



Licence Application Form

Application for a licence to take deer alive for scientific or educational purposes, or to remove deer from one area to another

- Please complete this application form using **dark ink** and BLOCK CAPITALS.
- Return the completed form to the address shown.
- All questions should be answered as appropriate. Questions marked with ‘*’ are mandatory and failing to complete these may result in delays to your application.
- If there is insufficient space for completing answers on this form, please attach a separate sheet.
- Natural England will aim to determine the outcome of a completed licence application within its published service standards.
- If you experience any problems completing this application – please contact Wildlife Licensing.

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Ref No:

1. Applicant Details

Please enter the details of the person or company who will become the licensee

(a) Customer Details

*Email Address

*Title

(please tick as appropriate) Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Mx ☐ Other ☐ (Please Specify)

*Forename

Middle Name

*Surname

Professional Membership

(e.g. CIEEM, IEMA, etc)

*If you represent
an organisation
please complete
(i) (ii) and (iii)*

(i) *Business Title

(ii) *Company

(iii) *Position

House Name / No.

*Address Line 1

*Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town

*County

*Postcode

Country

Either 'Telephone No.' or 'Mobile No.' must be completed.

Telephone No.

Mobile No.

Fax no.

*Customer Type (e.g. Farmer, Householder, Ecologist, etc.)

(b) Alternative Applicant Contact Details

In the event that the applicant is unavailable to discuss the application, it would be helpful if alternative contact details could be provided. By completing this section you are confirming that this contact is authorised to act on behalf of the applicant.

Name:

Tel Number:

Email Address:

3. Previous Applications

(a) * Have you previously held a licence under the Deer Act 1991?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'No' please go to the next section. If 'Yes' to (a), please complete the following.

(b) *Date of most recent application:

(c) * What was the subject of the previous applications (e.g. species and/or methods)?

(d) *What is the application or licence reference number?

(e) *What was the outcome of the previous application? (Please select one of the following)

Granted ☐ Not Granted ☐ Advice Only ☐ Deferred ☐ Not Yet Known ☐

4. Purpose

(a) *Confirm the purpose of the application:

- ☐ Scientific or educational purposes, under section 8(1)
☐ Removing deer from one area to another, under section 8(1)

(b) * Please state why it is necessary to carry out the proposed activities.

5. Justification

(a) * Please provide a summary of your need to apply:

(b) * If this application is in relation to damage to land, crops, fisheries or property, please provide the extent of damage and dates.

(c) *Have you taken any action to prevent the problems outlined above?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If 'Yes' to (c)... * Please provide details of the actions taken:

If 'No' to (c)... * Please explain why no actions have been taken?

6. Site Details

*Is the address for the site or premises to be licensed different to the applicant's address? Yes No

If 'Yes' ... For each Site / Location to be licensed, please complete **all** of the following details:

If 'No' ... Please complete Site / Location Name and OS Grid Reference boxes only.

(For linear projects, please add the start and end points separately)

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
*Site / Location Name:			
House No:			
Address Line 1:			
Address Line 2:			
Address Line 3:			
Town:			
*County:			
Postcode:			
*OS Grid Reference: <i>(In format XX123456)</i>			

7. Conservation Considerations

(a) *Will any part of the proposed activity fall in or adjacent to a Designated Site?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If 'Yes' to (a) please complete the table below. If 'No', please go to the next section.

Please indicate whether the activity will fall on and/or adjacent to a designated site:	Designated Site Name:	Type of Designated Site <i>E.g. National Nature Reserve (NNR), Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar Site, Ancient Monument, Marine Nature Reserve (MNR), Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)</i>
On <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to <input type="checkbox"/>		
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(b) Have you received permission from all the designated site managers?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Known ☐

(c) Have you consulted with Natural England for advice on the implications of the application on the designated sites?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Known ☐

(d) Please give either the outcome of your consultations or the reason why you have not consulted us. Please provide any relevant correspondence and the name of the local Natural England adviser or reserve manager consulted.

(e) Will work extend into future years?

(If 'Yes' please state how many years it will extend for)

Yes ☐ _____ years No ☐

(f) Is work part of a wider project or contributing to local Biodiversity Action Plans?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Known ☐

(g) Is the location covered by a Natural England Agri-Environment agreement (i.e. Environmental Stewardship)?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If 'Yes', please provide the agreement reference number

8. Authorisation

(a) *Is the applicant the owner / occupier of the land? Yes No N/A

If 'Yes' to (a) please go to the next section. If 'No' to (a) please answer (b).

(b) Have you received the owner occupier's permission to apply? Yes No

Please note that it is your responsibility as the applicant to obtain the owner or occupier's permissions to act under licence on their property.

You may be asked to provide documentation which confirms that you have owner or occupier's permissions and we will contact you if this is necessary.

9. Application Details

Important notes:

- **Section 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 prohibits the release of Chinese water deer, sika deer and muntjac deer into the wild.** Licences to release these deer may be issued in exceptional circumstances. Please contact Wildlife Licensing for details.

- Deer to be released into the wild following a period of captivity should first be declared healthy and fit for release by a veterinary surgeon or other suitably qualified person.

(a) Please add details for all licensable actions you wish to perform. Please complete one column per species:

	Licensable Action 1	Licensable Action 2	Licensable Action 3
Application Subject	<i>Take deer alive for scientific or educational purposes, or to remove deer from one area to another</i>		
Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese water deer <input type="checkbox"/> Fallow deer <input type="checkbox"/> Muntjac deer <input type="checkbox"/> Red deer <input type="checkbox"/> Roe deer <input type="checkbox"/> Sika deer	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese water deer <input type="checkbox"/> Fallow deer <input type="checkbox"/> Muntjac deer <input type="checkbox"/> Red deer <input type="checkbox"/> Roe deer <input type="checkbox"/> Sika deer	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese water deer <input type="checkbox"/> Fallow deer <input type="checkbox"/> Muntjac deer <input type="checkbox"/> Red deer <input type="checkbox"/> Roe deer <input type="checkbox"/> Sika deer
<i>*Please note: Sika deer includes hybrids where one parent or other linear ancestor was a Sika deer.</i>			
Activity	<i>Take deer alive</i>	<i>Take deer alive</i>	<i>Take deer alive</i>
Method or Field Technique	<input type="checkbox"/> Capturing with nets or traps <input type="checkbox"/> Immobilise with a stupefying drug or muscle relaxing agent without use of any missile <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge a missile to administer the stupefying drug or muscle relaxing agent	<input type="checkbox"/> Capturing with nets or traps <input type="checkbox"/> Immobilise with a stupefying drug or muscle relaxing agent without use of any missile <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge a missile to administer the stupefying drug or muscle relaxing agent	<input type="checkbox"/> Capturing with nets or traps <input type="checkbox"/> Immobilise with a stupefying drug or muscle relaxing agent without use of any missile <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge a missile to administer the stupefying drug or muscle relaxing agent
Life Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Estimate the number of each sex to be taken (if not known, please tick appropriate boxes)			
Male			
Female			

Location: Please specify the counties which are to be included in the licence. If a licence is required for specific locations, please detail the capture and release locations below. If the licence is to cover all counties, please state 'All counties'.

Capture Location

County			
OS Grid Reference			
Details of Location			

Release Location

County			
OS Grid Reference			
Details of Location			
Proposed Date From			
Proposed Date To			

If methods include the use of 'Capturing with nets or traps' please answer (b) and move to (h).

If methods include the use of 'Stupefying Drugs' or 'Muscle relaxing agents' please answer (c) to (g) and then move to (h).

(b) Please specify the type of nets or traps to be used.

(c) Please state why other methods (e.g. use of nets and traps) are considered to be unsuitable for your purpose.

(d) Which stupefying drugs or muscle-relaxing agents do you propose to use? Please also state the dosage.

(e) Please provide the name of the person(s) who will administer the drugs and state their qualifications and experience.

(f) State the type of weapon and projectile to be used (if appropriate)

(g) Will a qualified veterinary surgeon be in attendance while the deer are being taken?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'Yes', please provide the name and contact details of the veterinary surgeon who will be in attendance.

If 'No', please provide the name and contact details of the veterinary surgeon whose care the animals are under.

(h) Please give details of the methods of transporting deer you propose to use (if applicable)

(i) Please state the arrangements for supervision of the deer during transportation.

10. Authorised Individuals

*Will any additional authorised individuals / accredited agents be required to act under this licence?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'Yes', for each additional authorised individual / accredited agent, please complete the details below. If 'No' please go to the next section.

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3
*Title:			
*Forename:			
Middle Name:			
*Surname:			
House No.:			
*Address Line 1:			
*Address Line 2:			
Address Line 3:			
Town:			
*County:			
*Postcode:			

Please note: The licensee and anyone acting under the licence are responsible for their actions and for complying with the licence conditions. In addition, no-one under the age of 18 may be authorised by the licensee without specific written permission from Natural England for licences that permit shooting.

11. Qualifications

(a) * Do you have qualifications and/or experience of the methods and procedures proposed?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(b) Please provide details of relevant experience and qualifications.

(c) * Have you consulted anyone in Natural England regarding this application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'Yes', please provide details of the consultation

12. Supplementary Information

Please provide any additional information you may have to support your application.

13. Using and Sharing Your Information

How we use your personal information is set out in the Wildlife Licensing privacy notice which can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/natural-england-privacy-notices>

Important Advice:

- If your application is made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), any person who in order to obtain a licence knowingly or recklessly makes a statement or representation, or furnishes a document or information which is false in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable to criminal prosecution. Any person found guilty of such an offence is liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both. Regarding other wildlife legislation, we will look to provisions in the Fraud Act 2006 (as amended) in respect of applicants making any false representations.
- Natural England or the Secretary of State can modify or revoke at any time any licence that is issued, but this will not be done unless there is good reason for doing so. Any licence that is issued is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information has been provided that resulted in the issue of a licence.

14. Declaration

14a. Convictions

* Have you or any person listed in the application been convicted of any wildlife-related or animal welfare offence?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'Yes':

Please provide details of the convictions: *(including dates)*

14b. Applicant Declaration.

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I have read and understood the privacy notice above.

- Where required, I undertake to obtain permission from landowners / occupiers of land to exercise any licence resulting from this application, and to allow any employee or representative of Natural England to monitor or inspect the work described in this application.
- I have read and understood the guidance provided in the application form and on the Wildlife Licensing Internet guidance pages. I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with the information I have provided.

☐ I agree to the declaration above.

Signature of Applicant:

For electronic applications, please insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm with the declaration.

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Name: *(In BLOCK letters)*

Date:

15. Annex - Application Notes

Applicant

The applicant is the person submitting the application (usually the landowner or occupier) who, if the licence was granted, would become the licensee. The applicant may appoint agents to produce the application pack and act on their behalf. A person with specific skills and knowledge of the species concerned, such as a consultant ecologist, must be appointed to assist in the preparation and the delivery of the proposals that ensure the species protection requirements can be met.

Licensee

The "Licensee" named on the licence is responsible for ensuring that all activities carried out on site in relation to the licence comply with the terms and conditions of the licence. This means that all authorised persons have a responsibility for ensuring that the licence terms and conditions, including any annex special conditions, are understood and complied with. Failure to do so could lead to prosecution.