

**TITLE 800. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
CHAPTER 1. OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

SUBCHAPTER 15. HUNTER EDUCATION RULES

800:1-15-2. Hunter education certification requirements

- (a) While attending a hunter education course, students are required to meet a set of requirements.
- (1) Students must have a minimum of ~~eight (8)~~six (6) hours of instruction per course, no more than 2 hours of which may be range instruction.
 - (2) Students must score at least 70% on all examinations.
 - (3) Students shall not exhibit disruptive classroom behavior or refuse to abide by hunter education curriculum.
 - (4) The student examination(s) shall be written, except an oral examination may be given to those who have difficulty reading, or are unable to complete the examination due to mental or physical reasons.
 - (5) All students, regardless of age, shall receive their hunter education certification upon completing the course and passing the examination.
 - (6) Replacement or duplicate certification cards shall be issued by the Department.
- (b) The course shall include, but is not limited to, the following topics: basic firearm safety and handling, firearms cleaning and storage, muzzle loading, bowhunting, wildlife management and conservation, hunter responsibility, survival and wilderness first aid, wildlife identification, laws and regulations.
- (c) Requirements for students failing to pass the examination.
- (1) Those students failing to pass the examination with a score of 70% or better or failing to demonstrate an attitude of responsibility toward hunting safety will be required to retake the entire hour course and examination at a later date.
 - (2) However, if the volunteer instructor and/or Oklahoma Game Warden determine that the failing student(s) didn't understand the questions on the examination, the volunteer instructor or the Game Warden may elect to go over missed questions with the student. If the student can correctly answer the question(s) they missed, the student may be issued their student card so long as the total score equals or exceeds 70%.
- (d) Students may participate in a Home Study or internet version of the class. If the student completes the required material at home, they are given ~~four (4)~~two (2) hours credit to apply toward the ~~eight hour~~ six hour minimum certification requirement. For Home Study classes students must complete the remaining of four (4) hours under direct supervision of a certified instructor, and students who score at least 70% on the exam and comply with the requirements of paragraph (a), will receive their student certification. The internet version will be available to students 10 years of age and older and will be available through the Department's Web site.
- (e) State residents who are exempt from hunter education as defined in Title 29, Section 4-112(A) are eligible for proficiency testing only.

800:1-15-3. Instructors

- (a) Game Wardens are the official Department Hunter Education representative in their assigned area. All Wildlife Department employees may serve as instructors and the Department may allow members of the general public to serve as volunteer instructors for the Hunter Education Certification courses at its discretion.
- (b) Game Wardens conduct the Hunter Education courses independently or they may request assistance from other Game Wardens, or a volunteer instructor certified by the Department.
- (c) Volunteer instructors may conduct Hunter Education courses without the assistance of a Game Warden so long as the county Game Warden or Warden Supervisor and the Program Coordinator are notified of the time and location of the course in advance. One Department certified instructor shall be present for the duration of all courses conducted by volunteer instructors.
- (d) Volunteer instructors must be at least 21 years of age, possess a Hunter Education Certificate approved by the Department, be interviewed by a Game Warden or other approved Department employee, and undergo a background investigation.
- (1) The background investigation and interview will be completed within sixty (60).
 - (2) After an interview and investigation is completed, the applicant will be notified of the Department's decision with thirty (30) days.
- (e) Volunteers shall serve at the discretion of the Department.
- (1) Review of complaints shall be handled by the coordinator.
If the complaint warrants review of volunteer status, the accused volunteer will be given notice of the allegation

against him or her and an opportunity to be heard within a reasonable time.

(2) After investigation of a complaint, the coordinator will report findings to the Director. The Director will make the final decision regarding volunteer status.

(f) All volunteer instructors shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Complete all Departmental report forms prior to conducting a Hunter Education course.

(2) Attend and complete the Orientation/Teaching Methods/Techniques Instructor Workshop or be recommended by a Game Warden or Department employee, who is an instructor, for certification prior to conducting a Hunter Education course.

(3) Report to the Program Coordinator of the Oklahoma Hunter Education Program and the Game Warden or Warden Supervisor in the county where the volunteer is teaching a course.

(4) Follow the procedures outlined in the Instructor's Procedures Manual while conducting a Hunter Education course.

(5) Within a two-year period, either complete additional training through the Department or outside courses approved by the Department or teach a minimum of one class per year or submit a letter of support from a Game Warden.

(A) Volunteers who fail to meet this requirement will be classified as inactive and will be ineligible to conduct Hunter Education courses.

(B) Volunteers may be reactivated by ~~notifying~~ the Program Coordinator.