

HUNTER EDUCATION



Hunting has a long and honourable history in the Northwest Territories (NWT).

To ensure this rich tradition survives, today's hunters must be guided by the wisdom of past generations to respect wildlife, the environment, other people and themselves.

Why has the Government of the Northwest Territories developed Hunter Education?

For many years, NWT residents, including Elders and traditional and local knowledge keepers, have expressed their desire to have Hunter Education available to youth and new hunters. The free online Hunter Education course was developed in collaboration with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations to help train the next generation of responsible hunters.

Do I have to take Hunter Education?

Starting January 1, 2020, new hunters will be required by law to complete Hunter Education prior to being issued a hunting licence in the NWT.

You may also be required to complete Hunter Education if you are convicted of any of the following hunting offences:

- Hunting out of season or in an unauthorized zone
- Hunting without the required licence or permit, or exceeding harvest limits
- Disturbing or harassing wildlife
- Wastage or failing to retrieve wounded wildlife
- Baiting wildlife without required permit
- Using dangerous or improper harvesting methods
- Trafficking meat or other parts of wildlife



Are there exemptions to the new rules?

You are exempt from taking NWT Hunter Education if you:

- Are exercising an established or asserted Aboriginal right to harvest in the NWT in areas where you have harvesting rights
- Hold a General Hunting Licence
- Are an NWT resident and have held an NWT resident hunting licence in the previous five years
- Are an NWT resident and can prove you held a hunting licence in another Canadian jurisdiction in the previous five years or that you passed a hunter training course in another Canadian jurisdiction
- Are a hunter using a licensed guide or outfitter



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How can I complete Hunter Education?

- **Online** at www.gov.nt.ca/ecc/en/services/hunter-education
- **In person**, by request (with a minimum participant requirement)
- **By challenging the exam** without taking the course



Hunter Education is recommended for all harvesters, regardless of experience level.



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STEP 2:

Print your completion certificate

STEP 3:

Visit your local or regional ENR office to have your completion certificate signed by staff

STEP 1:

Study and pass the course online or in person, or challenge and pass the exam

STEP 4:

Obtain your hunting licence

QUESTIONS?

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