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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Falconry Licensees
FROM: Special Permit Unit
SUBJECT: License Renewals

Enclosed is a renewal application for your falconry license. Please fill out the form **completely and legibly**. Please be sure to sign and date the renewal application, enclose (Preferred payment) credit card information, or check, or money order in the amount of \$45.00 payable to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. (DNR)

If you are no longer practicing the sport of falconry, please notify the Special Permit Unit in writing by submitting the non-renewal form or emailing Jamie.hawkins@dnr.ga.gov

To avoid any interruptions in your license, please return by **March 1, to:**

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Law Enforcement Division
Special Permit Unit
2070 U.S. Highway 278, S.E.
Social Circle, Georgia 30025

All Falconry holders must complete a 3-186 A form electronically for each transfer, acquisition, release, loss, or re-banding of migratory bird held under this permit at <https://epermits.fws.gov/falCP/>. Falconers must submit forms electronically within 5-10 days of the activity. A hard copy is also to be mailed or emailed to the Special Permit Unit Falconry Administrator for your falconry state file within 5-10 days of activity. Falconry administrator email is Jamie.hawkins@dnr.ga.gov

For Falconry class upgrade requests, Apprentice to General: Submit an email to Jamie.hawkins@dnrle.gov with a request to upgrade your status. (Form is on website) This will include the dates and birds you have or had, along with an email from your sponsor indicating that said falconer has met the requirements and that they recommend the apprentice to upgrade to General. Your file and 3-186 forms will be reviewed. Be sure that you have practiced falconry with raptor(s) at the Apprentice Falconer level or equivalent for at least 2 years, including maintaining, training, flying, and hunting the raptor(s) for least 4 months in each year. That practice may include capture and release of falconry raptors. *Your time starts with your "effective date" which is printed on your falconry permit.*

For General to Master requests: You must have practiced falconry with your own raptor(s) at the General Falconer level for at least 5 years.

It is your responsibility to update the Special Permit Unit with any changes in contact information, change in mews location, move to another state, or if you no longer wish to conduct falconry activities in Georgia.

Receipt of your renewal application will serve as your authorization to continue falconry activities after your current license expires, provided we receive your application and license fee by **March 1**. Your new license will be issued as soon as possible; however, you should allow four to six weeks for your license to be issued.

A copy of Georgia Falconry laws and regulations can be found on our website at <https://gadnrle.org/special-permits/> / Falconry/ "Click here for more information on falconry" / renewal application.

If you have questions, please feel free to call the Special Permit Unit at (770) 918-6408, press option 2 for Law Enforcement or email jamie.hawkins@dnr.ga.gov . rev/4/2026/jrh

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RENEWAL
GEORGIA FALCONRY PERMIT
Fee \$45.00

DNR Customer ID Licensee Customer # _____

Applicant Name: _____, Falconry class: _____
Address: _____ Federal Falconry Authorization # __ (FED or A#) _____
City: _____ State: Georgia Zip: _____ County _____
Email: _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone # _____

MEWS: Check the appropriate box that applies

- Address is the same as above Location of enclosure is different / or has changed
- Enclosure complete and ready for Inspection? Yes No If no, specify when the facility will be complete:

Enclosure Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Falconry Activities:

Total Years of Falconry Experience: _____ Are you in possession of falconry Birds(s) YES (Active) NO (Inactive)

If yes, please provide the numbers and species of birds currently held: As a falconer, do you hold Exotic Birds YES NO **Please List Below**
(Ex: Eurasian Eagle Owl) For DNR records

- Requesting Upgrade: From:** _____ **to** _____ **(Letter/email of recommendation from sponsor required. (Apprentice)**
- Please make sure to check your effective date on permit, and that you have met the requirements to upgrade before the request is submitted.**
- See website for upgrade requirements and form to submit to jamie.hawkins@dnr.ga.gov for Upgrade*

List raptors trained and flown and time each was possessed:

Species	From	To
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If in the apprentice class provide Sponsor Information: Sponsor in another state? - _____ provide copy of sponsors current falconry license (required)

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Sponsor Class: _____

Date _____ Signature (in ink) _____

O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20: "A person who knowingly and willingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement...in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of state government...shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1000 or by imprisonment for not less than one or more than five years, or both."

YOU CAN EMAIL YOUR APPLICATION IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD.

If paying by Credit card, enter card # here: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ **Amount \$ 45.00**

Type of card: Visa: MasterCard: Discover **Expiration Date:** ____/____/____ **Security Code #** _____

Credit Card Signature: _____ Rev 1-2026/jrh