



NATIONAL HUNTING & SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

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HUNTING LICENCES / PERMITS

**All hunts in this country requires some form of permit or licence.
Failure to comply herewith could lead to a criminal record.**

***NHSA's position is that all it's members MUST ascertain that they acquire the
necessary permit or licence before any hunt.***

A hunting permit / licence is a written permission to either hunt in a specific Province or to hunt on a specific game ranch (farm) (permits are also required to transport game meat from the hunting venue to your home [butcher]).

Hunters must be in possession of such a permit /licence at all times in all provinces while they hunt or when they transport game meat. A permit giving a hunter permission to hunt and transport game meat on exempted farms can be downloaded from the "Provincial Hunt Regulations" page [NHSA Form: Permission to Hunt & Transport Venison](#)

Each of the nine provinces has its own hunting regulations.

Therefore, it is important that hunters know what these regulations entail and ensure that they comply accordingly before they hunt. In Gauteng, North-West, Mpumalanga and Limpopo hunters may hunt on an exempted farm without a licence, but they must have a permit from the landowner that gives them permission to hunt. On open farms, hunters must always have both a hunting licence and a permit.

In the other five provinces, hunters must **always** have a hunting licence.

What is an Exempted Farm: Landowners can apply for exemption from the relevant Provincial authority if the farm complies with certain conditions, such as proper fencing, and then the animals on the farm (ranch) is legally their property.

What is an Open Farm: On open farms, hunting is usually allowed during the hunting season only and with the appropriate hunting licence as the game animals on open farms are perceived to belong to the State.

All Provinces are required to annually publish hunting proclamations in the Government Gazette to announce the dates, times and condition for hunting in a particular province (this does, however, not always happen and then the previous year's proclamation should be followed). Open or hunting season for hunting is usually from May to August, but it can differ from province to province, and according to species. One may only hunt on an open farm during the proclaimed provincial hunting season and with an appropriate hunting licence.

WHERE TO APPLY FOR HUNTING LICENCES

Licences for the hunting of gamebirds are compulsory in all Provinces and must annually be acquired before the hunt – also note that daily bag limits differ per province and per species

GAUTENG

Exempted farms: same as Limpopo Province.

Open farms: Hunting licences obtained from Patience Mthembo,(011) 355 1207

NORTH-WEST

Exempted farms: same as Limpopo Province.

Open farms: The landowner must apply for a quota of game to be hunted each year. The Department of Nature Conservation will supply a hunting licence booklet to the farm owner that can be used to issue hunting licences to hunters.

Licences must be carried at all times during the hunting trip.

Information is available from Basie Dasidude at (018) 389 5717.

LIMPOPO

Exempted farms: The hunter does not need a hunting licence, but needs to be in possession of the form, Permission to Hunt and Transport venison (download on page)

Open farms: Hunting licences are compulsory. Hunters must also obtain written permission from the landowner to remove game meat from the farm.

A special permit is required for the transportation of Warthog and Bushpig meat. These permits are available from the landowner or from the District Veterinarian.

Hunting licences for Limpopo can be obtained here:

Lebowakgomo - 015 633 5220

Mokopane - 015 491 8010

Polokwane - 015 297 3839

Thabazimbi - 014 777 1539

Thohoyandou - 015 962 4722/7

Giyani - 015 812 1342

Makhado - 015 516 0002

Klaserie - 015 793 2471

Musina - 015 534 3235

Lulekani - 015 783 0444

Lephalale - 014 763 2776

Phalaborwa - 015 769 1660

Modimolle - 014 717 5383

Tzaneen - 015 307 1195

MPUMALANGA

Exempted farms: same as Limpopo Province.

Hunters must obtain a special veterinary permit to hunt on farms adjacent to Kruger National Park or any other area where foot and mouth disease occurs. For more information, phone Mpumalanga Parks Board at (013) 759 5385.

Open farms: (only during season)

Licences available from:

Loskopdam - Isak Aphane 013 262 4184

Ermelo - Johan Coetzer 017 819 2827 - Boy Dladla 083 627 0991

Middelburg - B Nkosi 013 282 8671

Lydenburg - Jannie de Bruyn 013 235 2395

Nelspruit - 013 759 5386

Komatipoort / Malelane - Sam Malindisa 083 626 6319

FREE STATE

Hunters wanting to hunt on exempted farms and on open farms need licences.

Licences available from: (all enquiries - Diana Nel at tel. 051 400 9527)

Bloemfontein - Diana Nel 051 400 9527

Sandveld Nature Reserve - A v/d Westhuizen 053 433 1703

Koppies Dam Nature Reserve - JJ Joubert 056 777 2034

Willem Pretorius Game Reserve - D Erasmus 057 651 4003

Soetdoring Nature Reserve - M Mohale 051 433 9002

Erferis Dam Nature Reserve - R Lotz 057 724 2111

Rustfontein Dam Nature Reserve - J van Rensburg 051 528 2924

Kalkfontein Dam Nature Reserve - A Winkel 051 722 1441

Gariep Dam Nature Reserve - H Bosman 051 754 0026

Tussen-die-Riviere Nature Reserve - F van den Berg 051 763 1000

Caledon Nature Reserve - D Hayter 051 583 1920

Sterkfontein Dam Nature Reserve - M Roods 058 622 3520

Seekoeivlei Nature Reserve - G Wandrag 058 924 0183

Bathurst Nature Reserve - K Claus 051 442 7080

KWAZULU-NATAL

Hunting licences are available at most firearm-dealers in the province or from Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation - tel. (033) 845 1154 or from the Kwazulu-Natal Hunters Association, at tel. (031) 709 3904 or fax (031) 709 3914.

NORTHERN CAPE

Hunting licences are compulsory for all hunting activities without any restrictions on numbers and species.

Licences are available at any post office in the Northern Cape and at post offices in towns en route to the Northern Cape, i.e.: Vryburg, Potchefstroom, Bloemfontein, Beaufort-Wes, Van Rhynsdorp, Bellville, Malmesbury, Worcester, Laingsburg, Prince Albert en Middelburg (Eastern Cape).

Hunters can also buy licences from post offices in Johannesburg at Rivonia, Sandton, Isando, Edenvale, Kemptonpark and Halfway House.

In the Pretoria region hunting licences for the Northern Cape can be bought at post offices in Centurion, Lynnwood Ridge, Montana Park and Brooklyn Square.

All enquiries to Wessel Jacobs at tel. 053 807 4800.

EASTERN CAPE

Hunting licences are valid for exactly one year from the day of purchase.

Enquiries: Eastern Cape Nature Conservation at 040 609 2307.

All hunters must be in possession of general hunting licences to hunt in the Eastern Cape Province. This licence is also valid for bird hunting, and is available from most firearm dealers in the Province

Contact - East London 043 742 0340 or Bisho 040 609 2307

WESTERN CAPE

Hunters must be in possession of a general hunting licence, which is available at firearm-dealers and other offices of Cape Nature Conservation.

Immediate family members of landowners do not need a licence to hunt ordinary game.

Contact numbers for licences:

George - 044 802 5300

Porterville - 022 931 2900

Cape Town - 021 483 0000 / 659 3418

Oudtshoorn - 044 203 6300