

Game Licence Application Form 2019-20



Please send your completed Application Form, together with your cheque or money order to:

Accounts Receivable
Game Management Authority
GPO Box 4509, Melbourne VIC 3001

Form not valid after 30 June 2020

Personal Details

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Other Given Names	Family Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	Aged 12-17 years?	Gender	Email address
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> No/Yes	<input type="text"/> Male/Female	<input type="text"/>

Postal Address

Flat / Unit / House Number	Street / Road Name or PO Box / RMB No.	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
City / Suburb / Town	State	Post Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Residential Address (if different from above).

Flat / Unit / House Number	Street / Road Name.	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
City / Suburb / Town	State	Post Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Which Game Species? (tick one only)

Which Licence Term? (tick one only)

	Short Term (or)	Long Term
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer (Stalking)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$59.20 (or \$29.60 concession) Valid to 31 December 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> \$177.60 (or \$88.80 concession) Valid to 31 December 2022
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer (Stalking & Hounds*)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Game Birds, including Duck*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$88.80 (or \$44.40 concession) Valid to 31 December 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> \$266.40 (or \$133.20 concession) Valid to 31 December 2022
<input type="checkbox"/> Game Birds, not including Duck		
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer (Stalking) & Game Birds, including Duck*		
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer (Stalking & Hounds*) & Game Birds, including Duck*		
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer (Stalking) & Game Birds, not including Duck		
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer (Stalking & Hounds*) & Game Birds, not including Duck		

Your payment of the Concession amount is your declaration that you are an eligible person within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004. You must be able to prove your eligibility by producing a valid Concession Card (see over) at the request of an Authorised Officer.

* WIT or Hound Hunting Test?

(If known)

Your Certificate No. for a 'Pass' in either Test must match with GMA's test records.

Prior Offences?

Have you been found guilty of any offence under the *Wildlife Act 1975*, *Firearms Act 1996*, *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1994*, *National Parks Act 1975* or any corresponding law of another State or Territory of the Commonwealth relating to game during the last 10 years? If YES, you must give details in the space provided below:

(Please tick a box)

Yes No

Applicant's Declaration "I hereby declare that all the above details provided by me are true and correct"

Signature of Licence Applicant	Date	Telephone No. and area code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

GMA OFFICE
USE ONLY:

Date Paid:

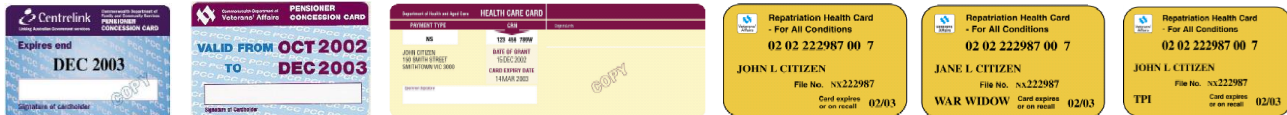
Amount Paid: \$

Office:

Receipt No.:

Read this section before completing the Game Licence Application Form.

- In accordance with the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012, a Game Licence is required for hunters who wish to hunt Deer, Duck or Quail in Victoria. A Game Licence issued by the Game Management Authority (GMA) is valid in Victoria only. All hunters applying for a Game Licence for "Game Birds - including Duck" or Deer (Stalking & Hounds) must have firstly passed the Waterfowl Identification Test or Hound Hunting Test, this includes junior hunters who have previously been issued a Junior Provisional Licence. Refer to the GMA website www.gma.vic.gov.au for the latest information about hunting game species in Victoria. Applicants are reminded that there are strict requirements regarding Firearms Licences and firearms registration. Contact your local Police Station, District Firearms Officer or the Victoria Police Licensing Services Division for details.
- The minimum age for obtaining a Game Licence is 12 years. Game Licences are generally issued for three years, but may be issued for one year if required.
- A 'Junior' aged 12-17 years, can obtain a Game Licence free of charge.
- The Concession amount is only available to the holder of a current 'Pensioner Concession Card', 'Health Care Card' or 'Veterans Affairs Card' (shown below).
- Your payment of the Concession amount is your declaration that you are an eligible person within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004. You must be able to prove your eligibility by producing a valid Concession Card at the request of an Authorised Officer.
- A false declaration is a serious matter and may attract a heavy penalty.



A "Student Transport Concession" or "Seniors" card is not an eligible pension concession card for this purpose.

Applications should be posted, (together with your cheque or money order for the appropriate licence fee, to:

GMA
Accounts Receivable
GPO Box 4509
Melbourne VIC 3001

...or lodged in person at the following offices:

609 Burwood Hwy	Knoxfield	Tel: (03) 9210 9222 (payment by card in person only)
71 Hotham Street	Traralgon	Tel: (03) 5172 2111
Cnr Mair & Doveton Streets	Ballarat	Tel: (03) 5336 6856
89 Sydney Road	Benalla	Tel: (03) 5761 1611
Cnr Midland Hwy & Taylor Street	Epsom	Tel: (03) 5430 4444

...and other selected GMA, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) or Department of Jobs, Precincts and Resources (DJPR) offices throughout Victoria. For opening hours, please call the Customer Contact Centre on 136-186.

- Please make your cheque or money order payable to 'The Game Management Authority'. Game Licences fees are exempt from the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- To avoid delays in processing your application, please ensure that you have provided all of the information required and that all information is correct. The usual turn-around time for Game Licence applications is fifteen working days, (or three weeks), from receipt of your application by the Game Licensing Service, and may be longer in peak periods.
- **Did you know that, having lodged your application and payment, you can 'hunt on your receipt' until you receive your licence in the mail? If you pay in person at a GMA, DELWP or DJPR office, you will be given a receipt so that you can hunt immediately the season opens. Likewise, if you send a cheque or money order with your application in the mail, keep the cheque stub (or money order stub) as a receipt, so you can hunt until your licence arrives in the mail.**

Responsible Boating

Duck hunting gear such as waders and bulky clothing hinder swimming and buoyancy and when combined with cold air/wind chill, wind, water and/or precipitation, make drowning and hypothermia very real risks for duck hunters. You should not wear waders or bulky clothing in a boat in water greater than standing depth. Personal floatation devices (PDFs) are required to be worn under certain circumstances. For further information on legal, safe and responsible boating, contact Marine Safety Victoria on **1800 223 022** or visit their website www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au

Firearm Safety

The GMA endorses the Firearms Safety Code, which was prepared by the Firearms Consultative Committee and promotes safe firearms handling practices. You should know the ten basic safety rules before you handle firearms and insist that anyone who goes shooting with you, follows these rules. If you wish to know more about firearm safety, or obtain a copy of the Firearms Safety Code, contact your local District Firearms Officer.

Game Management Surveys

Each year, the GMA surveys hunters on their hunting experience. Surveys may be conducted over the phone or by post, so it is important that your address and telephone number (if provided) is kept up to date. Personal information is handled in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2000*.

Information Privacy

The Game Licensing Service of the Game Management Authority (GMA) is committed to protecting your Personal Information according to the principles set out in the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*. This Privacy Statement applies to the collection and use of personal information, voluntarily provided by you, in relation to administration of licences and permits administered under the *Wildlife Act 1975*. A licence or permit may not be issued if the information required on this application form is not provided. You may also apply for access to your personal information at any time to confirm it is accurate and up to date, upon payment of a prescribed fee (if any). Enquires should be directed to the DJPR Privacy Officer at privacy@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

The GMA will not discuss your licence or disclose your Personal information to any other person, except by prior arrangement. In certain circumstances, you may require a third-party to make licence enquiries or deal with the GMA on your behalf. A **Proxy Nomination Form** is available from the GMA for this purpose. To obtain this form please contact the Customer Contact Centre on 136 186

Please direct Game Licence enquiries to our Customer Contact Centre on 136-186, (between 8am & 6pm), Monday to Friday.



Hunting's future depends on you – hunt responsibly

Don't tolerate illegal hunting – call 136 186



An introduction to game hunting

Important information
for first time game hunters

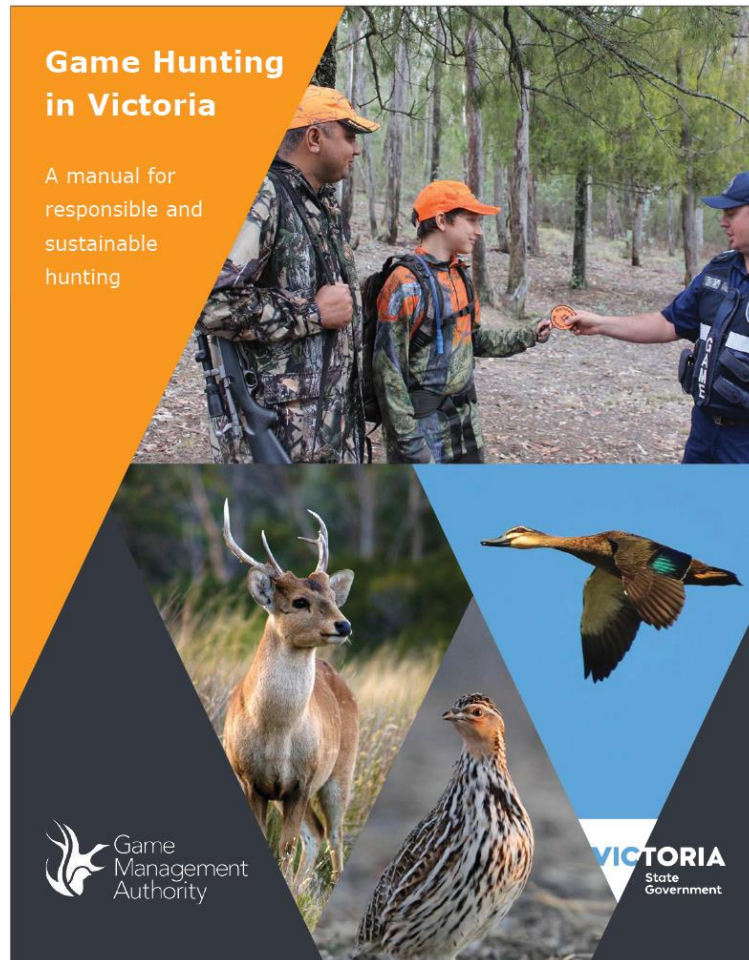


Congratulation on deciding to become one of more than 50,000 licensed game hunters that make a significant contribution to the social and economic wellbeing of all Victorians. Victoria has a long tradition of game hunting that has been regulated and actively managed since the 1860s.

With strong deer, duck, quail, partridge and pheasant populations, combined with generous seasons, bag limits and expansive public land available for game hunting, Victoria is regarded as having some of the best hunting opportunities in Australia.

As a hunter, you must comply with all hunting and firearms laws and hunt in an ethical, sustainable and humane way. By maintaining the highest standard of behaviour, you can be proud of hunting, enjoy your hunting even more, and improve the perception of hunting in the community.

To help you become a responsible and successful game hunter, read and understand *Game Hunting in Victoria - A manual for responsible and sustainable hunting*. The manual contains detailed information about game hunting, including equipment suggestions and tips that will help you become a better hunter. It is available to download free of charge from Game Management Authority's (GMA) website www.gma.vic.gov.au



Know the law

Before you enter the field for the first time, you must pass any required tests and purchase the correct licence for the game you are going to hunt. You also must know the laws that ensure hunting is conducted safely, sustainably, humanely and fairly.

An entire chapter in the Game Hunting in Victoria education manual is dedicated to explaining the hunting laws in plain, easy to understand language. Refer to the manual and learn how to comply with the legislation. There are significant penalties for non compliance with the law, including fines, licence cancellation, and even jail terms.

The GMA website also contains links to relevant laws. GMA staff are always happy to answer any questions you might have.

Be an ethical, responsible and successful hunter

Responsible, ethical behaviour and personal involvement are essential to the future of hunting. You should consider joining a reputable hunting club, many of which run training programs for their members focusing on ethical behaviour, game biology and ecology, hunting methods, equipment, bushcraft, and many other areas that will help you become successful. Experienced club members are often happy to mentor new members and help them in becoming better hunters.

Some clubs are involved in conservation programs that make a real difference to game and non-game species and their habitats. Get involved and support these conservation initiatives.

Where to Hunt

There are many land classifications in Victoria and, depending on type of classification, hunting may or may not be permitted. The table below provides general information on where you may hunt.

Location	Is hunting permitted?
State forest, forest parks (Cobboboonee and Otway) and other unoccupied Crown land	Game species may be hunted during the open season only. Pest animals may be hunted at any time.
Licensed Crown land	Generally, game (during the open season) and pest animals (anytime) may be hunted, subject to the permission of the licensee.
State Game Reserves	Game duck may be hunted, but only during the open season. Sixteen State Game Reserves are available for Stubble Quail hunting, one for Sambar Deer hunting and six for Hog Deer hunting. Pest animals may not be hunted at any time, unless specifically authorised by Parks Victoria.
Private land	Game may only be hunted during the open season and pest animals may be hunted at any time, but only with the permission of the landowner/manager.
Sanctuaries	Game species must not be hunted at any time. Pest animals may be hunted at any time.
Melbourne Water catchment areas	Hunting of any type is not permitted at any time.
Flora and fauna reserves and nature conservation reserves	Hunting of any type is not permitted at any time.
Alpine resorts	Hunting of any type is not permitted at any time.
National parks, state parks, coastal parks, wilderness parks, regional parks	<p>Generally, hunting of any type is not permitted at any time, but there are some exceptions (see below).</p> <p>No firearms are allowed in these parks except those that legally can be used for hunting permitted game and pest species (Except Lake Albacutya Park where other introduced species can be hunted).</p> <p>Alpine National Park, Lake Eildon National Park, Mitchell River National Park, Tara Range Park and Avon Wilderness Park: Sambar Deer may be hunted by stalking only in parts of these parks and only during prescribed periods. The use of dogs to hunt Sambar Deer is not permitted. Pest animals and other species must not be hunted.</p> <p>Cape Conran Coastal Park: On Sydenham Inlet in the park, game ducks may be hunted during the open season. Gundogs are allowed for the flushing or retrieval of ducks during the open season. Pest animals and other species must not be hunted.</p> <p>Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park: In certain sections, game ducks, Stubble Quail, and Hog Deer may be hunted in season. Gundogs are allowed for the flushing or retrieval of game ducks and Stubble Quail during the respective seasons. Check with Parks Victoria for details. Pest animals and other species must not be hunted. Hunters must have a permit from Parks Victoria to erect a hide in the Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park.</p> <p>Lake Albacutya Park: The hunting of rabbits, foxes or cats is allowed as well as the hunting of game duck during the open season. Gundogs are allowed for the retrieval of game ducks during the duck open season. Hunting is not permitted in part of the park at the Western Beach visitor facilities, including near the boat ramp.</p> <p>Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Park: Hunting for Hog Deer and game duck is permitted in certain sections in season. Pest animals and other species must not be hunted.</p> <p>For more information refer to www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</p>

For up to date information on game hunting, deer hunting maps, seasonal arrangements, hunting in State Game Reserves, and much more, visit www.gma.vic.gov.au or refer to Game Hunting Victoria smartphone app.

Land managers like the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Parks Victoria will do their best to help you identify areas open to hunting, but you will need to do the following before entering the field:

- Identify areas you wish to hunt and obtain maps of the area
- Determine the land classification
- Identify the respective land manager (see Important contacts)
- Talk to park rangers about location of park boundaries, prohibited areas, etc.
- For Crown land, find out from the nearest DELWP offices if the area is licensed or leased or if hunting is prohibited
- Ensure that the use of firearms in the area you wish to hunt is not prohibited under the *Firearms Act 1996* for safety reasons.

If you intend to hunt on private land, you must first obtain permission from the landholder or the manager.

More information

Comprehensive and detailed educational material like: Be a better game bird hunter – Shotgunning Education Program Handbook 2nd edition, Duck WISE DVD, A Guide to the use of hounds for hunting Sambar Deer in Victoria, RESPECT program information and multiple factsheets are available from the GMA website at www.gma.vic.gov.au

Important contacts

If you want more information, contact the relevant government department:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game hunting laws • Game Licensing 	<p>Game Management Authority (GMA)</p> <p>www.gma.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Customer Service Centre 136 186</p> <p>Game Hunting Victoria phone app</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game policy • Animal Welfare 	<p>Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR)</p> <p>www.agriculture.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Customer Service Centre 136 186</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where to hunt (State forest, forest parks (Cobboboonee and Otway) and other unoccupied Crown land and waterways. 	<p>Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)</p> <p>www.delwp.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Customer Service Centre 136 186</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where to hunt (State Game Reserves, National parks, state parks, coastal parks, wilderness parks, regional parks) 	<p>Parks Victoria</p> <p>www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Customer Service Centre 13 1963</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearms laws and licensing • Crossbow laws and licensing 	<p>Victoria Police</p> <p>www.police.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Phone: (03) 9247 6666</p> <p>Emergencies: Triple Zero (000)</p>

Don't tolerate illegal hunting

Don't tolerate illegal or irresponsible hunter behaviour. The irresponsible or illegal behaviour of some damages the reputation of hunters, can create unsafe or unsustainable situations and diminishes the public's confidence and support for hunting.

Report suspected illegal hunting to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, the GMA's Customer Service Centre on 136 186, or online at www.gma.gov.vic.au or, in emergency situations, to Victoria Police on triple zero (000).

Important things to report are:

- Time and date of activity
- Is activity continuing or past?
- Place
- Activity
- Number of people involved
- Vehicle registration
- Equipment used

Even if officers can't respond to your report at the time, the information is recorded in a database and helps identify crime hotspots, patterns of behaviour and persons of interest.

Respect for animals

Respect non-hunters

Respect the environment

Respect the hunt

Respect other hunters

Respect the laws



Hunting's future depends on you.
Show respect and hunt responsibly.