Frequently Asked Questions

Welcome to the U.S.FWS Falconry Application.

1. **What is this application all about**? The Falconry Application is a web-based Federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife application designed to monitor falconry activities throughout the U.S. The process involves keeping track of falconry acquisitions and dispositions among falconry permit holders. This process requires the permit holders of both falconer and propagator to report their activities by filling out the current U.S.Fish and Wildlife Federal Form 3-186-A.

2. **How to participate in the Falconry appplication**? There are a few steps to complete registration of all falconers and state administrators in the falconry database. They are explained below:

2.1. **States**: States that participate in the falconry application must first contact the U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Divison of Migratory Birds located in the state of Virginia to register their profile such as name and address into the falconry database. Each state is required to have at least one person acting as state representative or administrator. This person handles day-to-day data entry task to maintain a list of falconers in his/her state.

2.2. **Falconers**: A falconer must first apply for a falconry permit in his/her state. Once the permit is approved by the state permit issuing office, the state administrator will enter the new falconer profile such as name and address, permit number, etc. into the U.S. FWS Falconry Database. The online application will issue a one-time **Authorization code** *(formerly called Federal Identification No. or FEDID for short)* to the falconer via email. The falconer logon to his/her email to get the Authorization code, then fire up the online falconry application, key in the code to activate the falconry account for first time use. For those who have already activated, please use the Login page with your login credential such as Logon ID and PW you created during the account activation process. Use the help document to learn how to activate a new falconry account.

2.3. Once a falconer's account is in place, the falconer is responsible to report any falconry activities by filling out the required U.S. FWS Form 3-186A. Please download the Help file for How to fill out Form 3-186A online.

2.4. **What about the existing falconers who already have a FEDID**? The old legacy FEDID is retained for existing falconers. Only new falconers will get the new Authorization code.

3. **What is the Authorization code or FEDID**? It is a unique number, sensitive, assigned to each registered falconer. This number is a one time piece of data assigned for life to a falconer at the time the state administrator creates the falconer's profile online. In the newly revamped falconry application, this Authorization code is used mainly for internal tracking purpose and it is also used by both the state adminirators and the falconers to query their data (*optional*). The new system will no longer require Authorization code/FEDID as part of the login process. **It is discouraged to share the Authorization code with others**.

4. **Change of addresses, Mews locations**: It is the falconer who is responsible to notify his/her state 30 days in advance via email of such change in addresses and or Mews locations. Please download the Help file for How to notify your state about changing of your addresses and Mews locations.

> **WARNING**: It is the State administrator who is responsible to ensure each falconer's profile in his/her state is up-to-date!