

## **How To**

### **Apply for a Game License & R License**

In NSW, Deer and Game Birds are protected by legislation under the protection of the Game Council.

The Game Council was formed to help develop laws around the Hunting of Game in NSW including those animals that if left to their own devices will become pests such as Pigs, Goats, Foxes, Rabbits and Wild Dogs.

To apply for a Game License you must be a member of an approved Hunting Club such as The New South Wales Deerstalkers Association, these are listed on the Game Councils Web site.

Who is eligible for a Game License? Black Powder, Muzzle Loaders, Rifle and Shotgun, Bow Hunters, Pig Hunters using dogs are among those eligible to hunt game in NSW; however you must belong to an approved Hunting Club that has affiliation to a key body that has representation on the Game Council.

Those hunters that do not wish to hunt Deer or Game Birds and have permission by a Land owner to carry a weapon and hunt animals such as Pigs, Foxes, Goats and Rabbits on their property are not required to possess a Game License.

An R License is required if you wish to hunt on State or Federal land, such as State Forests. Not all State and Federal land is open to Hunting. Areas such as National Parks, Water Catchment and Department of Defence properties are not open for Hunting. Check with the Game Council for those areas such as State Forests to learn about how you can enjoy Hunting in these areas once you have attained your R License.

You can apply for an R License through your Hunting Club. A Hunting proficiency course may be required if you do not have certification from a recognised Hunting Club that conducts such tests for members, your Hunting Club can advise you of how to take this course and written test requirements. The course and exam will take no more than a few hours for experienced hunters.

An annual fee is applicable for both the G License and the R License, remember you must have a G License to hunt Deer and Game Birds regardless of where they are in NSW, check the Game Council Web site or ring them for information on Deer and game Birds as there are Seasons and regulations that govern these Game species.

The New South Wales Deerstalkers Association has provided this information as a guide to the users of this site, however we take no responsibility for information as such and you are advised to contact the Game Council for any changes that may occur from time to time.