

Wildlife Resources Card (WRC) Application



Applicants who are unable to apply online or by phone may apply by completing this form and mailing it, along with a fee of **\$13.45** (\$11.70+HST) to the address below. **Cheque** or **money order** should be made payable to **Minister of Finance**. The information you provide is used solely for the purpose of generating a Wildlife Resources Card application.

Check the box that best describes your circumstances:

- I am applying for a Wildlife Resources Card (WRC) for the first time.
- I have a Wildlife Resources Card (WRC), and I would like to update my information.
- My Wildlife Resources Card (WRC) has been lost or destroyed, and I need a new one.
- I am applying for a Wildlife Resources Card (WRC) for the first time. **I do not have a course completion card** and I would like the "O" (other) qualification, which will allow me to book the shooting range, but will not qualify me to hunt.

If you already have one, provide your Wildlife Resources Card Number: _____

If you have a Canadian Firearms Safety Course Certification, provide your Course Completion Number: _____

Personal Information

First name: _____ Middle name: _____ Last name: _____

Height (feet/inches): _____ Eye Colour: _____ Gender: Male Female X

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Phone number: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address*: _____

*In order for the Department of Lands and Forestry to provide you with feedback in regard to licences, harvest reports and other wildlife management issues, your email address will be retained in our database.

I agree that my email address can be retained for these purposes.

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal code: _____

County: _____ Country: _____

Civic Address: Street number: _____ Street name: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal code: _____

County: _____ Country: _____

Proof of Residency: Were you born in Nova Scotia and do you currently own property there? Yes No

If so, in order to claim Resident status, you must provide a copy of your birth certificate as well as a copy of a property tax assessment for the current year, or proof satisfactory to the Wildlife Resources Coordinator.

Are you currently a member of: RCMP Military Does not apply

Hunter Education Certifications for Non-Residents or New Residents

In order to obtain a WRC, non-residents or new residents must provide proof of having successfully completed a Nova Scotia Lands and Forestry recognized Hunter/Trapper/Bow/Crossbow Education Course (in Nova Scotia or another province, state or country) or proof satisfactory to the Department that you are entitled to hunt with a firearm, bow, or crossbow in another jurisdiction. Copies of your appropriate certificates (s) must be sent in for review.

Forward all Proof of Residency and Proof of Hunter Education Certifications to the Business Registration Unit:

Scan/Email to: WRI@novascotia.ca or, Mail to: Wildlife Resources Card Application
Citizen Services Division Business Registration
Unit Box 1529, 6N-1505 Barrington Street
Halifax, NS B3J 2Y4

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To obtain a Wildlife Resources Card, you must provide proof of successfully completing a Nova Scotia approved hunter/bow/crossbow/trapping course. Include one of the following:

- Master # from your old Nova Scotia Firearms Hunting Certificate (orange card): _____
- Old Trapper/Fur Harvester (T code) number: _____
- Course Completion Card number: _____

Indicate which hunting qualifications you wish to have on your NS Wildlife Resources Card:

Firearm Hunter Bow Hunter Fur Harvester Crossbow Hunter Nuisance Wildlife Operator Guide

Submission Send completed form with payment to: Wildlife Resources Card Application
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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why is the Department asking for a client's phone number and e-mail address?

In order to use online applications to apply for moose and deer draws, register for courses, complete/submit harvest reports, update contact information, and use the online shooting range booking system, Wildlife Resources Card holders require a Personal Identification Number (PIN). This number is created by the WRC holder by using his/her WRC Client Id, phone number, postal code and email address. Therefore, it is important to ensure that your contact information is complete and accurate. This information may also be used by the Department in order to provide announcements or contact you for input on wildlife harvesting or license-based matters.

Q. Why is an applicant for the Wildlife Resources Card asked for their eye colour and height?

The Wildlife Resources Card is not a photo identification. Therefore, eye colour and height appear on the face of each card to assist in field verification that the individual holding the card is indeed the individual to whom it was issued.

Q. Do Non-Residents Require a Wildlife Resources Card?

Yes and No, see below:

Yes. Non-residents are required to have a Non-Resident Wildlife Resources Card in order to purchase a Nova Scotia falconry permit or commercial licence (Fur buyer, Hide Buyer, Taxidermist, Nuisance Wildlife Operator, Pheasant Preserve Operator, Guide);

No. At this time, non-residents who wish to purchase **non-resident** wildlife harvesting licences are not required to have a Non-Resident WRC but may certainly purchase one for convenience. The Non-Resident WRC, with appropriate certification code(s), is identical to the resident WRC except that the words "Non-Resident" are clearly written on face of card. The Non-Resident WRC provides all the information required to allow the purchase of non-resident harvesting licences.

Q. What if there is an error on my new card when I receive it?

Contact WRC Customer Service at 1-833-302-0750 or email WRI@novascotia.ca

Q. How do I add a certification to my Wildlife Resources Card?

Individuals who successfully register (online) and complete a Nova Scotia Education Course (Hunter, Bow Hunter, Fur Harvester, Crossbow, etc.) will be provided with a Course Completion Card. The Course Completion Card provides proof that you have successfully completed the course. To add a certification onto your existing WRC, use the course completion card to order an updated Wildlife Resources Card. Only then will your certification be transferred and printed on your WRC. An application fee, at current rates + HST, applies.

The process of ordering/updating your Wildlife Resources Card also includes an option and instructions for individuals who wish to add a certification from a course taken outside of Nova Scotia. See "How to Apply for a Wildlife Resources Card" on our website for steps on how to apply/update a WRC: novascotia.ca/natr/hunt/wresourcescard.asp#how

Register for a Hunter Safety Education Course online at: novascotia.ca/natr/hunt/ in the "Education and Training" section.

Q. Is the old Nova Scotia Firearms Hunting Certificate (orange card) still accepted in Nova Scotia?

No. Since the Fall of 2006, the Wildlife Resources Card is the only card accepted to engage in wildlife harvesting activities in Nova Scotia. Any Nova Scotia resident who wishes to hunt, trap or hold a commercial wildlife-related licence in Nova Scotia is required to have a NS Wildlife Resources Card.

Clients can apply for a WRC using their old orange card information and must also provide proof of having completed a Canadian Firearm Safety Course.

The Wildlife Resources Card Customer Service Line is 1-833-302-0750. It is a toll-free service for individuals who require information regarding the status of their WRC application, a change to the personal information printed (or omitted from) on their WRC, and/or to update(s) to their contact information. Clients can also email the WRC Customer Service at WRI@novascotia.ca.