Seasons & Fees
Each season is independent and exclusive from the others with a unique applicant pool, drawing and bonus point system. For example, if an individual applies for the archery season, their name is entered into the pool for the archery season only and not the general or late seasons. You can apply for 1 ($11.97), 2 ($23.94) or all 3 seasons ($35.91) but only be drawn for 1 license per year. For example, if you draw an archery license you are automatically removed from the remaining drawings.

Bonus Points
You gain one bonus point for each year that you apply and are not drawn. Accumulated points then act as a multiplier entering your name into the pool for as many points as you have and increasing your chances of drawing. Like the application pools bonus points are season specific and do not transfer to other seasons. Bonus point are only removed if you draw a license but are only used if you apply in the current license year.

License Options & Hunt Zones
Elk licenses are annually allocated to specific elk hunt zones. There are currently 14 hunt zones with zone 1 being open to anyone with a valid license and zone 7 being closed. When you apply you can select, bull only, cow only or either-sex along with a specific hunt zone for a maximum of 5 choices.

How to Apply
If you are interested hunting elk in Pennsylvania you can apply at any license vendor or online. See the QR codes below for helpful links and additional information. Applicants can change zone and gender selection at huntfish.pa.gov any time prior to the drawing.
Scan for a more detailed map in booklet format.

Scan to view the PA hunter digest (page 59) for legal descriptions of the elk hunt zones.