

## Licences to hunt Wild Deer – details and requirements

<b>Permitted activity</b>	To permit the stalking and shooting of wild deer
<b>Licence duration</b>	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>
<b>Licensed Period</b>	From 1 <sup>st</sup> September – 28 <sup>th</sup> February, for the period from one hour before sunrise (dawn) until 11 am, on those days where a minimum of 48hours prior agreement has obtained from the Forest Manager. Access to lands outside this period will require full written authorisation from the Forest Manager.
<b>Obtaining a Licence</b>	It is general policy to offer all available licensed areas to open public tender
<b>Nominated Hunters/ Stalking Permits</b>	On the signing of the licence and annually thereafter, the licence holder is required to, provide the names of any additional persons (nominated hunters) who they wish to be authorised to exercise the rights granted under these licences.  Subject to payment of the annual licence in full, and receipt of evidence of appropriate insurance, the licence holder and each nominated hunter is issued with a Stalking Permit.  The maximum number of Stalking Permits issued per licence is at the discretion of the District Manager.
<b>Insurance Requirements - Recreational Licences</b>  ( For licences exercised by individuals, clubs, syndicates for recreational purposes)	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 NARGC <sup>1</sup> compensation fund.  <b>Plus</b>  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.  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.  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).  <sup>1</sup> NARGC – National Association of Regional Game Councils

<p><b>Insurance Requirements – Commercial Licences</b></p> <p>( For licences exercised by Commercial Shoot Operators who provide hunting activities to client for reward)</p>	<p>All commercial licensees must hold Public liability insurance with an indemnity of not less than €6.5 million for any one accident to include indemnity to Coillte as joint insured and to include a cross-liabilities clause.</p> <p>Employers Liability Insurance in with an indemnity of not less than €13 million applying to all employees of the Licensee including temporary employees and labour only sub-contractors to include an indemnity to the Licensor in respect of any claim made against the Licensor for which Licensee would have been liable if the claim had been made against the Licensee instead of the Licensor.</p> <p>If the Licensee permits any independent contractor to enter upon the lands for any purpose in connection with the performance or in exercise of its rights under this agreement it shall require such contractor to have employers and public liability insurance as if they were employees of the licensee and shall ensure that such contractor fully complies with all Statutory Duties and obligations.</p> <p><b>Plus</b></p> <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 NARGC<sup>1</sup> compensation fund.</p> <p><b>Plus</b></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 on the signing of the licence and annually thereafter which covers the full duration of the licence period.</p> <p><b>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).</b></p>
<p><b>Qualifications Required</b></p> <p>It is Coillte's policy that only persons who have satisfactorily completed an approved, certified, hunter competence assessment are permitted to hunt deer on its lands.</p>	<p>This policy is implemented as follows:-</p> <p><b>i) Licence Holders and Stalking Permit Holders (full) :-</b> All holders of licences to hunt deer on Coillte lands are required to hold the Hunter Competence Assessment Programme (HCAP) <a href="http://www.deeralliance.ie">www.deeralliance.ie</a> qualification. All persons nominated to hunt (nominated hunters) under such a licence will also require this qualification in order to be issued with a stalking permit for the full duration of the hunting season.</p> <p><b>ii) Stalking Permit Holders (restricted) :-</b> Nominated hunters who do not hold the HCAP qualification, but do hold an alternative certified hunter qualification may be issued with stalking permit for a maximum period of 14 days. A total of two such permits (totalling 28 days) can be issued to the same individual during the course of a hunting season.</p> <p>Persons who do not hold such permits are not authorised to hunt or carry any firearm on the lands and may be prosecuted under Section 44 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended)</p>
<p><b>Concurrent Rights</b></p>	<p>When indicated in the catalogue, the licence period of licensed areas subject to Concurrent Rights are restricted to weekends, bank holidays and National holidays only on or after the 15<sup>th</sup> of November annually. It is Coillte's intention to undertake direct culling operations of female and non-antlered deer in these areas during weekdays after this date.</p>
<p><b>Comments</b></p>	<p>The shooting of deer is restricted to <b>only</b> those animals specified in the annual cull plan. The licensee is required to provide Coillte with details of all animals shot under the licence.</p> <p>Vehicular access to the licensed area is at the discretion of the Forest Manager. Where permitted, its use is restricted for the extraction of deer carcasses only.</p>