



MASSWILDLIFE

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### Application for a Massachusetts Minor Hunting License (age 15–17)

Required for Resident Minor Hunting (H8) or Non-Resident Minor Hunting (H5 & H6) licenses

Minor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to purchase a Minor hunting license in Massachusetts, resident or non-resident **minors, 15–17 years of age**, must either be accompanied by an adult while hunting **or** have a government approved Certificate of Completion from a Basic Hunter Education Course from any jurisdiction. The minor must also have written consent from a parent or legal guardian to purchase the hunting license. Because of these special provisions a minor's license is only available at vendor locations and cannot be obtained online on your own.

Complete one of the following options and provide it to the license vendor:

- If the minor has successfully completed a Basic Hunter Education course** – complete the following consent letter and provide the graduate's certificate number.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the **parent / legal guardian**  
(Print name) (Circle one choice)

of \_\_\_\_\_, whose date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Print name)

I hereby grant him/her permission to purchase a Massachusetts minor Hunting license.  
Also, he/she has successfully completed a Basic Hunter Education course.

His /Her **completion of Basic Hunter Education Certificate #** is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
he/she will carry the certificate while hunting.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- If the minor has not completed a Basic Hunter Education course** - complete the following consent letter which includes a written statement that at all times when hunting or target practicing the minor will be accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the **parent / legal guardian**  
(Print name) (Circle one choice)

of \_\_\_\_\_, whose date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Print name)

I hereby grant him/her permission to purchase a Massachusetts minor Hunting license. Also, I hereby affirm that he/she will be accompanied at all times by an adult 18 years of age or older while hunting or target shooting.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**HUNTING LAW FOR MINORS IN MASSACHUSETTS in ACCORDANCE WITH G.L. c. 131 § 14**

**Under 12 years** of age, an individual shall not hunt in Massachusetts.

**12 through 14 years** of age, one minor may hunt under the direct supervision of one licensed adult. They must share one firearm or bow, and adhere to the one bag limit. The supervising adult must have a valid Massachusetts hunting or sporting license, any required state or federal stamps, and any permits required to possess a firearm. None of these are required for the minor.

**15 through 17 years** of age, a minor is required to be licensed. He/she must be accompanied by an adult or have a government approved Certificate of Completion from a Basic Hunter Education Course in addition to any required state or federal stamps, and any permits required to possess firearms and must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian to purchase the hunting license. ***A hunting or sporting license held in a prior year is not accepted for the purchase of a MA minor's hunting license.***

**Firearms licensing in Massachusetts**

In order to hunt with most types of firearms, Massachusetts residents ages 15 and older must apply for and obtain a Massachusetts Firearms license (i.e. Firearms Identification Card (FID) or a License to Carry Firearms (LTC). Contact your local police department for application information.