or she hunted coots, snipe, rails, and/or gallinules the previous year. The Department has determined the rule is not more stringent than the corresponding federal regulation.

c. **Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule’s impact on the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:**

Not applicable

14. **A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:**

Not applicable

15. **Whether the rule was previously made, amended or repealed as an emergency rule. If so, cite the notice published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A). Also, the agency shall state where the text was changed between the emergency and the final rulemaking packages:**

Not applicable

16. **The full text of the rules follows:**

TITLE 12. NATURAL RESOURCES

CHAPTER 4. GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

ARTICLE 2. LICENSES; PERMITS; STAMPS; TAGS

Section

- R12-4-201. Pioneer License
- R12-4-202. Complimentary and Reduced-fee Disabled Veteran’s License; Reduced-fee Purple Heart Medal License
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- R12-4-204. Taxidermy Registration; Register
- R12-4-205. High Achievement Scout License
- R12-4-206. General Hunting License; Exemption
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- R12-4-211. Lifetime License; Benefactor License
- R12-4-213. Hunt Permit-tags and Nonpermit-tags
- R12-4-215. Youth Group Two-day Fishing License
- R12-4-216. Crossbow Permit
- R12-4-217. Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP)

ARTICLE 2. LICENSES; PERMITS; STAMPS; TAGS

R12-4-201. Pioneer License

- A. A pioneer license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a combination hunting and fishing license. The pioneer license is only available at a Department office.
- B. The pioneer license is a complimentary license and is valid for the license holder’s lifetime. The license remains valid if the licensee subsequently resides outside of this state.
 - 1. A licensee who resides outside of Arizona shall submit the nonresident fee to purchase any required hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp to hunt and fish in this state.
 - 2. Limits established under R12-4-114 for nonresident hunt permit-tags and nonpermit-tags do not apply to a pioneer license holder.
- C. A person who is age 70 or older and has been a resident of Arizona for at least 25 consecutive years immediately preceding application may apply for a pioneer license by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and on the Department’s website. A pioneer license applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
 - 1. The applicant’s personal information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant’s eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available;
 - 2. Affirmation that:

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- a. The applicant is 70 years of age or older and has been a resident of this state for 25 or more consecutive years immediately preceding application for the license; and
 - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate.
3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D. In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), an applicant for a pioneer license shall also submit a copy of any one of the following documents at the time of application:
1. Valid U.S. passport;
 2. Applicant's birth certificate;
 3. Valid government-issued driver's license; or
 4. Valid government-issued identification card.
- E. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification.
- F. The Department shall deny a pioneer license when the applicant:
1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § ~~17-336(A)(4)~~ 17-333(C)(1),
 2. Fails to comply with this Section, or
 3. Provides false information on the application.
- G. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Ch 6, Article 10.
- H. A pioneer license holder may request a no-fee duplicate of the paper license provided:
1. The license was lost or destroyed;
 2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a no-fee duplicate paper license; and
 3. The Department's records indicate a pioneer license was previously issued to that person.
- I. A person issued a pioneer license prior to January 1, 2014 shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).

R12-4-202. Complimentary and Reduced-fee Disabled Veteran's License; Reduced-fee Purple Heart Medal License

- A. The complimentary and reduced-fee disabled veteran's licenses and Purple Heart Medal license grant all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a combination hunting and fishing license. The disabled veteran's and Purple Heart Medal license are only available at a Department office.
- B. The Department offers three types of veteran's licenses:
1. A complimentary lifetime license to a disabled veteran who receives compensation from the U.S. government for a permanent service-connected disability rated as 100% disabling.
 - a. The complimentary license is valid for either a three-year period from the issue date or the license holder's lifetime.
 - b. If the certification or benefits letter required under subsection (D)(1) indicate the applicant's disability rating of 100% is permanent and:
 - i. Will not be reevaluated, the disabled veteran's license shall be valid for the license holder's lifetime.
 - ii. Will be reevaluated in three years, the disabled veteran's license will expire three years from the date of issuance.
 - c. Eligibility for the complimentary disabled veteran's license is based on the disability rating, not on the compensation received by the veteran.
 - d. An applicant for a complimentary disabled veteran's license shall have been a resident of Arizona for at least one year immediately preceding application.
 - e. The lifetime disabled veteran's license remains valid if the licensee subsequently resides outside of this state.
 - i. A licensee who resides outside of Arizona shall submit the nonresident fee to purchase any required hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp to hunt and fish in this state.
 - ii. Limits established under R12-4-114 for nonresident hunt permit-tags and nonpermit-tags do not apply to a lifetime disabled veteran's license holder.
 2. A reduced-fee license to a disabled veteran who is a resident as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101 and who is receiving compensation from the U.S. government for a service-connected disability.
 - a. The reduced-fee license is valid for one year from the date of purchase or selected start date provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
 - b. The applicant shall pay the fee required under R12-4-102.
 3. A reduced-fee license to a person who submits satisfactory proof to the Department that the person is a bona fide Purple Heart Medal recipient.
 - a. The reduced-fee license is valid for one year from the date of purchase or selected start date provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
 - b. An applicant for a reduced-fee Purple Heart Medal license shall have been a resident of Arizona for at least one year immediately preceding application.
- C. A person applying for a disabled veteran's or Purple Heart Medal license shall submit an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and available at any Department office and on the Department's website. The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's personal information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;

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- g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available;
2. Affirmation that:
- a. The applicant meets the eligibility requirements prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333(C)(2), (C)(3), or (C)(4),
 - b. The applicant has been a resident of this state for at least one year immediately preceding application for the license,
 - c. The information provided on the application is true and accurate.
3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D. In addition to the requirements established under subsection (B), an applicant for a veteran's license shall, at the time of application, certify eligibility for the license by submitting:
- 1. For a complimentary or reduced-fee disabled veterans license issued under A.R.S. § 17-333(C)(2) or (C)(3) respectively, an original or facsimile DD-214, certification form, or a benefits letter issued by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) or obtained from the DVA website that meets the requirements specified in subsections (B)(1) and (B)(2). The certification form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and on the Department's website. The certification shall be completed and signed by an agent of the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs.
 - 2. For a Purple Heart Medal license issued under A.R.S. § 17-333(C)(4), an original or facsimile DD-214 or DD-215, service records showing the award, military orders of the award, or other military discharge document such as WD AGO Form. The actual Purple Heart Medal or a certificate of award will not suffice alone for verification purposes.
- E. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- F. The Department shall deny a disabled veteran's or Purple Heart Medal license when the applicant:
- 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333(C)(2), (C)(3), or (C)(4),
 - 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
 - 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- G. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- H. A complimentary disabled veteran's license holder may request a no-fee duplicate paper license provided:
- 1. The license was lost or destroyed,
 - 2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a duplicate license, and
 - 3. The Department's records indicate a disabled veteran's license was previously issued to that person.
- I. A person issued a disabled veteran's license prior to January 1, 2014 shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).
- J. For the purposes of this Section:
- 1. "Disabled veteran" means a veteran of the armed forces of the U.S. with a service connected disability.
 - 2. "Veteran" means a person who has served in the U.S. armed forces.

R12-4-203. National Harvest Information Program (HIP); State Waterfowl and Migratory Bird Stamp

- A. All state fish and wildlife agencies are required to obtain data to assess the harvest of migratory game birds in compliance with the federally mandated National Harvest Information Program administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with 50 C.F.R. Part 20.
- B. In compliance with the National Harvest Information Program, the Department requires a person to possess a migratory bird stamp or authorization number, which may be affixed to or written on the appropriate license, and a current, valid federal waterfowl stamp or electronic stamp. The migratory bird stamp and authorization number are required to take band-tailed pigeons, ~~moorhen~~ gallinules, coots, doves, ducks, geese, snipe, or swans.
- 1. The state migratory bird stamp expires on June 30 of each year. To obtain a state migratory bird stamp, a person shall submit:
 - a. The fee required under R12-4-102, and
 - b. A completed state migratory bird registration form to a license dealer or a Department office.
 - 2. The person shall provide on the state migratory bird registration form the person's:
 - a. Name,
 - b. Mailing address,
 - c. Date of birth, ~~and~~
 - d. Information on past and anticipated hunting activity, and
 - e. If applicable, the election of the Tier I or Tier II bag limit for the entirety of the waterfowl season.
 - 3. The youth combination hunting and fishing license includes the state migratory bird stamp privileges. A youth hunter who possesses a valid combination hunting and fishing license shall obtain:
 - a. A Federal waterfowl stamp or electronic stamp when the youth hunter is 16 years of age or older and is taking ducks, geese, swans, coots, gallinules; or
 - b. A permit-tag when the youth hunter is taking sandhill crane.
- C. When authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Commission Order, persons 16 years of age and older who purchase a state migratory bird stamp and indicate they will hunt waterfowl will be prompted to select a tier and are bound to that bag limit for the entire season.
- 1. Tier I Bag Limit: a traditional seven-duck bag limit with species and sex restrictions. Persons 16 years of age and younger are exempt from the state waterfowl stamp requirement only when choosing the Tier I bag limit.
 - 2. Tier II Bag Limit: a reduced bag limit for ducks with no species or sex restrictions. All persons regardless of age must purchase a state waterfowl stamp when choosing the Tier II bag limit.

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3. The tiers do not apply to goose, coots, gallinules, or snipe, which have their own bag limit.

~~C.D.~~A license dealer shall submit state migratory bird registration forms for all state migratory bird stamps sold with the monthly report required under A.R.S. § 17-338.

R12-4-204. Taxidermy Registration; Register

- A. A person shall register with the Department before engaging in the business of taxidermy for hire. A taxidermy registration authorizes a person to mount, refurbish, maintain, restore, or preserve wildlife as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101.
- B. A taxidermy registration expires on December 31 of each year.
- C. The Department shall deny a taxidermy registration when the applicant:
 - 1. Fails to meet the requirements established under this Section;
 - 2. Provides false information during the application process; or
 - 3. Provides false information in the register required under A.R.S. § 17-363(B).
- D. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- E. A person may apply for a taxidermy registration by paying the applicable fee and submitting an application to the Department. The application form is available on the Department's website. A taxidermy registration applicant shall provide all of the following information:
 - 1. The applicant's information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - d. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - e. Physical address;
 - f. Telephone number, when available;
 - g. Email address, when available; and
 - 2. The applicant's business information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Mailing address;
 - c. Email address;
 - d. Website URL address, if available;
 - e. Business telephone number, when applicable;
 - f. Calendar year for which the application is made; and
 - g. Whether the applicant is seeking renewal of an existing taxidermy registration.
 - 3. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 - 4. Applicant's signature and date.
- F. A registered taxidermist may submit an application for renewal of a taxidermy registration after December 1 of the year it was issued.
- G. A registered taxidermist shall maintain a register of all persons who furnish raw and unmounted wildlife specimens for taxidermy service using the form available on the Department's website.
 - 1. This register shall be:
 - a. Maintained for a period of five years after the date the raw and unmounted wildlife specimens were received;
 - b. Provided upon request to an employee of the Department; and
 - c. Filed with the Department on or before January 31 of each year.
 - 2. This register shall contain all of the following information, as applicable:
 - a. The registered taxidermist's information:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Taxidermy registration number;
 - iii. Email address, when available; and
 - b. The customer's or potential customer's:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Address;
 - iii. Taker's tag or license number;
 - iv. Species and number of wildlife received;
 - v. Date wildlife received; and
 - c. A signed affirmation from the registered taxidermist that the information provided in the register is true and accurate.
 - 3. The taxidermy renewal registration becomes invalid if the register is not submitted to the Department by January 31 of the year following registration.
- H. As authorized under A.R.S. § 17-363(C), the Commission may revoke or suspend the taxidermy registration of a person convicted of violating any provision of A.R.S. § 17-363 or requirement established under this Section.

R12-4-205. High Achievement Scout License

- A. A high achievement scout license is offered to a resident who is:
 - 1. Eligible for a combination hunting and fishing license,
 - 2. Under 21 years of age, and
 - 3. A member of the ~~Boy Scouts of the United States of America~~ Scouting BSA and has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, or
 - 4. A member of the Girl Scouts of the ~~United States of America~~ USA and has attained the Gold Award.

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- B.** The high achievement scout license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of the youth combination hunting and fishing license and is only available at Department offices.
1. The license is valid for one year from the date of purchase or selected start date provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
 2. A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate the high achievement scout license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.
- C.** An applicant for a high achievement scout license shall apply on an application form available from any Department office and on the Department's website. The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available;
 2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D.** In addition to the application, an eligible applicant shall present with the application:
1. For an applicant who is a member of the ~~Boy Scouts of the United States of~~ Scouting America, any one of the following original documents:
 - a. A certification letter from the ~~Boy Scouts of the United States of~~ Scouting America stating that the applicant has attained the rank of Eagle Scout,
 - b. A ~~Boy Scouts of the United States of~~ Scouting America Eagle Scout Award Certificate, or
 - c. A ~~Boy Scouts of the United States of~~ Scouting America Eagle Scout wallet card.
 2. For an applicant who is a member of the Girl Scouts of the ~~United States of America~~ USA, any one of the following original documents:
 - a. A certification letter from the Girl Scouts of the ~~United States of America~~ USA stating that the applicant has completed the award,
 - b. A Girl Scouts of the ~~United States of America~~ USA Gold Award Certificate, or
 - c. A Girl Scouts Gold Award Certificate from the local council.
- E.** The Department shall deny a high achievement scout license to an applicant who:
1. Is not eligible for the license;
 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section; or
 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- F.** The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.

R12-4-206. General Hunting License; Exemption

- A.** A general hunting license is valid for the taking of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, and upland game birds. A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate the general hunting license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.
- B.** The general hunting license is valid for one-year from:
1. The date of purchase when a person purchases the hunting license from a license dealer, as defined under R12-4-101;
 2. On the last day of the application deadline for that draw, as established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule published by the Department;
 3. On the last day of an extended deadline date, as authorized under subsection R12-4-104(C). If an applicant does not possess an appropriate license that meets the requirements of this subsection, the applicant shall purchase the license at the time of application; or
 4. The selected start date when a person purchases the hunting license from a Department office or online. A person may select the start date for the hunting license provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
- C.** A resident may apply for a general hunting license by submitting an application to the Department, a License Dealer as defined under R12-4-101, or on the Department's website. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office, license dealer, and on the Department's website. A general hunting license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;

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- h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available; and
 - 2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 - 3. Applicant's signature and date.
 - D. In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), at the time of application an applicant who is applying for a general hunting license:
 - 1. In person shall pay the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
 - 2. Online shall electronically pay the fee required under R12-4-102 and print the new license. A person applying online shall affirm, or provide permission for another person to affirm, the information electronically provided is true and accurate.
 - E. A person who is under 10 years of age may hunt wildlife other than big game without a hunting license when accompanied by a properly licensed person who is 18 years of age or older.

R12-4-207. General Fishing License; Exemption

- A. A general fishing license is valid for the taking of all aquatic wildlife and allows the license holder to engage in simultaneous fishing as defined under R12-4-301. The general fishing license is valid:
 - 1. State-wide including Mitty Lake and Topock Marsh and the Arizona shoreline of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and Lake Havasu, and Commission designated community waters. The list of Commission designated community waters is available at any license dealer, Department office, and on the Department's website.
 - 2. On that portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada and Arizona and California and connected adjacent water, provided Arizona has an agreement with California and Nevada that recognizes a general fishing license as valid for taking aquatic wildlife on any portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada and Arizona and California.
- B. The general fishing license is valid for one-year from:
 - 1. The date of purchase when a person purchases the fishing license from a license dealer, as defined under R12-4-101; or
 - 2. The selected start date when a person purchases the fishing license from a Department office or online. A person may select the start date for the fishing license provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
- C. A resident or nonresident may apply for a general fishing license by submitting an application to the Department, a License Dealer as defined under R12-4-101, or on the Department's website. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office, license dealer, and on the Department's website. A general fishing license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
 - 1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available; and
 - 2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 - 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D. In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), an applicant who is applying for a general fishing license:
 - 1. In person shall pay the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
 - 2. Online shall electronically pay the fee required under R12-4-102 and print the new license. A person applying online shall affirm, or provide permission for another person to affirm, the information electronically provided is true and accurate.
- E. In addition to the exemption prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-335, a person who is under 10 years of age may fish without a fishing license.

R12-4-208. Guide License

- A. A guide, as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101, is a person who does any one of the following:
 - 1. Advertises for guiding services.
 - 2. Is presented to the public for hire as a guide.
 - 3. Is employed by a commercial enterprise as a guide.
 - 4. Accepts compensation in any form commensurate with the market value in this state for guiding services in exchange for aiding, assisting, directing, leading, or instructing a person in the field to locate and take wildlife.
 - 5. Is not a landowner or lessee who, without full fair market compensation, allows access to the landowner's or lessee's property and directs and advises a person in taking wildlife.
- B. A person shall not act as a guide unless the person holds one of the following guide licenses:
 - 1. A hunting guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the lawful taking of wildlife other than aquatic wildlife as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101.
 - 2. A fishing guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the lawful taking of aquatic wildlife.
 - 3. A hunting and fishing guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the lawful taking of wildlife.
- C. A guide license shall expire on December 31 of each year.
- D. A person is not eligible to apply for an original or renewal guide license when any one of the following conditions apply:

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1. The applicant was convicted of a felony violation of any federal wildlife law, within five years immediately preceding the date of application;
 2. The applicant was convicted of a violation listed under A.R.S. § 17-309(D), within five years immediately preceding the date of application;
 3. The applicant was convicted of a violation of a federal or state wildlife law for which a license to take wildlife may be revoked or suspended within five years immediately preceding the date of application; or
 4. The applicant's privilege to take or possess wildlife or to guide or act as a guide is currently suspended or revoked anywhere in the U.S. for violation of a federal or state wildlife law.
- E.** Notwithstanding subsection (D), a person who was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of any wildlife law within one year preceding the date of application may apply for a guide license provided the person immediately and voluntarily reported the violation to the Department after committing the violation.
- F.** An applicant for a guide license shall:
1. Be 18 years of age or older, and
 2. Possess the required Department-issued license, as applicable:
 - a. A current Arizona hunting license when applying for a hunting guide license;
 - b. A current Arizona fishing license when applying for a fishing guide license;
 - c. A current Arizona combination hunting and fishing license when applying for a hunting and fishing guide license;
- G.** The guide license does not exempt the license holder from any applicable method of take or licensing requirement. The guide license holder shall comply with all applicable Commission rules, including, but not limited to, rules governing:
1. Lawful methods of take,
 2. Lawful devices, and
 3. License requirements.
- H.** Unless otherwise provided under this Section, a person shall successfully complete the Department administered examination, and answer at least 80% of the questions correctly, prior to applying for a guide license. Guide examinations are:
1. Provided at a Department office.
 2. Valid until December 31 of the year in which it was taken.
 3. A person interested in taking the guide examination shall contact a Department office to obtain scheduling information.
- I.** The examination is based on the type of guide license the person is seeking.
1. Before taking the examination, the applicant shall provide their:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth; and
 - c. Driver license number and issuing state.
 2. The examination may include questions regarding any of the following topics:
 - a. A.R.S. Title 17 Game and Fish statutes and Commission rules regarding the taking and handling of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife;
 - b. A.R.S. Title 28, Ch 3, Article 20 Off-highway Vehicles statutes and rule regarding the use of off-highway vehicles;
 - c. A.R.S. Title 5, Ch 3, Boating and Water Sports statutes and Commission rules on boating;
 - d. Requirements for guiding on federal lands;
 - e. Identification of aquatic wildlife species;
 - f. Identification of wildlife;
 - g. Special state and federal laws regarding certain species;
 - h. General knowledge of fair chase, hunter ethics, and conservation in Arizona;
 - i. General knowledge of species habitat and wildlife that may occur in the same habitat;
 - j. General knowledge of the types of habitat within the State; and
 - k. General knowledge of special or concurrent jurisdictions within the State.
 3. An applicant who fails the examination may retake the examination as agreed upon by the applicant and the examination administrator.
- J.** In addition to the guide examination requirement under subsection (H), a guide license holder shall take the Department administered examination when:
1. The applicant currently holds a hunting or fishing guide license and is applying for a combination hunting and fishing guide license;
 2. The applicant for a hunting guide license was convicted of a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rule governing the taking and handling of terrestrial wildlife within one year preceding the date of application;
 3. The applicant for a fishing guide license was convicted of a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rule governing the taking and handling of aquatic wildlife within one year preceding the date of application;
 4. The applicant failed to submit a renewal application postmarked before the expiration date of the guide license; or
 5. The applicant failed to submit the annual report for the preceding license year by January 10 of the following license year.
- K.** A person may apply for a guide license by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and on the Department's website. A guide license applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's personal information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Social Security Number;

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- e. Current hunting, fishing, or combination hunting and fishing license number;
- f. Residency status;
- g. Mailing address, when applicable;
- h. Physical address;
- i. Telephone number, when available;
- j. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available;
- k. Type of guide license sought; and
- l. Calendar year for which the application is made;
- 2. The outfitting or guide:
 - a. Business name; and
 - b. Business address, as applicable;
- 3. Responses to questions relating to criminal violations;
- 4. Affirmation that:
 - a. The applicant meets the eligibility requirements prescribed under this Section; and
 - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate;
- 5. Applicant's signature and date.
- L. In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (K), an applicant for a guide license shall also submit a copy of any one of the following as proof of the applicant's identity:
 - 1. Valid U.S. passport;
 - 2. Applicant's birth certificate;
 - 3. Valid government-issued driver's license; or
 - 4. Valid government-issued identification card.
- M. All information and documentation provided by the guide license applicant is subject to Department verification.
- N. An applicant for a guide license shall pay all applicable fees required under R12-4-102 upon approval of an initial or renewal application for a guide license.
- O. The Department shall deny a guide license when the applicant:
 - 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-362,
 - 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section,
 - 3. Provides false information during the application process,
 - 4. Fails to provide the annual report required under subsection (R) by January 10, or
 - 5. Provides false information in the annual report required under subsection (R) within three years immediately preceding the date of application.
- P. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- Q. A guide license holder may submit an application for renewal of a guide license after December 1 of the year it was issued. The Department shall not start the substantive review, as defined under A.R.S. § 41-1072, before January 10 of the following license year, unless the Department receives the annual report prior to the date established under subsection (R). The current guide license shall remain valid pending a Department decision on the application for renewal, provided:
 - 1. The application for renewal is submitted to the Department by December 31, and
 - 2. The Department receives the annual report submitted in compliance with subsection (R).
- R. A guide license holder shall submit to the Department the annual report required under A.R.S. § 17-362(C) for the previous calendar year ~~before~~ after January 1 but no later than January 10 of the following license year. The report form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office or on the Department's website.
 - 1. A report is required whether or not the license holder performed any guiding activities.
 - 2. The annual report shall include all of the following information, as applicable:
 - a. License holder's personal information:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Guide license number; and
 - iii. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available; and
 - b. Client's personal information:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Mailing address; and
 - iii. Arizona license, tag and permit numbers, and
 - c. Dates guiding activities were conducted;
 - d. Number and species of wildlife taken by the clients;
 - e. Game management unit or body of water where guiding activities took place;
 - f. Affirmation that the information provided in the annual report is true and accurate; and
 - g. License holder's signature and date.
 - 3. The Department shall not renew a guide license if the annual report is not submitted to the Department by January 10 of the following license year.
- S. The date of receipt for the items required under subsections (K), (L), (Q), and (R) shall be as follows:
 - 1. The date a person presents the items to a Department office;
 - 2. The date a private express mail carrier receives the package containing the items as indicated on the shipping package; or
 - 3. The date of the United States Postal Service postmark stamped on the envelope containing the items.
- T. A guide license holder shall:

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1. Complete a Department-sanctioned continuing education course at least once every five-years.
 2. While performing any activities or services as a guide activities or providing guide services, as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101:
 - a. Possess a valid guide license.
 - b. Possess a valid Arizona hunting, fishing, or combination hunting and fishing license, as applicable under subsection (F)(2).
 - c. Present the license for inspection upon the request of any peace officer, including wildlife managers and game rangers.
 - d. Report any violation of a federal or state statute or regulation, law, or rule personally witnessed by the guide license holder knew or should have known of that involves or relates to the take or possession of wildlife or involves or relates to another guide or guide license holder's legal obligations.
- U. A guide license holder shall not:
1. Use, or allow another person to use, any method or device prohibited under any federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule while taking wildlife.
 2. Aid, counsel, agree to aid, or attempt to aid another person in planning or engaging in conduct that results in a violation of any federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule while taking wildlife.
 3. A guide license holder shall not aid, assist, serve as an agent to, represent, associate, or contract with a person whose privilege to take wildlife or guide is currently suspended or revoked pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 17-340, 17-362, or R12-4-606.
 - 3.4. Pursue any wildlife or hold at bay any wildlife for a person unless that person is present during the pursuit to take the wildlife.
 - a. The person shall be continuously present during the entire pursuit of that specific target animal.
 - b. If dogs are used, the person shall be present when the dogs are released on a specific target animal and shall be continuously present for the remainder of the pursuit.
 - 4.5. Hold wildlife at bay other than during daylight hours, unless a Commission Order authorizes the take of the species at night.
- V. It is a violation for a licensed or unlicensed guide to employ, hire, direct, or authorize another person to provide guiding services for compensation, and the guide knew or should have known that person would likely commit a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rules while the person is providing such guiding services on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the guide. "Knew or should have known" means actual knowledge, or that a reasonably observant person under the same or similar circumstances would have had knowledge, or a person had a duty to inquire or investigate the facts and circumstances that person would commit a violation.
- ¶W. As authorized under A.R.S. § 17-362(A), the Commission may revoke or suspend a guide license when any one or more of the following actions occur:
1. The guide license holder failed to comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Title 17 or was convicted of violating any provision of A.R.S. Title 17;
 2. The guide license holder was convicted of a felony violation of any federal wildlife law;
 3. The guide license holder was convicted of a violation listed under A.R.S. § 17-309(D);
 4. The guide license holder was convicted of a violation of a federal or state wildlife law for which a license to take wildlife may be revoked or suspended; or
 5. The guide license holder's privilege to take or possess wildlife is suspended or revoked by any jurisdiction for violation of a federal or state wildlife law.

R12-4-210. Combination Hunting and Fishing License; Exemption

- A. A combination hunting and fishing license is valid for the taking of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, and upland game birds.
- B. A combination hunting and fishing license is valid for the taking of all aquatic wildlife and allows the license holder to engage in simultaneous fishing as defined under R12-4-101. The combination hunting and fishing license is valid:
1. State-wide including Mittry Lake and Topock Marsh and the Arizona shoreline of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and Lake Havasu, and Commission designated community waters. The list of Commission designated community waters is available at any license dealer, Department office, and on the Department's website.
 2. On that portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada and Arizona and California and connected adjacent water, provided Arizona has an agreement with California and Nevada that recognizes a combination hunting and fishing license as valid for taking aquatic wildlife on any portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada and Arizona and California.
- C. The Department offers three combination hunting and fishing licenses:
1. A short-term combination hunting and fishing license, valid for one 24-hour period from midnight to midnight.
 - a. The short-term combination hunting and fishing license is not valid for the take of big game animals.
 - b. The short-term combination hunting and fishing license is valid for the take of migratory game birds and waterfowl, provided the person possesses the applicable State Migratory Bird stamp and Federal Waterfowl stamp.
 - c. The Department does not limit the number of short-term combination hunting and fishing licenses a resident or nonresident may purchase.
 2. A combination hunting and fishing license for a person age 18 and over.
 - a. The combination hunting and fishing license is valid for one-year from:
 - i. The date of purchase when a person purchases the combination hunting and fishing license from a license dealer, as defined under R12-4-101;
 - ii. On the last day of the application deadline for that draw, as established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule published by the Department;
 - iii. On the last day of an extended deadline date, as authorized under subsection R12-4-104(C). If an applicant does not possess an appropriate license that meets the requirements of this subsection, the applicant shall purchase the license at the time of application; or

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- iv. The selected start date when a person purchases the combination hunting and fishing license from a Department office or online. A person may select the start date for the combination hunting and fishing license provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
- b. A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate the combination hunting and fishing license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.
- 3. A youth combination hunting and fishing license for a person through age 17.
 - a. The combination hunting and fishing license is valid for one-year from:
 - i. The date of purchase when a person purchases the combination hunting and fishing license from a license dealer, as defined under R12-4-101;
 - ii. On the last day of the application deadline for that draw, as established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule published by the Department;
 - iii. On the last day of an extended deadline date, as authorized under subsection R12-4-104(C). If an applicant does not possess an appropriate license that meets the requirements of this subsection, the applicant shall purchase the license at the time of application; or
 - iv. The selected start date when a person purchases the combination hunting and fishing license from a Department office or online. A person may select the start date for the combination hunting and fishing license provided the date selected is no more than 60 calendar days from and after the date of purchase.
 - b. A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate the combination hunting and fishing license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.
- D. A resident or nonresident may apply for a combination hunting and fishing license by submitting an application to the Department, a License Dealer as defined under R12-4-101, or on the Department's website. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office, license dealer, and on the Department's website. A combination hunting and fishing license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
 - 1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available; and
 - 2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 - 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- E. In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), an applicant who is applying for a combination hunting and fishing license:
 - 1. In person shall pay the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
 - 2. Online shall electronically pay the fee required under R12-4-102 and print the new license. A person applying online shall affirm, or provide permission for another person to affirm, the information provided on the online application is true and accurate.
- F. Exemptions authorized under R12-4-206(E); and R12-4-207(E) also apply to this Section, as applicable.

R12-4-211. Lifetime License; Benefactor License

- A. The Department offers the following lifetime licenses:
 - 1. A lifetime hunting license includes the privileges established under R12-4-206(A).
 - 2. A lifetime fishing license includes the privileges established under R12-4-207(A).
 - 3. A lifetime combination hunting and fishing license includes the privileges established under R12-4-210(A) and (B).
 - 4. A benefactor lifetime combination hunting and fishing license includes the privileges established under R12-4-210(A) and (B).
- B. A valid hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required to validate lifetime hunting or combination hunting and fishing license for the take of big game animals, migratory game birds, or other wildlife authorized by an applicable tag or stamp.
- C. The lifetime licenses identified under subsection (A) do not expire and remain valid if the licensee subsequently resides outside of this state.
 - 1. A licensee who resides outside of Arizona shall submit the nonresident fee to purchase any required hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp to hunt and fish in this state.
 - 2. Limits established under R12-4-114 for nonresident hunt permit-tags and nonpermit-tags do not apply to a lifetime license holder.
- D. A resident may apply for a lifetime license by submitting an application to the Department and paying the applicable fee required under subsection (E). The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and on the Department's website. A lifetime license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
 - 1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. Social Security Number, when required under A.R.S. §§ 25-320(P) and 25-502(K);

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- e. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - f. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 - g. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - h. Physical address;
 - i. Telephone number, when available; and
 - j. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available; and
2. Affirmation that the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 3. Applicant's signature and date.
 4. In addition to the requirements listed under subsections (1) through (3), an applicant for a lifetime license shall also submit a copy of any one of the following documents at the time of application:
 - a. Valid U.S. passport;
 - b. Applicant's birth certificate;
 - c. Valid government-issued driver's license; or
 - d. Valid government-issued identification card.
- E. The fees for resident lifetime licenses listed under (A)(1) through (A)(3) are determined by the age of the applicant as follows:
1. Age 0 through 13 years is 17 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year license.
 2. Age 14 through 29 years is 18 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year license.
 3. Age 30 through 44 years is 16 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year license.
 4. Age 45 through 61 years is 15 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year license.
 5. Age 62 and older is 8 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year license.
 6. For the purposes of this subsection, when the applicant is under the age of 18, the fee for the lifetime license is based on the full priced license fee, not the youth license fee.
- F. The fee for the benefactor license listed under (A)(4) is \$1,500. The difference between \$1,500 and the license fee for a resident lifetime combination hunting and fishing license established under subsection (E):
1. Is a donation to the State for continued management, protection, and conservation of the State's wildlife.
 2. Shall be credited to the wildlife endowment fund established under A.R.S. § 17-271.
 3. May be tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal and state income tax statutes for contributions to qualifying tax-exempt organizations.
- G. A lifetime license may be denied or suspended pursuant to, and for the offenses described under, A.R.S. § 17-340.
- H. A person issued a lifetime license prior to the effective date of this Section shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), or (A)(4), as applicable, for the equivalent lifetime license.

R12-4-213. Hunt Permit-tags and Nonpermit-tags

- A. A valid hunt permit-tag or nonpermit-tag is required to validate a license to take a big game animal or other wildlife requiring a valid tag. Before a person may take a big game animal or other wildlife requiring a tag, the person shall apply for and obtain the appropriate tag required for the take of that big game animal or other wildlife.
- B. A person may apply for a hunt permit-tag in accordance with R12-4-104 and at the times, locations, and in the manner established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule that the Department publishes and is available at any Department office, on the Department's website, or a License Dealer as defined under R12-4-101.
- C. A person applying for a nonpermit-tag shall apply in accordance with R12-4-114 and pay the required fee established under R12-4-102.
- D. Under A.R.S. § 17-332(C), the Department and its license dealers may issue a duplicate tag to a person whose tag was not used and is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or otherwise unusable; or placed on a harvested animal that was subsequently condemned and the carcass and all parts of the animal were surrendered to a Department employee as required under R12-4-112(B) and (C). The person shall complete and sign the affidavit furnished by the Department. The affidavit is available at any Department office or License Dealer. The person shall provide the following information on the affidavit:
 1. The applicant's personal information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - c. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
 2. The original license or tag information:
 - a. Type of license or tag;
 - b. Place of purchase;
 - c. Purchase date, when available;
 3. Disposition of the original tag for which a duplicate is being purchased.
 4. A person applying for a duplicate tag after a harvested animal that was subsequently condemned as described under subsection (D) shall also submit the condemned meat duplicate tag authorization form issued by the Department.
- E. The person shall pay the applicable duplicate fee prescribed under R12-4-102.

R12-4-215. Youth Group Two-day Fishing License

- A. A youth group two-day fishing license authorizes a nonprofit organization or governmental entity as defined under subsection (C) that sponsors adult supervised activities for youth to take up to 25 youths fishing. The youth group two-day fishing license is only available from a Department office. The youth group two-day fishing license is valid for:
 1. Two consecutive days,
 2. The take of all aquatic wildlife, and
 3. All privileges established under R12-4-207(A).

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- B.** A nonprofit organization or governmental entity may apply for a youth group two-day fishing license at any Department office. An applicant for a youth group two-day fishing license shall be a resident. The applicant shall pay the fee required under R12-4-102 and provide the following information at the time of application:
1. The nonprofit organization's or governmental entity's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Mailing address; and
 - c. Telephone number, when available;
 2. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - f. Physical address;
 - g. Telephone number, when available; and
 - h. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available;
 3. The dates on which the nonprofit organization intends to conduct the youth group fishing activity.
 4. The approximate number of youth participating in the group fishing activity.
- C.** For the purpose of this Section, "governmental entity" means any town, city, county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state or any department, agency, board, commission, authority, division, office, public school, public charter school, public corporation, or other public entity of this state or any department agency bureau, or office of the federal government that is physically located within this state.

R12-4-216. Crossbow Permit

- A.** For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:
- "Disability" means a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more life activities, but does not include typical or natural physiological conditions associated with age or gender that may affect physical abilities.
- "Qualified healthcare provider physician" means a person currently licensed and board-certified medical or osteopathic physician (M.D. or D.O. only) who is licensed has an unrestricted license to practice by the federal government, medicine in any U.S. state, or U.S. territory. Physician shall primarily practice or specialize in musculoskeletal or neuromuscular disorders, diseases or conditions that cause a physical impairment that substantially limits the use of a standard bow and arrow for hunting, with one of the following credentials:
- ~~1. Medical Doctor;~~
 - ~~2. Doctor of Osteopathy;~~
 - ~~3. Doctor of Chiropractic;~~
 - ~~4. Nurse Practitioner, or~~
 - ~~5. Physician Assistant.~~
- B.** When authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
1. A person who possesses a valid crossbow permit may use any of the following during an archery-only season as prescribed under R12-4-318:
 - a. A crossbow, as defined under R12-4-101, using that is restricted to a single bowstring, capable of firing only a single arrow or single bolt with each loading and cocking action. The crossbow permit prohibits the following when using a crossbow:
 - i. Magnifying or telescoping scope, magnifying red dot or other type of magnifying optic on a crossbow;
 - ii. Attached accessories or built-in accessories that throw, cast or project an artificial light or electronically alter or intensify a light source for the purpose of visibly enhancing an animal image or placing a point of aim on an animal;
 - iii. Any form of bipod, tripod or other device used to balance, rest or steady a crossbow when a crossbow is in use, except a permit holder with a missing upper body extremity as defined in subsection (E)(4)(a)(i) below, may use such a device. The use of illuminated reticles, illuminated sights or illuminated sight pins is not prohibited; or
 - b. Any bow to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
 2. A person who possesses both a valid crossbow permit and CHAMP, issued under R12-4-217, may use any of the following during an archery-only season as prescribed under R12-4-318:
 - a. A crossbow, as defined under R12-4-101, using that is restricted to a single bowstring, capable of firing only a single arrow or single bolt with each loading and cocking action, and subject to the same prohibitions on a the use of crossbow set forth in R12-4-216(B)(1)(a)(i)-(iii), except that a person with a valid CHAMP may use external structures or devices to stabilize the crossbow when in use;
 - b. Any bow to be drawn and held with an assisting device; or
 - c. Pre-charged pneumatic weapon, as defined under R12-4-301, using arrows or bolts and capable of firing only a single arrow or bolt at a time.
- C.** The crossbow permit does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable method of take or licensing requirement. The permit holder shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements.
- D.** The crossbow permit does not expire, unless: The crossbow permit expires one year from the date the medical certification portion of the application was signed by a qualified physician. A crossbow permit also expires when:
- ~~1. The medical certification portion of the application indicates the person has a temporary physical disability; then the crossbow permit shall be valid for a period of one year from the date the medical certification portion of the application was signed by the healthcare provider;~~

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21. The permit holder no longer meets the criteria for obtaining the crossbow permit, or
32. The Commission revokes the person's crossbow permit or hunting privileges under A.R.S. § 17-340. A person whose crossbow permit is revoked by the Commission may petition the Commission for a rehearing as established under R12-4-607.
- E. An applicant for a crossbow permit shall apply by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at www.azgfd.gov. A crossbow permit applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available;
 2. Affirmation that:
 - a. The applicant meets the requirements of this Section, and
 - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate, and
 3. Applicant's signature and date.
 4. The certification portion of the application shall be completed by a qualified healthcare provider physician. The qualified healthcare provider physician shall:
 - a. ~~Certify the applicant has one or more of the following physical limitations:~~
 - i. The applicant has a disability;
 - ii. The disability substantially limits the applicant's ability to use a standard bow and arrow for hunting; and
 - iii. The applicant's physical limitations do not prevent the applicant from using a crossbow for hunting.
 - b. The qualified physician must affirm on the certification that the applicant's substantial physical limitation that prohibits drawing and holding a bow at full draw is due to one or more of the following conditions:
 - i. An amputation involving ~~body extremities~~ three or more fingers at the proximal interphalangeal joint, wrist, elbow, or shoulder that prevents stable function to use conventional archery equipment a bow;
 - ii. A spinal cord injury resulting in a disability to the lower extremities, leaving the applicant non-ambulatory; Spinal cord injury affecting a hand, wrist, arm, or shoulder;
 - iii. ~~A wheelchair restriction.~~ Weakness resulting from a disability of the muscles, nerves, joints or connective tissue in the shoulder, arm, wrist, hand, or back used in drawing and holding a bow at full draw. The weakness is confirmed and documented using a reliable and appropriate functional capacity evaluation, upper extremity performance test or manual muscle test (MMT) where the results correlate with a physical impairment substantially limiting the ability to use a conventional bow. Using a MMT requires a score of 3 or worse on a scale of 0 to 5 to qualify an applicant for a crossbow permit. Weakness that is appropriate for age or gender or deconditioning not due to a chronic medical problem shall not be considered a reason for a crossbow permit.
 - iv. A neuromuscular condition that prevents the applicant from drawing and holding a bow; Restricted range of motion, where range of motion is assessed using a medically-accepted goniometric evaluation system and the score correlates with a physical impairment substantially limiting the ability to use a bow.
 - v. A failed manual muscle test involving the grading of shoulder and elbow flexion and extension or an impaired range-of-motion test involving the shoulder or elbow;
 - vi. A combination of comparable physical disabilities resulting in the applicant's inability to draw and hold a bow;
 - vii. A failed functional draw test that equals 30 pounds of resistance and involves holding it for four seconds. The functional draw test may not be used to determine eligibility for the permit when it is not associated with a disability.
 - bc. Indicate whether the disability is temporary or permanent and, when temporary, specify the expected duration of the physical limitation; and The qualified physician shall assess the level of impairment on the applicant's ability to use a bow in relation to other people of same gender and age who have no physical limitations using a bow. An applicant should be assessed on whether the applicant's disability prevents the functional equivalent of holding a bow steady in a full draw position with a minimum of 30 pounds of resistance at full draw and holding a full draw for at least 4 seconds. The qualified physician must include in the medical certification a narrative statement in lay terms explaining how the applicant's impairment substantially limits the individual's use of a bow based on the criteria in this subsection.
 - ed. Provide the qualified healthcare provider's physician's:
 - i. Typed or printed name,
 - ii. License number,
 - iii. Business address,
 - iv. Telephone number, ~~and~~
 - v. Signature and date, ~~and~~
 - vi. Acknowledgment with signature that the attesting qualified physician understands that a knowingly false or fraudulent submission may result in a complaint of unprofessional conduct to the appropriate medical board.
 5. A person who holds a valid ~~Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP)~~ and who is applying for a crossbow permit is exempt from the requirements of subsection (E)(4) and shall indicate "CHAMP" in the space provided for the medical certification on the crossbow permit application.

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- F. In addition to the requirements listed above, at the time of application an applicant who is applying for a crossbow permit shall pay the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
- G. The Applicant shall include with the application records from the qualified physician's evaluation of applicant's disability and physical limitations. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification.
- H. The Department shall deny a crossbow permit when the applicant:
 - 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under this Section,
 - 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
 - 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- I. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- J. The applicant claiming a ~~temporary or permanent~~ disability and requesting a crossbow permit is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the medical certification and documentation, re-evaluation of the information, or a second medical opinion.
- K. When acting under the authority of a crossbow permit, the crossbow permit holder shall possess the permit, and exhibit the permit upon request to any peace officer, including wildlife managers and game rangers.
- L. A crossbow permit holder shall not:
 - 1. Transfer the permit to another person, or
 - 2. Allow another person to use or possess the permit.
- M. This rule is effective July 1, 2026. Any valid crossbow permit issued prior to the effective date is void on or after the effective date.

R12-4-217. Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP)

- A. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:
 - “Qualified physician” means a currently licensed and board-certified medical or osteopathic physician (M.D. or D.O. only) person who has an unrestricted license to practice medicine in any U.S. state or U.S. territory. Physician shall primarily practice or specialize in disorders, diseases or conditions that cause a severe permanent disability as that term is defined in this section.
 - “Healthcare provider” means a person who is licensed to practice by the federal government, any state, or U.S. territory with one of the following credentials:
 - ~~1. Medical Doctor,~~
 - ~~2. Doctor of Osteopathy,~~
 - ~~3. Doctor of Chiropractic,~~
 - ~~4. Nurse Practitioner, or~~
 - ~~5. Physician Assistant.~~
 - “Severe permanent disability” means one or more permanent physical or mental disabilities resulting from amputation of both upper and lower limbs, permanent use of wheelchair, crutches, or a walker, arthritis, autism, blindness, extensive burn injury, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, intellectual disability, muscular dystrophy, musculoskeletal disorders, neurological disorders, paraplegia, pulmonary disorders, quadriplegia and other spinal cord conditions, sickle cell anemia, and end stage renal disease or a combination of permanent disabilities resulting in comparable substantial life functional-function limitations.
- B. The Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) allows a person with a severe permanent disability to perform one or more of the following activities:
 - 1. Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle if, under existing conditions:
 - a. The discharge is otherwise lawful;
 - b. The motor vehicle is not in motion;
 - c. The motor vehicle is not on any road, as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101; and
 - d. The motor vehicle's engine is turned off.
 - 2. Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a watercraft, as defined under R12-4-501; provided the motor is turned off, the sail furled, or both; and progress has ceased.
 - a. The watercraft may be drifting as a result of current or wind, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or propelled by paddle, oars, or pole.
 - b. A person may use a watercraft under power to retrieve dead or wounded wildlife.
 - c. For the purposes of this subsection, “watercraft” does not include a sinkbox.
 - 3. Use off-road locations in a motor vehicle if use is not in conflict with federal or state statutes or regulations or local ordinances or regulations and the motor vehicle is used as a place to wait for game. A person shall not use a motor vehicle to chase or pursue game.
 - 4. Use any of the following during an archery-only season as prescribed under R12-4-318:
 - a. A crossbow, as defined under R12-4-101, using a single bowstring, capable of firing only a single arrow or single bolt with each loading and cocking action, and subject to the same prohibitions on the use of a crossbow set forth in R12-4-216 (B)(1)(a)(i-iii), except that a person possessing a valid CHAMP may use external structures or devices to stabilize the crossbow when in use; or
 - b. Any bow to be drawn and held with an assisting device; or
 - c. Pre-charged pneumatic weapon, as defined under R12-4-301, using arrows or bolts and capable of firing only a single arrow or bolt at a time.
 - ~~4.5.~~ Designate an assistant to track and dispatch a wounded animal, and to retrieve the animal, in accordance with the requirements of this Section.
- C. The CHAMP holder shall comply with all applicable regulatory requirements. A CHAMP does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable method of take or licensing requirement.
- D. The CHAMP does not expire, unless:

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1. The permit holder no longer meets the criteria for obtaining the CHAMP, or
 2. The Commission revokes the person's CHAMP or hunting privileges under A.R.S. § 17-340. A person whose CHAMP is revoked by the Commission may petition the Commission for a rehearing as established under R12-4-607.
- E. An applicant for a CHAMP shall apply by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available from any Department office and on the Department's website. The CHAMP applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of birth;
 - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
 - d. ~~Department~~ Customer identification number, when applicable;
 - e. Residency status;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address;
 - h. Telephone number, when available; and
 - i. ~~E-mail~~ Email address, when available;
 2. Affirmation that:
 - a. The applicant meets the requirements of this Section, and
 - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate, and
 3. Applicant's signature and date.
 4. The certification portion of the application shall be completed by a qualified healthcare provider physician. The qualified healthcare provider physician shall:
 - a. Certify the applicant is a person with a severe permanent disability as defined under subsection (A), and
 - b. Provide the qualified healthcare provider's physician's:
 - i. Typed or printed name,
 - ii. Business address,
 - iii. Telephone number, and
 - iv. Signature and date;
 - v. Acknowledgment with signature that the attesting qualified physician understands that a knowingly false or fraudulent submission may result in a complaint of unprofessional conduct to the appropriate medical board.
- F. In addition to the requirements listed above, at the time of application an applicant who is applying for a CHAMP shall pay the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
- G. The Applicant shall include with the application records from the qualified physician's evaluation of applicant's disability and physical limitations. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification.
- H. The applicant claiming a severe permanent disability and requesting a CHAMP is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the medical certification and documentation, re-evaluation of the information, or a second medical opinion.
- I. The Department shall deny a CHAMP when the applicant:
 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under this Section,
 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- J. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed in A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- K. When acting under the authority of the CHAMP, the permit holder shall possess and exhibit the permit upon request to any peace officer, including wildlife managers and game rangers.
- L. The CHAMP holder shall ensure the CHAMP vehicle placard, issued with the CHAMP, is visibly displayed on the motor vehicle or watercraft when in use.
- M. The Department shall provide a CHAMP holder with a dispatch permit that allows the CHAMP holder to designate a licensed hunter as an assistant to:
 1. Dispatch and retrieve an animal wounded by the CHAMP holder, or
 2. Retrieve wildlife killed by the CHAMP holder.
- N. The CHAMP holder shall:
 1. Designate an assistant only after the animal is wounded or killed.
 2. Ensure the designation on the dispatch permit is in ink and includes:
 - a. A description of the animal,
 - b. The assistant's name and valid Arizona hunting license number,
 - c. The date and time the animal was wounded or killed, and
 3. Ensure compliance with all of the following requirements:
 - a. The site where the animal is wounded and the location from which tracking begins are marked so they can be identified later.
 - b. The assistant possesses the dispatch permit and a valid hunting license while tracking and dispatching the wounded animal. When acting under the authority of the dispatch permit, the assistant shall possess and exhibit the dispatch permit and hunting license upon request to any peace officer, including wildlife managers and game rangers.
 - c. The CHAMP holder is in the field while the assistant is tracking and dispatching the wounded animal.
 - d. The assistant does not transfer the dispatch permit to anyone except that the dispatch permit may be transferred back to the CHAMP holder.

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- e. Dispatch is made by a method that is lawful for the take of the particular animal in the particular season in accordance with requirements established under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
 - f. The assistant attaches the dispatch permit to the carcass of the animal and returns the carcass to the CHAMP holder, and the tag of the CHAMP holder is affixed to the carcass.
 - g. If the assistant is unsuccessful in locating and dispatching the wounded animal, the assistant returns the dispatch permit to the CHAMP holder. The CHAMP holder shall strike the name and authorization of the assistant from the dispatch permit.
- O.** A dispatch permit may not be reused when all spaces for designation of an assistant are filled or the dispatch permit is attached to a carcass. The CHAMP holder may request another dispatch permit from the Department if:
- 1. All spaces for assistants are filled,
 - 2. The dispatch permit is lost, or
 - 3. When the CHAMP holder needs another dispatch permit for another big game hunt.
- P.** A CHAMP holder shall not:
- 1. Transfer the permit to another person, or
 - 2. Allow another person to use or possess the permit.
- Q.** This rule is effective July 1, 2026. Any valid CHAMP issued prior to the effective date is void on or after the effective date.

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TITLE 21. CHILD SAFETY

**CHAPTER 5. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY
PERMANENCY AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

[R26-20]

PREAMBLE

- 1. Permission to proceed with this final rulemaking was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:**
November 18, 2025

<u>2. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)</u>	<u>Rulemaking Action</u>
R21-5-502	Amend
R21-5-507	Amend
R21-5-508	Amend
R21-5-510	Amend
R21-5-511	Amend

- 3. Citations to the agency's statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):**

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. § 8-453(A)(5)

Implementing statute: A.R.S. §§ 8-141 through 8-145 and A.R.S. §§ 8-161 through 8-166

- 4. The effective date of the rule:**

April 12, 2026

- a. If the agency selected a date earlier than the 60-day effective date as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1032(A), include the earlier date and state the reason the agency selected the earlier effective date as provided in A.R.S. § 41-1032(A)(1) through (5):**
Not applicable

- b. If the agency selected a date later than the 60-day effective date as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1032(A), include the later date and state the reason the agency selected the later effective date as provided in A.R.S. § 41-1032(B):**
Not applicable

- 5. Citations to all related notices published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A) that pertain to the current record of the final rule:**

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 31 A.A.R. 2596; Issue Date: August 1, 2025; Issue Number: 31; File Number: R25-177

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 31 A.A.R. 2589; Issue Date: August 1, 2025; Issue Number: 31; File Number: R25-173

- 6. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:**

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7. An agency's justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

The rules in 21 A.A.C. 5, Article 5 pertain to adoption assistance provided by the Department for special needs children, as defined by A.R.S. § 8-141, and who are adopted in the state of Arizona. In 2020, through the process of completing a Five-Year-Review Report per A.R.S. § 41-1056, the Department identified rules that need to be updated and amended. The Governor's Regulatory Review Council approved the Five-Year-Review Report on September 2, 2020. In the process of drafting proposed amendments to the rules in the Article, the Department identified additional updates that are necessary as a result of statutory amendments made in 2018 (A.R.S. § 8-143) and 2019 (A.R.S. § 8-512). The proposed amendments identified in rulemaking add, amend, and update rules in order to make them more effective, consistent with other rules and statutes, and clear, concise, and understandable.

8. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and either relied on or did not rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

Not applicable

9. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

10. A summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

The rules in 21 A.A.C. 5, Article 5 pertain to specific adoption assistance services provided by the Department of Child Safety to children who are adopted in Arizona and meet statutory requirements. The adoption assistance services provided by the Department include the following:

- Medical coverage through AHCCCS or the state's Medicaid plan when the child resides in another state;
- Nonrecurring expenses (one-time expenses) to cover necessary legal expenses related to the adoption of the child;
- Monthly maintenance payments to adoptive parents to assist with covering expenses related to the child's special needs;
- Special services subsidy to cover medically necessary services that are not available through any other community resource; and
- Case management and advocacy for children receiving adoption subsidy.

In 2018, Laws 2018 Chapter 161 was passed to amend A.R.S. §8-143 to allow Title 8 permanent guardians, who were appointed by the court and later decide to adopt the child in their care, to apply for adoption subsidy through the Department of Child Safety. The proposed amendments in this rulemaking align with the statutory amendment. The subsidy provided as a result of the statutory amendment is paid at the same rate as the permanent guardian subsidy agreements; therefore, there is no financial impact.

Children and young adults who are recipients of these services are not charged a fee. The Department of Child Safety provides these services through federal funds and about 31% of the Adoption Subsidy Agreements are funded through General State funds for children and young adults who do not qualify for federal funded services.

11. A description of any changes between the proposed rulemaking, to include supplemental notices, and the final rulemaking:

No changes were made from the proposed rulemaking.

12. An agency's summary of the public or stakeholder comments made about the rulemaking and the agency response to the comments:

No comments were received regarding this rulemaking.

13. All agencies shall list other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additionally, an agency subject to Council review under A.R.S. §§ 41-1052 and 41-1055 shall respond to the following questions:

Not applicable

a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:

The rules in this Article do not require the issuance of a regular permit. A general permit is not applicable.

b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

The rules are not more stringent than corresponding federal laws. Federal laws that apply to these rules are 42 U.S.C. § 473 and 42 U.S.C. § 673.

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c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule's impact of the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:

Not applicable

14. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:

Not applicable

15. Whether the rule was previously made, amended or repealed as an emergency rule. If so, cite the notice published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A). Also, the agency shall state where the text was changed between the emergency and the final rulemaking packages:

Not applicable

16. The full text of the rules follows:

TITLE 21. CHILD SAFETY

**CHAPTER 5. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY
PERMANENCY AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

ARTICLE 5. ADOPTION SUBSIDY

Section

R21-5-502.	Eligibility Criteria
R21-5-507.	Maintenance Subsidy
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R21-5-510.	Annual Periodic Review; Reporting Change
R21-5-511.	Termination <u>or Extension</u> of Adoption Subsidy

ARTICLE 5. ADOPTION SUBSIDY

R21-5-502. Eligibility Criteria

- A. No change
- B. No change
- C. An Arizona child shall be eligible for adoption subsidy when the child is:
 - 1. In the care, custody and control of the Department, or an adoption agency licensed in Arizona, or was previously adopted and received Title IV-E or Arizona adoption subsidy; or in the care of a permanent guardian appointed for the child under A.R.S. §§ 8-871 through 8-874;
 - 2. Legally free for adoption;
 - 3. Lawfully present in the United States; and
 - 4. Determined to be a child with special needs as defined by Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, and A.R.S. Title 8, Chapter 1, Articles 2 and 3 as follows:
 - a. The child cannot or should not be returned to the parent's home;
 - b. The child cannot be placed with adoptive parents without an adoption subsidy due to a special need of the child; and
 - c. A reasonable but unsuccessful effort was made to place the child without an adoption subsidy, unless the Department determined that it was not in the child's best interest to place the child with another family because of the child's significant emotional ties with the prospective adoptive parent while in their care as a foster child.

R21-5-507. Maintenance Subsidy

- A. The maintenance subsidy may not cover all the daily living expenses of the adopted child. The Department and the adoptive parent shall negotiate the amount of maintenance subsidy based on a child's current special needs and the family's circumstances.
 - 1. Under A.R.S. § 8-144(B), the amount of the maintenance subsidy shall not exceed the payments allowable for foster care, not including foster care special allowances.
 - 2. Under A.R.S. § 8-143(C), permanent guardians adopting a child shall be eligible for the adoption subsidy at the permanent guardianship subsidy rate established by the department.
 - 23. The Department shall deduct private or public monetary benefits, such as benefits received through Title II of the Social Security Act, paid to the child from the monthly maintenance subsidy, as allowed under state of federal law. The adoptive parent shall report the receipt of any private or public monetary benefits for the child to the Adoption Subsidy Program as soon as the benefits are received.
- B. No change
 - 1. No change
 - 2. No change
- C. Renegotiation of the Maintenance Rate
 - 1. The Department or the adoptive parent may initiate a change in the maintenance subsidy rate if there are changes in the child's needs.

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2. The Department may negotiate the amount of the adoption subsidy; however, the rate shall not exceed the payments allowable for foster care, not including foster care special allowances.
3. The adoptive parent shall provide the Department with the documentation supporting the requested change in the maintenance subsidy rate.
4. If the child is in the care or custody of a state agency in Arizona or any other state, an adoption agency, or an individual other than the adoptive parent, the Department shall request, and the adoptive parent shall provide, documentation that the adoptive parent continues to be legally and financially responsible for the child.
5. Permanent guardianship adoption subsidy rates are provided at the permanent guardianship subsidy rate established by the department and are not eligible for renegotiation based on changes in the child's needs.

R21-5-508. Special Services Subsidy

- A. No change
- B. No change
- C. No change
- D. No change
- E. No change
- F. No change
- G. Special Services subsidy reimbursement is limited as follows:
 1. The Department shall reimburse in-state and out-of-state inpatient and outpatient services according to the AHCCCS hospital reimbursement system, as required by A.R.S. § 8-142.01(A), if the adoptive parent has obtained prior approval for the service from the Department. Prior approval is not required in an emergency situation.
 2. The Department shall not reimburse special services subsidy amounts in excess of the rates allowed by the Department or AHCCCS. The Department shall use the lowest applicable rates as established by AHCCCS, the ~~Department's Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program (CMDP)~~ DCS Comprehensive Health Care Plan, or rates established by the Adoption Subsidy Program to be customary and reasonable.
 3. The Department shall not pay for requests that the adoptive parent or provider submits more than nine months after the date of service for which the adoptive parent or provider requests payment.

R21-5-510. Annual Periodic Review; Reporting Change

- A. ~~Each year~~ Periodically, the Department shall send a review form to the adoptive parent requesting that the adoptive parent provide:
 1. Information indicating that the parent remains legally and financially responsible for the child;
 2. Information on any change in benefits for the child, such as benefits received through Title II of the Social Security Act;
 3. Information on any change in circumstances, including changes in residence, marital status, educational status, or other similar changes; and
 4. A description of any changes in the child's special needs conditions that are listed in the adoption subsidy agreement.
- B. No change
- C. No change
 1. No change
 2. No change
 3. No change
 4. No change
 5. No change
 6. No change
 7. No change

R21-5-511 Termination or Extension of Adoption Subsidy

- A. The Department shall terminate an adoption subsidy when any of the following occurs:
 1. The child turns 18 years old and is not enrolled in and attending high school or a program leading to a high school diploma or general equivalency degree (GED);
 2. The child is aged 18 through 21 years, has been continuously enrolled in school, and either drops out of school, graduates from high school, or obtains a general equivalency degree (GED);
 3. The child turns 22 years old;
 4. The adoptive parent is no longer legally responsible for the child;
 5. The adoptive parent is no longer providing support to the child;
 6. The child marries;
 7. The child joins the military;
 8. The special needs conditions of the child no longer exist;
 9. The child dies;
 10. The adoptive single parent or both adoptive parents die; or

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11. The adoptive parent requests termination.
- B.** If a child was adopted at 16 or 17 years of age, adoption subsidy may continue through age 20 if one or more of the following apply:
1. The child is completing secondary education or an educational program that leads to an equivalent credential or is enrolled in an institution that provides post-secondary or vocational education;
 2. The child is employed at least 80 hours a month;
 3. The child is participating in a program or activity that promotes employment or removes barriers to employment; and
 4. The child is unable to be a full-time student or employed because of a documented medical condition.

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The APA requires an agency file a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening which outlines its rulemaking intentions under [A.R.S. § 41-1021](#).

A docket opening and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking are often filed at the same time and published in the same *Register* issue.

If a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is not published in this *Register* that corresponds with a published docket in this week's issue, it simply

means the agency has not filed the notice for consideration and public review.

An agency has one year from the publishing of this notice to propose a rule; after one year the docket expires.

Questions about the notice can be answered by the person listed in item #5.

Refer to item #6 for information on how to comment on this notice.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING
BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING

[R26-21]

1. Permission to proceed with this docket was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:

July 22, 2025

2. Title and its heading:

4, Professions and Occupations

Chapter and its heading:

34, Board of Manufactured Housing

Article and its heading:

- 1, General
- 2, Licensing
- 4, Surety Bonds
- 6, Manufacturing, Construction, and Inspection
- 7, Plan Approvals
- 8, Permits and Installation

Section number:

R4-34-101, R4-34-102, R4-34-201, R4-34-204, R4-34-401 through R4-34-403, R4-34-603, R4-34-606, R4-34-701, and R4-34-802. *Sections may be added, amended, repealed, or renumbered as necessary.*

3. The subject matter of the proposed rule:

The Department of Housing, Office of Manufactured Housing (OMH) is amending rules to update materials incorporated by reference, increase required bond amounts, and comply with a recent legislative change (See Laws 2025, Chapter 126) regarding installation certificates. The Department is also correcting some typographical errors.

4. A citation to all published notices relating to the current proceeding:

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 32 A.A.R. 551, March 6, 2026 (*in this issue*); File Number: R26-17

5. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:

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6. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:

Written comments about this proposed rulemaking will be accepted in person at the address provided under item #5, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for state holidays. Comments will also be accepted via email at the email address provided under item #5. Information regarding an oral proceeding is included in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this issue.

7. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the current proceeding, if known:

Unknown

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

[R26-22]

1. Permission to proceed with this docket was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:

October 7, 2024

2. Title and its heading:

18, Environmental Quality

Chapter and its heading:

2, Department of Environmental Quality – Air Pollution Control

Article and its heading:

13, State Implementation Plan Rules for Specific Location

Section number:

R18-2-C1302

Sections may be added, amended, repealed, or renumbered as necessary.

3. The subject matter of the proposed rule:

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) proposes to revise rules applicable to the Miami SO₂ (sulfur dioxide) Nonattainment Area (NAA) in order to control SO₂ emissions that contribute to SO₂ levels in the area that exceed the federal air quality standard. ADEQ is required under the Clean Air Act to develop a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to control SO₂ in Miami as a result of a “Finding of Failure to Attain” action from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published on January 31, 2022, which requires the State of Arizona to develop a revision to the Arizona SIP that includes, among other elements, SO₂ control measures that will provide for expeditious attainment of the SO₂ NAAQS in the Miami SO₂ NAA by January 31, 2027. 87 FR 4805.

This rulemaking is necessary to develop and adopt revised regulations in order to meet federal Clean Air Act requirements for SO₂ NAAs, including implementation of reasonably available control measures (RACM), to prevent the Miami NAA from being subject to offset and highway sanctions or a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP), and improve air quality to protect human health.

4. A citation to all published notices relating to the current proceeding:

Not applicable

5. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:

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6. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:

To be announced in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

7. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the current proceeding, if known:

To be announced in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

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EXEMPT PROPOSED

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GOVERNOR’S REGULATORY REVIEW COUNCIL DEADLINES

MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

These deadlines apply to all Five-Year Review Reports and any rulemaking notice submitted for review to the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (Council). The Office publishes these deadlines under A.R.S. [41-1013\(B\)\(15\)](#).

Council meetings and *Register* deadlines do not correlate.

All rulemaking notices submitted for review and Five-Year Review Reports are due in the Council office by 5 p.m. of the deadline date.

The Council’s office is located at 100 N. 15th Ave., Suite 305, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

For more information, call (602) 542-2058 or visit <https://grrc.az.gov>.

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DEADLINE FOR PLACEMENT ON AGENDA*	FINAL MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL	DATE OF COUNCIL STUDY SESSION	DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING
<i>Tuesday</i> January 20, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> February 17, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> February 24, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> March 3, 2026
<i>Tuesday</i> February 17, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> March 24, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> March 31, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> April 7, 2026
<i>Tuesday</i> March 24, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> April 21, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> April 28, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> May 5, 2026
<i>Tuesday</i> April 21, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> May 19, 2026	Wednesday May 27, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> June 2, 2026
<i>Tuesday</i> May 19, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> June 23, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> June 30, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> July 7, 2026
<i>Tuesday</i> June 23, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> July 21, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> July 28, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> August 4, 2026
<i>Tuesday</i> July 21, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> August 18, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> August 25, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> September 1, 2026
<i>Tuesday</i> August 18, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> September 22, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> September 29, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> October 6, 2026
<i>Tuesday</i> September 22, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> October 20, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> October 27, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> November 3, 2026
<i>Tuesday</i> October 20, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> November 17, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> November 24, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> December 1, 2026
<i>Tuesday</i> November 17, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> December 22, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> December 29, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> January 5, 2027
<i>Tuesday</i> December 22, 2026	<i>Tuesday</i> January 19, 2027	<i>Tuesday</i> January 26, 2027	<i>Tuesday</i> February 2, 2027

* Materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. on dates listed as a deadline for placement on a particular agenda. Placement on a particular agenda is not guaranteed.