



YOUTH FIRST TIME HUNTER

I am a Youth First Time Hunter and a qualified resident of Alberta.

To determine residency qualifications, contact your local Alberta Fish and Wildlife office.
Youth is defined as any person 12-17 years of age.

What do I need to do in order to hunt?

Hunting Qualifications:

The minimum age for hunting big game or bird game in Alberta with a firearm or bow and arrow is 12 years of age.

- If you are **12 to 17 years of age**, before obtaining any licence, you **MUST**:
Successfully complete the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education Course* **and**, have the written permission of your parent or guardian to purchase a recreational hunting licence.

*There are various options to complete the Hunter Education Course including classroom programs, home study (correspondence course), or on-line (Internet). You may also visit the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association (A.H.E.I.A.) website for more information: www.aheia.com.

Licensing:

- Upon successful completion of the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education Course, one may either apply for a WIN (Wildlife Identification Number) card or update their existing WIN card (which was obtained for fishing). A WIN card is obtainable through any licence vendor or online at www.albertrelm.com.
- Opportunities exist for youth (ages 12-17) to hunt white-tailed and mule deer (each for \$8.25). They must also purchase a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate for \$8.30. These licences are valid during the seasons that do not require one of the special licences obtained through a draw.

Regulations:

- Obtain a copy of the current **Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations** (free publication) available from licence vendors, online at the My Wild Alberta website (www.mywildalberta.com) or at Alberta Fish and Wildlife offices, to determine what, where and when to hunt. Be aware that some licences are only available through a special draw and certain hunting opportunities are only available to the holders of a special draw licence.
To locate a licence vendor near you, contact the RELM Call Centre.
- Publication guides to outdoor adventures are a great resource to locate new places to hunt. **Discover Alberta's Wild Side — Guide to Outdoor Adventure**, the Alberta Conservation Association's free publication, will assist you in finding opportunities to discover Alberta's wild side, including properties on which you may hunt.
- If you are between the ages of 11 and 17 and you have received your Hunter Education Certification package, simply fill out the information on the WIN card reimbursement certificate form and return it to the Alberta Conservation Association, and they will send you a cheque for \$8.40. Keep in mind that this is a reimbursement for the purchase of your WIN card, so you must purchase your WIN card first before applying for the reimbursement.

Contacts for the organizations mentioned are available on the next page.

Regulations (Continued):

- If you hunt with a firearm, certain **Federal** legislation may apply. *For more information, contact the Canada Firearms Centre.*
- Land access is an important issue to all hunters – ensure that you have proper **legal access and permission** prior to hunting.

For more information, visit the My Wild Alberta website, www.mywildalberta.com.

Mentorship:

- As a new hunter, you can benefit by asking an experienced hunter for their assistance. There are various **Youth and First Time Hunter Mentorship Programs** available. Contact us to learn more about these programs.

KEY CONTACTS

Alberta Conservation Association	Phone: 780.410.1999 1.877.969.9091 Web-site: www.ab-conservation.com
Alberta Fish & Game Association (A.F.G.A.)	Phone: 780.437.2342 Web-site: www.afga.org
Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association (A.H.E.I.A.)	Edmonton Phone: 780.466.6682 1.866.282.4342 Web-site: www.aheia.com Calgary Phone: 403.252.8474 1.866.852.4342 Web-site: www.aheia.com
Alberta Professional Outfitters Society (A.P.O.S.)	Phone: 780.414.0249 Web-site: www.apos.ab.ca
Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Fish and Wildlife Division	Phone: 310.0000 and ask for the nearest Fish and Wildlife office. Web-site: www.mywildalberta.com
Canada Firearms Centre Federal Firearms Legislation	Phone: 780.795.7799 1.800.731.4000 Web-site: www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca
RELM Call Centre (License Issuers)	Phone: 1.888.944.5494 Web-site: www.albertarelm.com



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