



Texas License Guidelines

To learn about Texas hunting regulations and purchase licenses, go to:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/>

To purchase your hunting licenses online, go to:

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To purchase your hunting license by telephone, please call: 1-800-895-4248

(Monday through Friday).

Questions about any license requirements? Call one of our favorite state game wardens, Alden Mann at 956-500-6273.

Out of State License Requirements

Non-Resident *Special* Hunting License: \$48. The best option for **DUCK HUNTERS**.

Required additions/endorsements: Federal Migratory Bird Stamp, State Migratory Bird Stamp, Sandhill crane permit, HIP certification, proof of Hunter Education.

Non-Resident *General* Hunting License: \$300. The best option for **DUCK & DEER HUNTERS**.

Required additions/endorsements: proof of Hunter Education if you hunt only deer. If you intend to hunt waterfowl, then add Federal Migratory Bird Stamp, State Migratory Bird Stamp, Sandhill crane permit, and HIP certification.

Non-Resident Youth License: \$7. For under 17 years of age, and both federal and state Migratory Bird stamps (endorsements) are exempt to 16 years of age. After the age of 16, however, federal and state Migratory Bird stamps (endorsements) are required as well as HIP certification and Hunter Education certification.

If you choose to saltwater fish, every non-resident guest must purchase a Non-Resident All Water Fishing package for \$68.

Neither ranch hog hunting or ranch freshwater fishing requires licenses.

Texas Resident License Requirements

Resident Super-Combo: \$68. While there are several options, the safest option is a Super-Combo. This provides you with all water fishing, all game animals and birds, and includes all game tags.

Required additions/endorsements: Federal Migratory Bird Stamp, State Migratory Bird Stamp, Sandhill crane permit, HIP certification, proof of Hunter Education.

Resident Youth License: \$7. For under 17 years of age, both federal and state Migratory Bird stamps (endorsements) are exempt to 16 years of age. After the age of 16, however, federal and state Migratory Bird stamps (endorsements) are required as well as HIP certification and Hunter Education certification.

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Hunter Education

Texas law required all hunters born after September 2, 1971, to show proof of completing a Hunter Education course. Out of state hunters need only carry proof of same from their resident state.

Hunters between the ages of 9 to 16 without Hunters Education may hunt only if they are be accompanied by a person who is certified.

Hunters 17 or older must have completed a course either online or in person.

There is an option to purchase a one-time Hunter Education deferral (\$10) online, but you must be accompanied on your hunt by someone with the certification.

Other

Remember that while it is legal to have your license on your phone when waterfowl hunting, by law you need to have migratory bird stamps physically on you. Best practice is to carry your license and ID while engaging in any regulated hunting or fishing activity.

If you intend to hunt game animals during the archery-only season, both non-residents and residents must purchase an Archery Hunting Endorsement.

Disclaimer: Spread Oaks Ranch is providing this information as a courtesy to our guests. It is as accurate as possible. Ultimately, however, the guest is responsible for understanding the regulations and purchase of the required documents for their intended outdoor experience. We have provided links and phone numbers to facilitate this effort.