



Auto-Renew FAQs

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Disclaimer: You are responsible for making any changes to your profile regarding residency, license eligibility or contact information. If you do not update your profile, you are both criminally and civilly liable for any crimes committed while using licenses that were auto-renewed.

How do I sign up for auto-renewal?

When you purchase your resident small game, annual fishing, combination, and/or furbearer licenses you will be given the option to choose auto-renewal. You will be able to select what license(s) you would like to be renewed automatically.

The habitat stamp will be automatically added to your cart and auto-renew with your other licenses you have selected.

You may also sign up for auto-renewal by selecting which licenses you wish to renew automatically on the "Auto-Renewal" page in your license profile.

If you select both a small game and fishing license, you will automatically receive a combination license when your license auto-renews. You will have a record of your purchase on your bank or credit card statement.

Can I go back into my profile at a later date and opt in to auto-renewal?

Yes, you will be able to opt in to auto-renewal at any time by visiting the "Auto-Renewal" page in your license profile.

What licenses are eligible for auto-renewal?

Resident annual small game, fishing, combination, and furbearer license are all eligible for auto-renewal.

Nonresident annual fishing, shooting preserve and predator/varmint licenses are also eligible for auto-renewal.

You may also sign up to auto-renew your habitat stamp or it will be automatically added into your purchase with your other license(s) you have selected.

Will I be able to turn off auto-renewal if I wish?

Yes, you will be able to opt out of auto-renewal at any time by visiting the "Auto-Renewal" page in your license profile.

When will my license be renewed?

Your license will be renewed once your transaction has been processed following December 15 the year your license was purchased. It may take multiple business days for the transaction to be



completed.

Can I set a specific date I wish for my license to be renewed?

No, your license will be renewed when the new license year begins on December 15.

When will my credit card be charged?

The credit or debit card you have on file will be charged on December 15 or the following business days. It may take multiple business days for the transaction to be completed.

Will I receive any notice before my credit card is charged?

Yes, you will receive an email to the address you provide on your licensing profile in the days prior to when the transaction is set to occur. Please provide a valid email address at the time you sign up to ensure we are able to contact you before this transaction occurs and keep your profile current throughout the year.

What if my contact information changes between the time I choose auto-renewal and December 15, when my license auto-renews?

You are responsible for making any changes to your contact information in your license profile. If your contact information changes from the time you sign up for auto-renewal, you will be responsible for updating this information in your profile.

What if my credit card expires or is not valid when it comes time to renew my license?

It is your responsibility to ensure your credit card is valid in your licensing profile. If your credit card isn't valid for any reason, your selected licenses will not be automatically renewed. You are both criminally and civilly liable for any crimes committed while using the license auto-renewal system.

Should your transaction fail to go through, the GFP licensing office will notify you that your credit card failed and that you will need to log into your account and provide valid credit card information to auto-renew your license. Your license will not auto-renew until we have collected the fee for your license. Please provide valid contact information at the time of sign up to ensure we are able to contact you.

Will I receive a confirmation of my new license?

Yes, once the transaction has been completed you will receive the same email confirmation you would if you manually purchased your license.

I forgot if I signed up for auto-renewal. Is there a way to check if I did?

Yes, you will be able to see on your profile what license(s) you are signed up for on your auto-renewal page.

I signed up for auto-renewal while I was living in South Dakota, but have recently moved to



another state. Will I still be able to receive resident licenses?

No, you would not qualify for resident licenses.

You are responsible for making any changes to your profile regarding residency information. If you do not update your profile, you are both criminally and civilly liable for any crimes committed while using resident licenses that were auto-renewed and you are no longer eligible for.

What happens if my auto-renewal does not go through and I am not aware of it? Will I be hunting, fishing and/or trapping without the proper licenses and not be aware?

You are responsible for ensuring you are carrying valid hunting, fishing and/or trapping licenses any time you are in the field.

Licenses are eligible until January 31 of the following year of purchase, so you will have several weeks to confirm your auto-renewal.

If you have not received a confirmation email with your new license(s) prior to this period ending, please check your profile or contact the [GFP licensing office](#) to ensure there was not an error with your auto-renewal or you thought you had signed up for auto-renewal but had not.

If I were to lose hunting, trapping and/or fishing privileges in South Dakota or any other state how would this impact my auto-renewal? Would I still be eligible for the license or would I be charged for the license but unable to use it?

If you are signed up for auto-renewal and lose license eligibility in South Dakota or any other state you are responsible to change your profile to reflect what privileges are under revocation.

You are both criminally and civilly liable for any crimes committed while using licenses that were auto-renewed and you are not eligible for.

Are nonresident small game licenses eligible for auto-renewal?

Nonresident small game licenses are not eligible, because they must be used in two five-day periods.

Can I sign up to automatically apply for big game licenses, assuming I always want to apply for the same unit?

Big game licenses and applications are not eligible for auto-renewal, regardless of choice of unit or season.

Can I sign up to automatically purchase a preference point for a respective season each year?

Preference point purchase is not eligible for auto-renewal.

Can I sign up to automatically renew my park entrance license?

Currently, auto-renewal is only available for your hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. Park entrance licenses and camping reservations are not yet eligible.



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