



Hunting Licence

FACT SHEET

If you wish to take and possess partly protected wildlife during an open season, you will need to apply for a Hunting Licence. Please read this information before completing and submitting your application.

What does the licence authorise?

A Hunting Licence (HL) is issued under Regulation 48 of the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021* pursuant to Regulation 32.

This licence authorises the holder to:

- take one or more species of partly protected wildlife; and
- possess the products of partly protected wildlife taken under the licence.

Authorised species

A HL may allow one or more of the following to be taken:

- Bennett's wallaby and Tasmanian Pademelon (Rufous wallaby);
- Fallow deer;
- Chestnut Teal, Grey Teal, Pacific Black Duck, Australian Wood Duck and Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck);

- Brown Quail;
- Pheasant; and
- Short-tailed Shearwater (Muttonbird).

All species must be taken by shooting with the exception of muttonbird, which can be taken by removal from a burrow by hand.

Who can apply?

A person must be the holder of a Firearms Licence, Minor's Firearms Permit or an International Visitor's Firearms Exemption to take by shooting, the species specified under a HL.

Non-shooting Exemptions

Any person can apply for a non-shooting HL for Bennett's and Rufous wallaby and/or Fallow deer to authorise the possession of these species away from the property on which they were shot by an authorised person, under a Property Protection

Permit (PPP) or Special Purposes Wildlife Permit (SPWP).

Please note, any person under 18 years of age that may be accessing properties under a PPP or SPWP, who will not be a shooting participant does not require a HL (wallaby & deer) to possess wallabies and deer shot under the PPP or SPWP.

How do I apply?

Online

Via the hunting licence website <https://hunting.nre.tas.gov.au/>

When paying for a HL online, MasterCard, Visa and Amex cards are accepted.

When purchasing a HL online, a plastic HL Card will be posted within 10 working days.

Deer hunters

Please note when purchasing a Fallow Deer HL online, your Male Deer Tag will be posted to you with your plastic HL card.

Male deer hunting CANNOT commence until you are in possession of your Male Deer Tag.

Note, Service Tasmania cannot issue a Male Deer Tag for hunting licences purchased online.

In person at Service Tasmania

Complete and lodge the attached application form in person at any Service Tasmania service centre.

If applicable, your Male Deer Tag will be issued to you at Service Tasmania.

A fee is payable. Current fees can be found on the Hunting Licence website

<https://nre.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/recreational-hunting-licences>

Temporary Licence

Your receipt issued online or from Service Tasmania is evidence of your Hunting Licence purchase and is valid for use in the field until you receive your plastic HL card.

When can I apply?

HL sales commence on the 1st February each year.

Useful information

- Laws relating to hunting can be accessed from

[Home - Tasmanian Legislation Online](#)

What will I receive?

If your application is successful, you will receive:

- A plastic HL Card
- Game Tracks
- Male Deer Tag (if applicable)
- Muttonbird information sheet (if applicable)

Unsuccessful applicants will receive an explanation as to why their application was refused.

What do I have to do?

Comply with the licence conditions.

Licence reissue and returns

Take return forms are emailed to relevant HL holders in October.

If you wish to receive a new HL application, you must provide your returns online using the online portal

<https://hunting.nre.tas.gov.au>.

Support is available at Services Tasmania or by phoning Wildlife Services.

Please note there are no return requirements for wallaby licence holders or non-shooting HL holders.

Application forms will be posted by the 1st of February to all those who held a HL for the previous open season and who have provided their HL returns.

Personal information

Information on the collection, maintenance, use and disclosure of personal information can be found on our website. [Personal Information Protection Policy | Department of Natural](#)

[Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#)

Important notice to wallaby licence holders

It is a requirement of your HL, as well as a condition under Property Protection Permits, that you must inspect all shot adult female wallabies (and any pouched animal) and upon discovery you must humanely destroy any pouch young found, either by decapitation or by a heavy blow to the skull. Under no circumstances should they be raised as pets.

The quantity of injured and orphaned wildlife requiring rehabilitation is currently exceeding the capacity of wildlife rehabilitators.

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