



Department of
Primary Industries

The Written Permission for the Holder of a Restricted Game Hunting Licence

A tutorial for the R-licence hunter

Welcome to the Written Permission Tutorial

This tutorial will provide you with knowledge of the 'Written Permission to hunt on declared public land'.

The tutorial was developed in line with the recommendations of the review of the risk assessment for hunting on State forests and Crown lands.

This tutorial must be completed before you are able to access the online booking system to book a hunt on a State forest.

You will not be required to complete the assessment phase of this tutorial again – it is a once-only process.

Learning Outcomes

- Gaining knowledge of legal obligations under the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002* and the *Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation 2012* in relation to the Written Permission.
- Gaining knowledge of the General Conditions of a Written Permission.
- Understanding the importance of the Written Permission for legal, safe and ethical hunting of game animals on public land in NSW.

The Tutorial and Assessment

The tutorial and test will take you approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Read and understand the tutorial thoroughly. You will be assessed on your knowledge through 4 multiple choice or true/false questions. You will need to answer 3 out of the 4 questions correctly to pass this tutorial.

You will be able to return to the tutorial at any time during the assessment by clicking the 'Save and Exit' box at the bottom of the assessment page.

If you do not pass the tutorial on the first attempt, you will be granted two more attempts in a 24-hour period. If you do not pass within the 24-hour period, you can then resit the assessment on any day after that period.

Introduction

The purpose of this tutorial is to provide you with knowledge of the 'Written Permission to hunt on declared public land in NSW' and understand its importance in relation to legal, safe and ethical hunting of game animals.

The Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation 2012

A person must not hunt on declared public hunting land unless the person has, before entering the land, obtained Written Permission to hunt on the land from the manager of the land concerned.

Schedule 1: Conditions of game hunting licences, Part 1, 2: Hunting on declared public land requires permission to enter.

The Written Permission is issued by the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) on behalf of the Forestry Corporation of NSW, pursuant to the *Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation 2012*.



The Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation 2012

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When hunting on declared public land the hunter must:

- a) comply with any requirement imposed as a condition of the permission to hunt on the land, and
- b) comply with any reasonable direction given to the person by the manager of the land in relation to the person's hunting on that land, and
- c) produce for inspection, on request by an inspector, police officer or the manager of the land, any Written Permission given to the person to hunt on declared public land.

The Written Permission

The Written Permission contains specific requirements and conditions that the hunter must comply with at all times while hunting on declared public land.

You can book a Written Permission to hunt on public land via the NSW Department of Primary Industries website at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting. When you book a hunt on public land you will be issued with a Written Permission. You must read, understand and sign the written permission for it to be valid, and you must carry the written permission with you at all times when you are hunting.

The Written Permission is specific to each hunting area. It is important for you to read the conditions of each written permission as conditions do change from time to time.

Your Written Permission comes with maps of the State forest or Crown land area you have booked to hunt. You must print off these maps in colour and carry these with you at all times when hunting.

It is now a requirement of the General Conditions of the Written permission that you must carry at all times an operational Global Positioning System (GPS) enabled device. The device must be able to position you at any time when hunting on the State forest or Crown land area specified in the written permission.



Parts of the Written Permission

Hunter Identification

R-licence holder details are displayed on this page, as well as vehicle details, animal details, the duration of the Written Permission and the Specific Conditions that apply to the forest for which the Written Permission is valid. These specific conditions may include details such as which species of game and feral animals can be hunted, and other conditions that relate to the forest for which the Written Permission is issued.

Exclusion Zones

Hunting exclusion zones are identified areas where forest activity (such as tree harvesting and other forest work), high visitor use or other recreational events are occurring. Hunting is excluded from these areas to minimise the risk to hunters, forest workers and other users.

General Conditions

These are the general conditions which relate to hunting in declared State forests. The Written Permission holder must sign at the bottom of Page 2 in the box provided.

The General Conditions provide important information. You should read these conditions carefully. They will help you to understand your obligations when hunting on public land.



Parts of the Written Permission (*cont*)

Hunter Return Form

Hunters are required to complete and submit this form after their hunt has been completed. The form can be faxed or mailed to the Department of Primary Industries (the details are on the form) or the Hunter Return can be done online via the departments website. The Hunter Return Form lists the game and feral animal species that can be hunted in State forests but, as stated previously, the Specific Conditions on Page 1 may detail species that can be hunted. This page also contains areas for hunters to report evidence of disease in live or dead animals. It is mandatory to submit your return form. Failure to do so may exclude you for further Written Permission bookings until you have complied with this requirement.

Illegal Hunting Report

This form provides a template for hunters to report any illegal activities observed in State forests. Illegal hunting impacts licensed hunters and the community as a whole. The Department of Primary Industries actively targets illegal hunting and relies on accurate and timely information from game hunting licence holders and the general public. You are encouraged to report any illegal hunting as soon as possible.

Parts of the Written Permission (*cont*)

Declared Area Map

This map provides an overview of the State forest boundary and illustrates the areas currently available for hunting, any exclusion zones (where hunting cannot be conducted) and may also show other points of interest such as access roads. At the bottom left of this page are details of the topographical maps which cover the forest.

Detailed Maps

A large number of the forests that are available for bookings on the Department of Primary Industries website have additional maps included in the Written Permission. These are topographic maps which show greater details than the Declared Area Map. These maps must be printed in colour.

General Conditions of the Written Permission

Read carefully the attached 'Sample Written Permission – NSW Declared Public Land Hunting'. You will be assessed on the information provided in this Written Permission.

[Click here to view a sample Written Permission](#)



The Importance of the Conditions of a Written Permission

Every R-Licence hunter who hunts on declared public land is legally obligated to comply with the conditions of the Written Permission. Penalties apply to those who do not follow these conditions.

The purpose behind enforcing the conditions for hunting on declared public land is to ensure hunters, forest workers and other forest users remain safe whilst hunting activity is taking place.

Hunting ethics, welfare of game animals and care for the environment are important considerations for hunters. The conditions of the Written Permission also ensure hunters comply with these obligations.

Hunting exclusion zones are identified areas where forest activity (such as tree harvesting and other forest work), high visitor use or other recreational events is occurring. Hunting is excluded from these areas to minimise the risk to hunters, forest workers and other users.

Assessment

You have now completed the learning phase for:

- Gaining knowledge of legal obligations under the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002* and the *Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation 2012* in relation to the Written Permission.
- Gaining knowledge of the General Conditions of a Written Permission
- Understanding the importance of the Written Permission for legal, safe and ethical hunting of game animals

You can now go on to completing the assessment by clicking on the 'assessment' box below.

You will be able to go back to the tutorial for further reading at any time during the assessment.

Assessment

1. When hunting on declared public land, the *Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation 2012* requires hunters to:
 - a) comply with any requirement imposed as a condition of the permission to hunt on the land
 - b) comply with any reasonable direction given to the person by the manager of the land in relation to the person's hunting on that land
 - c) produce for inspection, on request by an inspector, police officer or the manager of the land, any written permission given to the person to hunt on declared public land
 - d) All of the above
2. It is optional to complete and submit the hunter return form: (T / F)

Assessment

3. For a Written Permission to be valid the hunter must:
 - a) Read the written permission
 - b) Understand the written permission
 - c) Sign the written permission
 - d) All of the above

4. Hunting with firearms and bows is not permitted at night: (T / F)

Assessment

5. Exclusion zones are identified areas where forest activity, such as tree harvesting and other forest work, high visitor use or other recreational events, is occurring. Hunting is excluded from these areas to minimise the risk to hunters, forest workers and other users: (T / F)

6. When pig hunting with dogs at night the hunter must:
 - a) Take one litre of water for each dog
 - b) Attach a form of illumination to each dog
 - c) Carry a first aid kit should the dog be injured
 - d) Carry the dogs registration

Assessment

7. Sighting in and target practice is:
 - a) Permitted on the State forest or Crown land areas
 - b) Permitted during the day light hours only
 - c) Not permitted on the State forest or Crown land areas
 - d) Permitted on a State forest rifle range only

8. The purpose behind enforcing the conditions for hunting on declared public land is to ensure hunters, forest workers and other forest users remain safe whilst hunting activity is taking place: (T / F)

Assessment

9. You must wear a hat or beanie and/or an article of clothing worn externally on the upper part of the body, being a shirt, jumper, jacket or vest, that is predominantly:
- a) United Nations blue
 - b) Blaze orange
 - c) Bright yellow
 - d) Any of the above
10. The conditions of the Written Permission are not intended to look after the welfare of the game animals or care of the environment: (T / F)