



## NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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**Subject: eDecs and eLicense Sign In Transition to Login.gov**

**PB 25-002**

### **Background:**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) allows users to submit wildlife import/export declarations and import/export license applications electronically through the Electronic Declarations System (eDecs) and Electronic Import/Export License (eLicense) websites, respectively.

The FWS is transitioning to the use of Login.gov to guard against identity theft, fraud, and unauthorized access to these systems and accounts.

As of the date of this notice, eDecs and eLicense users will have the option to sign in to their accounts using either the current method or Login.gov.

Effective **June 1, 2025**, all users **MUST** use Login.gov to sign into their accounts.

### **Action:**

Please use the following guide on how to access your eDecs or eLicense account using Login.gov.

#### **A. New or existing eDecs or eLicense users WITHOUT a Login.gov account:**

- Navigate to <https://secure.login.gov/>;
- Click 'Create an account'. (If you have an existing eDecs or eLicense account, use the same email address to create your Login.gov account.)
- After creating your Login.gov account, you must close the browser window.
- In a new browser window, navigate to eDecs (<https://edecs.fws.gov/>) or eLicense (<https://www.fws.gov/elicense/>), as appropriate.
- Click on the button for 'Login.gov'.
- Sign in to Login.gov, which will redirect you back to eDecs or eLicense.
- If you already have an eDecs or eLicense account, you should now be logged in.
- If you do not have an eDecs or eLicense account, click the 'New Account' button.
- Using the same email address as your Login.gov account, enter the requested information and click 'Submit'.

For further instructions, visit <https://login.gov/create-an-account/>.

B. Existing eDecs or eLicense users WITH a Login.gov account:

- Navigate to eDecs (<https://edecs.fws.gov/>) or eLicense (<https://www.fws.gov/elicense/>), as appropriate.
- Click the button for 'Login.gov'.
- Sign in to Login.gov.
- If you are not redirected to your eDecs or eLicense account, follow these instructions on the Login.gov website to link your email address- [FAQ | Login.gov](#)  
(<https://www.login.gov/help/manage-your-account/change-partner-email-address/>)

Attachment:

PB-002(a) Additional Information Regarding eDecs, eLicense & Login.gov

Contact:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Office of Law Enforcement

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[lawenforcement@fws.gov](mailto:lawenforcement@fws.gov) (e-mail)

## **Additional Information Regarding eDecs, eLicense & Login.gov**

### **What is Login.gov?**

Login.gov is a sign in service that offers secure and private online access to government programs, such as federal benefits, services and applications. With a Login.gov account, users can sign in to multiple government websites with the same email address and password. Learn more about Login.gov (<https://login.gov/>).

### **Why are eDecs and eLicense using Login.gov?**

As a security measure, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has chosen Login.gov as its sign-in provider. This service requires the use of an email address, password, and two-factor authentication, sometimes referred to as multi-factor authentication, to sign-in. Two-factor authentication is an added layer of security to protect users' private and sensitive information from hackers and password compromises.

### **How do I create a Login.gov account?**

Start by selecting sign-in on [www.edecs.fws.gov](http://www.edecs.fws.gov) or [www.fws.gov/elicense/](http://www.fws.gov/elicense/). Users will automatically be taken to the Login.gov sign-in page where they can create an account or sign in to an existing Login.gov account. Login.gov is only the sign-in service. Once users sign in, they will be directed to their eDecs or eLicense account or profile.

Login.gov requires users to use a multifactor authentication method. Users can select to receive a code via SMS/Text or phone call or use an authentication application, government PIV/CAC card, face or touch unlock, security key or download backup codes. The FWS encourages users to add more than one authentication method to their account to avoid getting locked out. Learn more about the different authentication methods available (<https://www.login.gov/help/get-started/authentication-methods/>).

### **How do I sign in to eDecs or eLicense after I create my Login.gov account?**

Every time a user clicks 'Login.gov' button on the eDecs or eLicense sites, they will be directed to the Login.gov sign in page. Users should enter their Login.gov email address, password and two-factor authentication method. Once this information is entered correctly, they will be signed in and automatically directed back to the eDecs or eLicense site.

### **What if I already have a Login.gov account?**

If a user already has a Login.gov account, they do not need to create a second one. They should use their existing Login.gov email address, password and two-factor authentication method to sign in to eDecs or eLicense.

### **Can I share a Login.gov account with another person?**

No. Each person must set up their own Login.gov account, with their own email address (not an email that is shared with someone else).

### **Where do I get support for my Login.gov account?**

Login.gov can only help resolve issues around signing in. For example, contact Login.gov with questions about Login.gov passwords or two-factor authentication methods.

We encourage users to add more than one two-factor authentication method and to keep usernames and passwords in a safe place. Visit the Login.gov Help center to learn more (<https://login.gov/help/>).

### **Can Login.gov help me with any eDecs or eLicense questions or concerns?**

No. Users still need to contact the FWS for questions about eDecs or eLicense services and/or applications.

For technical assistance regarding eDecs or eLicense accounts, please contact [lemis\\_help\\_desk@fws.gov](mailto:lemis_help_desk@fws.gov).

For eDec or import/export related inquiries, please contact a FWS Wildlife Inspection Office directly (<https://www.fws.gov/media/wildlife-trade-fish-and-wildlife-portspdf>).

For eLicense inquiries, please contact the appropriate eLicense Office (<https://www.fws.gov/eLicense/eLicenseOffices.cfm>).