



PROFESSIONAL TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

The province of Alberta has approximately 200 taxidermists, and with a taxidermy permit issued by Albert Sustainable Resource Development, may practice the art of taxidermy for monetary gain. This issued permit allows taxidermists from Beginner to Highly advanced to advertise and receive orders for the taxidermy process. There is no mandatory testing requirement for skill or ability. Some taxidermists voluntarily go to seminars and competitions. Individuals shopping for a taxidermist are strongly advised to visit as many shops as possible and decide which levels of quality suits your needs.

Pricing varies with different skill levels, qualities of material and tanning plus time spent on assembling projects. Hourly rates for many other industries in Alberta run between \$80.00 and \$105.00 per hour but generally the hourly rate in the taxidermy industry is less (on average \$65.00 - \$75.00 per hour).

Many taxidermists are dependent on commercial tanneries and this fact alone creates a six to twelve month delay in orders. Busy shops can be up to several years delivery on items for various reasons beyond their control. The work will come, but discuss it with your taxidermist.

Taxidermists are required to record hunting licence and other permit numbers for wildlife received. Hawks, Owls, Eagles and other found dead wildlife must have a Found Dead Wildlife Permit available from your local Fish and Wildlife Division office, before they can be left with a taxidermist.

The Professional Taxidermist Association of Alberta holds Annual General Meetings for all members to hear their concerns and discuss actions that have taken place over the past year.

Annual memberships are available at \$25.00 for a regular membership (united we stand, meeting, & voting privileges) and \$100.00 for a four year membership (this includes entitlement on the organization website). These can be purchased through John Gordon at (403) 558-3615.

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