WDFW Help

Can a person precluded by law from possessing a firearm take hunter education training and hunt in Washington with archery equipment when legal to do so?

Such individuals can take a Hunter Education class if approved by the chief hunter education instructor for the specific class. They would need to go through the class without handling any real firearms or ammunition, and they would have to demonstrate their shooting ability using legal archery tackle while the rest of the class participates in live-fire and field course exercises using firearms. If they successfully pass the hunter education course, they can purchase a hunting license to hunt using archery equipment during modern firearm seasons or during archery seasons, or crossbows during modern firearm seasons.

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