



# HUNTER EDUCATION

## Hunter Education

Hunter education is a course where students are taught about firearms safety, wildlife identification, conservation and management of wildlife, archery, muzzleloading and hunter responsibility. Over the past 30 years, hunting-related accidents and fatalities have declined by more than 70 percent in Oklahoma, and also declined nationally, thanks to mandatory hunter education courses. Students who pass the course are hunter education certified, and earn these privileges:

Hunter education certified hunters can buy any hunting license, if required, and hunt big game and/or small game alone, except on public lands\*, (except youth participating in youth deer or youth turkey seasons must adhere to accompaniment requirements for those seasons).

Hunters 15 years of age or younger who are hunting alone during a season that does not require them to have a hunting license (small game seasons) must carry hunter education certification on their person.

## Exempt from Hunter Education:

1. Anyone 36 years of age or older.
2. Anyone honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces.
3. Anyone currently on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.
4. Anyone who is a member of the National Guard.

\*Additional public land regulations may apply, see page 44 for specific restrictions.

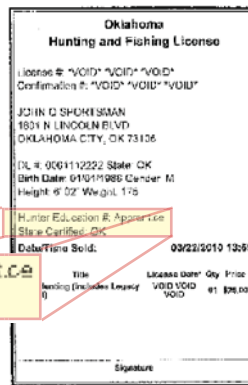
## No Hunter Education? You're still in luck!

The apprentice-designated license is like a learner's permit. It is a hunting license with some additional requirements. Read below to learn who can hunt as an apprentice and what you can hunt with this license.

Hunters 10 years of age to 35:

May buy any required hunting license, but the license will have an apprentice designation and will have accompanying hunter requirements (see accompanying hunter requirements). When hunting:

Hunter Education #: Apprentice  
State Certified: OK



Big game (deer, elk, bear and antelope) - "accompanying hunter" shall be within arm's length of the apprentice hunter or close enough to take immediate control of the firearm 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.

Hunters 9 years of age or younger:

Must be hunter education certified to hunt big game: deer, elk, antelope or bear.

May hunt small game, including turkey, 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 (see accompanying hunter requirements).

## Accompanying Hunter Requirements:

Who can be the "accompanying hunter" for apprentice designated license holders?

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.

## Changes beginning August 26, 2011

- Hunters age 8 to 30 may purchase an apprentice-designated license.
- All hunters under the age of 10, whether hunter education certified or not, must be accompanied when hunting big game.
- Anyone 31 years of age or older will be exempt from hunter education.
- Anyone 18 years of age or older may be an "accompanying hunter" for apprentice-license holders.