

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §20-2-42L

§20-2-42L. Class A-1 small arms hunting stamp.

A Class A-1 stamp is a small arms hunting stamp. Except for any person prohibited from possessing a firearm by state or federal law, a Class A-1 stamp may be issued to a person 18 years of age or older who is otherwise qualified and holds a valid resident or nonresident hunting license, or to a person who is a resident 65 years of age or older. A Class A-1 stamp entitles the licensee to hunt, as otherwise permitted by the provisions of this chapter, but only during small game and big game seasons as established annually by the director, with either a revolver or pistol which has a barrel at least four inches in length: *Provided*, That the Class A-1 stamp may not be valid unless the licensee has in his or her possession a valid resident or nonresident hunting license or is a resident 65 years of age or older: *Provided, however*, That while hunting, the licensee shall carry the revolver or pistol in an unconcealed and easily visible place. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person from carrying a firearm for self-defense who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm by state or federal law. The fee for the stamp is \$8. A lifetime Class A-1 stamp may be issued to anyone otherwise qualified and holding a valid Class A-L or, AB-L, E-L or EE-L license or to a resident 65 years of age or older. The lifetime Class A-1 stamp will be issued in a form prescribed by the director. The fee for a lifetime Class A-1 stamp is \$75. All fees collected for the issuance of the Class A-1 and lifetime Class A-1 stamps shall be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the law-enforcement section of the Division of Natural Resources. The fees collected shall be paid out of the State Treasury on order of the director and used solely for law-enforcement purposes. Any person who becomes legally unable to possess a firearm shall immediately surrender the stamp to the Division of Natural Resources. A holder of a Class A-1 or lifetime Class A-1 stamp is required to purchase the appropriate base license before participating in the activities specified in this section, except as noted.