



Licences to hunt Wild Gamebirds – Rough Shooting

Permitted activity	To permit the hunting and shooting of game birds and other quarry species in the form of “rough shooting”,
Licence duration	Up to a maximum period of 5 hunting seasons. <i>This is at the discretion of the District Manager. A probationary licence period of one season is generally applied in circumstances where a licensee has not previously held such a licence before</i>
Licensed Period	From 1 st September – 28 th February. Access to lands outside this period will require full written authorisation from the Forest Manager.
Obtaining a Licence	It is general policy to offer all available licensed areas to open public tender
Nominated Hunters	On the signing of the licence and annually thereafter, the licence holder is required to register names of any additional persons (nominated hunters) who they wish to be authorised to exercise the rights granted under these licences. Unregistered persons have no authorisation to hunt or carry any firearm on the lands and may be prosecuted under Section 44 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended) .
Insurance Requirements	<p>All licensees and nominated hunters must have public liability insurance with an indemnity of not less than €6.5 million for any one accident or be current members of the of the NARGC¹ compensation fund.</p> <p>plus</p> <p>If consent is granted by the Forest Manager to permit access to the lands with a motor vehicle. Motor Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum of €1.3 million third party property damage limit in respect of all vehicles used in connection with the Licence which will require to be insured under the provisions of the Road Traffic Acts with indemnity to the Licensor in respect of any liability that arises by reason of negligence of the Licensee or any person, servant or agent arising from the use of the motor vehicles is required.</p> <p>The licensee must provide evidence of such insurance for all persons intending to exercise these rights on the signing of the licence and annually thereafter prior to the commencement of the hunting season. All policies must cover for the full duration of the licence period.</p> <p>Licensees and nominated hunters who exercise rights without appropriate insurances as outlined above, are deemed to be in breach of the terms of the licence agreement and thus are not authorised to hunt or carry or use any firearm on the lands and may be prosecuted under Section 44 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended).</p> <p>¹ NARGC – National Association of Regional Game Councils</p>
Training Requirements	Coillte is moving to a position whereby only persons that have obtained appropriate <u>certified</u> training qualifications will be permitted to exercise licensed hunting rights on their forest estate. Although this is not currently a mandatory requirement for game hunting, cognisance will be taken of any such training during the tender evaluation process.

<p>Comments</p>	<p>This licence is aimed at individuals; clubs, syndicates and groups involved in the recreational hunting of wild game (except Red Grouse) and other quarry species (except deer) on Coillte lands on a recreational basis.</p> <p>This licence expressly restricts its exercise to a defined period therefore having a limited effect on other forest operations. It expressly prohibits the erection of pens, the use of traps and poisons, and other activities associated with the rearing and releasing of game that may require higher levels of management to satisfy Coillte's Certification Standard, higher insurance requirements, and have greater potential to effect forest operations.</p> <p>Vehicular access to the licence area is not permitted under this licence.</p>
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