

# Authorisation application form – Out of season 5(6) and night shooting 18(2)

## About this form

This form is intended for offline use and may not be fully accessible.

It is quick and easy to fill in this form online at <https://licensing-deer.nature.scot/deer-authorisations/>

Contact the Licensing team if you need help completing this form.

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## Who should use this form

## Use this form to apply for permission to:

## shoot female deer out of season

## shoot deer at night (from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise)

The out of season 5(6) and night shooting 18(2) authorisations allows you to carry out activities that are not covered under the General Authorisation. Find out more at <https://www.nature.scot/professional-advice/protected-areas-and-species/licensing/species-licensing-z-guide/deer/deer-authorisations>

You must use a different form to apply to shoot female deer over one year old between 1 April and 31 August to prevent damage to agricultural land or woodland.

## Before you start

NatureScot has a statutory responsibility for the sustainable management of deer in Scotland.

Any control of deer must be carried out in line with the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996, and certain activities require a specific legal authorisation.

For further information, read our authorisations guidance at <https://www.nature.scot/doc/guidance-control-wild-deer-scotland-authorisations-guidance-practitioners>

You may include the following documents to support your application:

* property map(s) – this is mandatory
* map of proposed control areas (if different to property map)
* habitat impact assessment
* deer management plan

## Section A: Your details

Your details

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| Full name (as it appears on official documents) |  |
| Your role in regard to this authorisation | Agent  Occupier  Owner  Stalker/Keeper  Sporting tenant  Land manager |
| Address line 1 |  |
| Address line 2 (optional) |  |
| Town or city |  |
| County (optional) |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Email address |  |
| Telephone number |  |

### On behalf of

If you are applying on behalf of someone else, enter their details below.

Licence holder details

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| Full name (as it appears on official documents) |  |
| Organisation name (if applicable) |  |
| Email address (optional) |  |

## Section B: Authorisation details

#### Out of Season Authorisation 5(6)

Required to shoot female deer during the day in the closed season:

* 1 September – October and 16 February – 31 March (red, sika and fallow deer)
* 1 September – 20 October (roe deer)

This authorisation can be granted to prevent damage to unenclosed woodland, the natural heritage or in the interests of public safety.

#### Night Shooting Authorisation 18(2)

Required to shoot deer between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise regardless of the time of year or target species. You must use a different form to apply to shoot female deer over one year old between 1 April and 31 August.

### Why is an authorisation required? (Select all that apply)

Reason for authorisation

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| Out of season | To prevent damage to unenclosed woodland  To prevent damage to the natural heritage  In the interests of public safety |
| Night shooting | To prevent damage to agricultural land  To prevent damage to woodland  In the interests of public safety |

## Section C: Proposed controller(s)

You must add at least one controller to this application.

Individuals listed in this application must be registered as Fit and Competent by NatureScot.

Controller details

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| Full name | Fit and competent number | Postcode (optional) |
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Wildlife crime convictions

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| Have any listed controllers been convicted of a wildlife crime in the last 5 years (to the best of your knowledge?) | Yes  No |
| If yes, enter the name(s) |  |

## Section D: Property details

You must include a map for all properties.

Property details

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| Property name | NatureScot property code (optional) | OS Grid Reference (6-digit reference at the centre of the property, for example HP123456) |
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## Section E: Control area details

Control area 1 details

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| Control area name | OS Grid Reference (6-digit reference at the centre of the area, for example HP123456) |
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## Section F: Authorisation dates and species

## Applications are assessed on an annual basis. Most authorisations will run to 31st March, unless otherwise stated. Submit any previous cull returns before applying for an authorisation to avoid processing delays.

What dates and species do you require an authorisation for?

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| Date from (dd/mm/yyy) |  |
| Date to (dd/mm/yyy) |  |
| Which species do you intend to shoot? | Red  Roe  Sika  Fallow |

## Section G: Reasons for applying

## Applications are assessed on an annual basis. Most authorisations will run to 31st March, unless otherwise stated. Submit any previous cull returns before applying for an authorisation to avoid processing delays.

Objectives

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| What are your objectives for the proposed control site(s)?  Let us know what objectives this licence will allow you to meet that can’t be achieved through other reasonable means. |  |

Definition of damage

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| What is your definition of damage? Consider this in relation to your objectives for the site(s). |  |

Evidence of damage

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| What evidence is there to confirm that deer are responsible for the damage? Evidence can include effort that has taken place in season to control deer, details of a deer management plan or monitoring data. |  |

Damage prevention

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| What methods of damage prevention have you tried to date? Explain which preventative steps you have taken to date (for example scaring or in-season control) and why this has not been sufficient to limit damage without applying for a specific licence. |  |

Cull history

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| How many deer have been shot to prevent damage over the last 12 months? If you’re unsure, provide an estimate to the best of your knowledge. |  |

Control measures

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| How will you know if control measures have been successful? Describe how you will continue to evaluate the reduction of damage. Consider this in relation to your objectives. |  |

Discussions with others

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| What discussions have you had with others to try and address the damage? You may wish to speak to people who manage deer on this land, neighbouring landowners and managers or the local deer management group. |  |

Public safety

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| What evidence do you have that deer are posing a threat to public safety? (Optional)  You must answer this question if you have selected ‘In the interests of public safety’ in Section B. |  |

Public safety (2)

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| How will culling under the authorisation reduce the risk to public safety? (Optional)  You must answer this question if you have selected ‘In the interests of public safety’ in Section B. |  |

## Section H: Declaration

I agree that:

* the taking or killing of deer is necessary to prevent damage or in the interests of public safety
* the killing of deer is necessary to prevent damage to crops, pasture, human or animal foodstuffs, or to woodlands
* the information provided is correct and up to date
* NatureScot can contact me in relation to this application
* others listed in this application gave consent to be included
* I agree with the privacy policy of this service at <https://licensing-deer.nature.scot/deer-authorisations/privacy>
* this declaration is equivalent to an electronic signature

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| **Date:** | **Print name:**  Signature: Signature field |

## Submitting your form

You can send this form by email or post. We aim to assess your application within 10 working days of receipt.

### Send by email

Send the completed form and any supporting documents to[**licensing@nature.scot**](mailto:licensing@nature.scot)

Do not send zip files as these may be blocked by our security system.

A signature is not required if you are sending this form by email.

### Send by post

If you do not have access to email, you can print out and send your signed form to the address below.

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