



# 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 license, 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 license.

\*\* If you choose to take the Hunter Education Course, various options to complete the course include: 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](http://www.aheia.com).

### Licensing:

- Upon successful completion of the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education Course one must either apply for a WIN (Wildlife Identification Card) or update their existing WIN card (which was obtained for fishing). A WIN card is obtainable through any licensed vendor or online at [www.albertarelm.com](http://www.albertarelm.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 licenses are valid during the seasons that do not require one of the Special Licenses obtained through a draw.

### Regulations:

- Obtain a copy of the current **Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations** (free publication) available from license vendors, online at the My Wild Alberta website ([www.mywildalberta.com](http://www.mywildalberta.com)) or at Alberta Fish and Wildlife offices, to determine what, where and when to hunt. Be aware that some licenses are only available through a special draw.

**To locate a license vendor near you, contact the Active Network Call Centre or visit [www.albertarelm.com](http://www.albertarelm.com)**

- Publication guides to Outdoor Adventures are a great resource to locate new places to hunt. **Alberta Discover Guide**, the Alberta Conservation Association's free publication, will assist you in finding many opportunities to discover Alberta's wild side, including hundreds of properties that you may hunt on.
- If you are between the ages of 11 and 17 and you have received your Hunter Education Certification, 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..

**Regulations (Continued):**

- If you hunt with a firearm, certain **Federal** legislation may apply. **For more information, contact the Canadian 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](http://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

<b>Alberta Conservation Association (ACA)</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 780.410.1999 1.877.969.9091 <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.ab-conservation.com">www.ab-conservation.com</a>
<b>Alberta Fish &amp; Game Association (AFGA)</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 780.437.2342 <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.afga.org">www.afga.org</a>
<b>Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association (A.H.E.I.A.)</b>	<b>Edmonton</b> <b>Phone:</b> 780.466.6682 1.866.282.4342 <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.aheia.com">www.aheia.com</a>  <b>Calgary</b> <b>Phone:</b> 403.252.8474 1.866.852.4342
<b>Alberta Professional Outfitters Society (A.P.O.S.)</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 780.414.0249 <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.apos.ab.ca">www.apos.ab.ca</a>
<b>Alberta Environment and Parks Fish and Wildlife Division</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 310.0000 and ask for the nearest Fish and Wildlife office. <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.mywildalberta.com">www.mywildalberta.com</a>
<b>Canadian Firearms Centre Federal Firearms Legislation</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 780.795.7799 1.800.731.4000 <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/">http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/</a>
<b>Alberta RELM (License Issuers)</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 1.888.944.5494 <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.albertarelm.com">www.albertarelm.com</a>

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