

The R-LICENCE: information for applicants

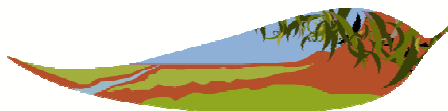
Restricted NSW Game Hunting Licence

R-Licence

CONSERVATION HUNTING

*on public & private land
in New South Wales*

INFORMATION FOR LICENCE APPLICANTS



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introduction

The Restricted NSW Game Hunting Licence or R-Licence is required by law for hunting game and feral animals on declared **public land** in NSW.

It confers the authority of the General NSW Game Hunting Licence (G-Licence), required by law for hunting wild deer, ducks and game birds on **private land** in NSW.

R-Licence categories: Bows, Firearms, Dogs, Black Powder.

R-Licence Types: Standard (\$60/yr), Commercial (\$250/yr), Hunting Guide (\$150/yr) and Overseas Visitors (\$100/yr).

Application forms are available from Game Council "Approved Hunting Organisations" (AHOs) or the Game Council, and hunters must be accredited for one or more R-Licence category.

Game Council NSW administers the NSW Game Hunting Licensing System and is a statutory authority of the NSW Parliament established under the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002*.

R-LICENCE CATEGORIES

- FIREARMS
- BOWS
- DOGS
- BLACKPOWDER

Hunters must be accredited for one or more categories.

LICENCE REQUIRED TO HUNT THE FOLLOWING SPECIES

Public land : R-Licence

(applies to land declared under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002)

Wild deer: sambar, chital, fallow, red, wapiti, hog, rusa.

Feral animals: pigs, goats, foxes, cats, hares, rabbits, wild dogs (not Dingo)

Game Birds: pheasant, peafowl, partridge, California quail, turkey.

Private land: G-Licence

Wild deer: sambar, chital, fallow, red, wapiti, hog, rusa.

Game birds: pheasant, peafowl, partridge, California quail, turkey.

Wild ducks (under the Game Bird Management Program for duck mitigation, managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service)

(NOTE: the R-Licence confers the authority of the G-Licence)

► DEER HUNTING SEASONS NOW APPLY

Red, wapiti, fallow: March 1–October 31

Hog deer: April only (Bag limits: 1M, 1F)

Sambar, chital, rusa: all year

Public liability INSURANCE

All Standard R-Licences cost \$60/year and include \$10million public liability insurance. The Certificate of Currency can be downloaded from Game Council's website or by phoning Game Council on (02) 6360 5100.

180 State forests now declared for hunting by holders of an R-Licence

WRITTEN PERMISSION MANDATORY

STEP 1: R-Licence requirements

There are a number of requirements that must be met before applicants can apply for the R-Licence from Game Council NSW. site which is updated regularly or by contacting the Licensing Processing Unit on (02) 6360 5111.

Applicants must:

A) Be a member of a Game Council Approved Hunting Organisation (AHO),

and

B) Become accredited for one or more of the R-Licence categories (Bows, Firearms, Dogs or Black Powder).

APPROVED HUNTING ORGANISATIONS

Game Council NSW has registered more than 140 "Approved Hunting Organisations" (AHOs) who are authorised to offer their members applications and accreditation for the R-Licence.

These AHOs are listed on Game Council's web-

ACCREDITATION

There are three ways of becoming accredited for your R-Licence category/s:

1. Sit a closed book "recognition of prior learning" test, or
2. Complete an accredited training course (see table below), or
3. Sit an open book test based on Game Council's "NSW Hunter Education Handbook".

Accreditation for your R-Licence category can be carried out by an approved assessor who must be registered with an AHO or by an organisation that offers the accredited training course listed below. Contact your local AHO for further information.

HUNTING ORGANISATION	GAME COUNCIL ACCREDITED TRAINING COURSES	R-LICENCE CATEGORY
Australian Bowhunters Association (ABA) Ph: (07) 3359 2221	Bowhunter Proficiency Course (BPC)	R-Licence (Bows)
Australian Deer Association—Victoria Ph: (03) 9898 5904 / (03) 5622 2733	Hunter Education Course	R-Licence (Firearms)
Australian Deer Association—Queensland Ph: (07) 3806 1488	Queensland Hunter Education Course	R-Licence (Firearms)
Sporting Shooters Association of Australia—NSW Ph: (02) 9833 9444	Hunter & Conservation Accreditation Course	R-Licence (Firearms)
Sporting Shooters Association of Australia—Victoria Ph: (03) 8892 2777	Hunter & Conservation Accreditation Course	R-Licence (Firearms)
Game Council NSW	NSW Hunter Education Handbook: This program is offered by most AHOs	R-Licence: Bows, Dogs, Firearms, Blackpowder

STEP 2: the application process

R-Licence application forms—available from AHOs and the Game Council—must be submitted to Game Council NSW for approval.

Your R-Licence application form must be completed in full and accompanied by relevant documentation including a copy of your current Firearms Licence (if applicable), accreditation, concession, and your AHO membership number.

You will then be issued with an R-Licence and

special security number via post to assist in Step 3, the booking process for hunting on declared public land.

Upgrade fees: Holders of a G-Licence wishing to upgrade to the R-Licence can do so for a \$30 fee. This fee will be waived for those upgrading G-Licences purchased before March 1, 2006. Please note that if you have renewed your licence after March 1 2006, the upgrade fee applies. (G-Licence application forms can be downloaded from Game Council's website).

STEP 3: hunting on public land

Obtaining written permission

R-Licence holders must have written permission to hunt on declared public land such as State forests.

This can be obtained through an online/telephone booking system using your licence number and personal security number.

The booking system has been put in place to maximise public safety and hunter accountability. The written permission will have conditions applying to hunting on the named State forest and will include a basic map of the area which will highlight any exclusion zones.

Return forms: Further bookings to hunt on declared public land cannot be made until your harvest return form is submitted back to the Game Council via email, post, fax or phone. These forms can also be completed online.

The hunt

While hunting on declared public land you must:

- ▶ Carry your written permission including a forest map, R-Licence and Firearms Licence (if applicable);
- ▶ Wear an article of blaze orange clothing while hunting;
- ▶ Abide by all conditions of the written permission, the hunter code of practice and the Game and Feral Animal Control Act, its associated Regulation of 2004 and all other legislation.

Get online

- ◇ 180 State forests listed
- ◇ Book a hunt
- ◇ Harvest returns
- ◇ Cancel a hunt
- ◇ Reprint your written permission
- ◇ Renew your NSW Game Hunting Licence (non-concession holders only)
- ◇ Information & forms
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