

**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE  
HUNTER EDUCATION DEFERRAL APPLICATION**

For an up to 5 business day turn-around, e-mail applications to: [deferral@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:deferral@dfw.wa.gov)

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For a 1-2 week turn-around time, mail applications to:

Hunter Education

PO Box 43137 Olympia, Washington 98504



Natural Resources  
Building  
Hunter Education  
Division  
1111 Washington St. SE  
Olympia 98501  
Phone:  
(360) 902-8111

**NOTE: You will pay the \$20.00 processing fee if/when your application is approved.  
2025 Deferrals are valid April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025**

<b>DEFERRED HUNTER INFORMATION:</b>	Last Name:		First Name:		MI:
	Residence Address:			City/State/Zip:	
Mailing Address:			City/State/Zip:		
Contact Phone #:			Age:	Date Of Birth:	
U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> M		Height:	feet inches
Social Security Number:			Weight:	lbs	Eye Color:
E-Mail Address:					
Existing WILD ID Number: <small>(From a previous fishing license. If you do not have WILD ID #, please create your profile at: <a href="https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/#/login">https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/#/login</a>)</small>				Washington State Resident Since:	

The deferred hunter:

- Must be at least 10 years of age
- Must not have failed a hunter education course in the previous 12 months

<b>ACCOMPANYING HUNTER INFORMATION:</b>	Last Name:		First Name:		MI:
	Contact Phone # :			E-Mail Address:	
WILD ID Number:			Date Of Birth:		

The accompanying, licensed hunter:

- Must be over the age of 18.
- Must be a Washington-licensed hunter while accompanying the deferred hunter
- Must have held a valid Washington hunting license for the three (3) consecutive preceding years. (2022, 2023, & 2024).
- Must supervise only one deferred hunter, in order to provide maximum supervision to the deferred hunter and enhance safety while afield.
- Must remain close enough to the deferred hunter to have uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communication with the deferred hunter while hunting.

By checking the box to the left, the individual requesting the deferral and the accompanying hunter acknowledges that all information above, for the deferred hunter as well as the accompanying hunter, is accurate and truthful, and that both individuals meet all conditions established by WAC 232-12-228

By checking the box to the left, the parent or legal guardian acknowledges that s/he is in fact the parent or legal guardian of the person applying as the deferred hunter if the deferred hunter is under the age of 18.

**WAC 220-412-020 Hunter education deferral.**

(1) Pursuant to RCW 77.32.155, individuals may apply for a director-authorized, once in a lifetime, one-license-year deferral of hunter education training. To qualify, the applicant for deferral and his or her accompanying, licensed hunter must comply with the following requirements:

(a) The applicant for deferral must:

(i) Be at least ten years of age when applying for the deferral; and

(ii) Not have failed the hunter education training course within the previous twelve months, if he or she took the course.

(b) The accompanying, licensed hunter, as defined in RCW 77.32.155, must:

(i) Be over eighteen years of age; and

(ii) Have had a Washington hunting license for the three years prior to being an accompanying, licensed hunter.

(c) To provide maximum supervision and to enhance safety afield, an accompanying, licensed hunter must supervise only one deferred hunter while afield.

(d) An accompanying hunter must remain close enough to the deferred hunter to have uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communication with the deferred hunter.

(2) Application procedures.

(a) Applicants for deferral must submit their applications to the department's hunter education division office in Olympia, Washington. Applications submitted without the required information will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant.

(b) Applicants for deferral must submit a twenty-dollar application fee.

(c) Deferral applications will be on forms prescribed by the department and may be made available to the public in both printed and electronic formats.

(3) License purchases.

(a) Individuals granted a deferral under this section will be authorized to purchase hunting licenses and tags for the license year during which the applicant requested a deferral. An applicant will not be authorized for future hunting license purchases in Washington State without first successfully completing a hunter education training course.

(b) Individuals deferred under this administrative regulation:

(i) Must purchase hunting licenses and tags in accordance with current licensing procedures;

(ii) Must pay all hunting license and tag fees established under current law; and

(iii) Are only eligible to participate in general hunting seasons and/or youth opportunities.

(4) If either the deferred education licensee or the required nondeferred accompanying person, hunting under the authority of RCW 77.32.155(2), is convicted of a violation of this title, except for a violation of unlawful hunting of wild birds, RCW 77.15.400 (1) through (3), the department may revoke all hunting licenses and tags and order a suspension of one or both the deferred education licensee and the nondeferred accompanying person's hunting privileges for one year.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 07-22-100 (Order 07-276), § 232-12-228, filed 11/6/07, effective 12/7/07.]