

**You are exempt from Hunter Education requirements if you are:**

1. 36 years of age or older; **or**
2. Honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces; **or**
3. Currently on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces; **or**
4. A member of the National Guard.

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Hunter education certified: You can hunt big game and/or small game alone. For small game, you must carry hunter education certification on your person when hunting alone.

Not hunter education certified: You cannot buy any big game (deer, antelope or elk) license or hunt any big game; you must have hunter education. You may hunt small game, including turkey, but you must hunt with an “accompanying hunter” who is within sight of and able to communicate with you in a normal voice, without the aid of any communication device.

- Additional public land regulations may apply, see page 40 for specific restrictions.

Hunters ages 10 through 35

Hunter education certified: You can buy any hunting license (if required), and hunt big game and/or small game alone (except hunters 17 years of age or younger participating in youth deer or youth turkey seasons). If you are 15 years of age or younger and no hunting license is required, you must carry hunter education certification on your person while hunting small game.

Not hunter education certified: You can buy any hunting license (if required), but the license will have an apprentice designation (at no extra cost) and have accompanying hunter requirements (see text below.)

- When hunting:
 - ◇ **Big game** (deer, elk, and antelope) – “accompanying hunter” shall be within arm’s length of the apprentice hunter or close enough to take immediate control of the fire-arm or archery equipment of the apprentice.
 - ◇ **Small game** (including turkey) – “accompanying hunter” shall be in sight of and be able to communicate with the apprentice hunter in a normal voice without the aid of any communication device. When a license is not required (residents under 16 years of age, nonresidents under 14 years of age), the hunter must still be accompanied.

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What is an “**accompanying hunter**” for apprentice-designated licenses?

An individual 21 years of age or older who is:

- licensed and hunter education certified, **or**
- exempt from hunter education and/or hunting license requirements.