

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §20-2-42L

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of section two, article seven, chapter sixty-one of this code, a Class A-1 stamp is a small arms hunting stamp. To be eligible to get a Class A-1 stamp, a person must be legally able to possess a firearm. If a person is otherwise qualified, a Class A-1 stamp may be issued to a person twenty-one years of age or older who holds a valid resident or nonresident hunting license, or to a person who is a resident sixty-five years of age or older, but a Class A-1 stamp shall never be issued to a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor associated with the use of firearms or dangerous weapons or who has been convicted of a felony. 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. Unless otherwise permitted by the Code of West Virginia, a Class A-1 stamp entitles the licensee to carry or have in his or her possession only one revolver or pistol when going to and from his or her home or residence and a place of hunting and while hunting: 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 sixty-five years of age or older: Provided, however, That at all times, when not actually hunting, the revolver or pistol shall be unloaded. While hunting, the licensee shall carry the revolver or pistol in an unconcealed and easily visible place. 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 license or to a resident sixty-five 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 convicted of a misdemeanor associated with the use of firearms or dangerous weapons or convicted of a felony, or 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.