

# Hunter LEAP (Learning, Education and Accreditation Program)

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## Introduction

Hunter LEAP (Learning, Education and Accreditation Program) is the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Game Licensing Unit's hunter education and training program. Hunter LEAP provides for best practice hunter education and training that ensures hunters are able to meet the legislated requirements for game licensing, animal welfare and hunter safety standards in NSW.

Hunter LEAP acknowledges the important role of education and training in regulated hunting programs. Through the program, DPI will ensure that individuals wanting to hunt on public land are suitably educated and that opportunities for hunter education are available to all NSW Game Hunting Licence holders.

Accredited Hunter LEAP Partners have access to a suite of training packages that include course content for the trainer and participants as well as planning templates and specific guidelines for standards, procedures and learning outcomes.



## Hunters helping hunters

The Game Licensing Unit is able to approve courses of training as well as accredit persons, clubs or associations to deliver approved courses under the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act*

*2002 and Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation 2012.*

Organisations and their members and/or employees are able to apply for accreditation as a Hunter LEAP Provider or Hunter LEAP Trainer to deliver these approved courses to their local community.

There are different types of courses available through the program; however, one important role of Hunter LEAP Partners is to assist new hunters to apply for a NSW Restricted Game Hunting Licence (R-Licence) by delivering the R-Licence Assessment Course.

Any organisation or individual seeking accreditation as a Hunter LEAP Partner must declare their Australian Citizenship status.

## Hunter LEAP Providers

Approved Hunting Organisations (AHOs) and hunting industry businesses are able to apply to the Game Licensing Unit for accreditation as a Hunter LEAP Provider (Form HL-A).

Organisations that receive accreditation as Hunter LEAP Providers must then nominate Hunter LEAP Trainers who will deliver the course content for the provider.

The Hunter LEAP Provider is responsible for ensuring that supplied course material is not changed and that courses are delivered according to the guidelines, procedures and standards for each training package.

## Hunter LEAP Trainers

Hunter LEAP Providers can nominate their members or employees to become accredited Hunter LEAP Trainers for their organisation. Hunter LEAP Trainers deliver the course material supplied by DPI to participants in training courses scheduled by the provider.

Hunter LEAP Trainers must apply to the Game Licensing Unit for accreditation with the program and are linked to the nominating provider.

It is recommended that individuals seeking accreditation as a Hunter LEAP Trainer check the criteria for approval before applying,

Hunter LEAP Trainers must:

- Have a current NSW Restricted Game Hunting Licence (R-Licence) or have certification of completion of the mandatory component of the R-Licence Assessment Course.
- Be of good character with no disciplinary action taken against their hunting activities, behaviour or conduct.
- Successfully pass a Working with Children Check.
- Successfully pass a criminal history check (conducted by the Game Licensing Unit).
- Be a NSW Police approved firearms safety trainer (for trainers delivering the Firearms Licence Safety Training Course only).

## Hunter LEAP Training Packages

Each Hunter LEAP Training Package contains detailed user guides, course content (including presentations, participant notes and learning objectives) as well as templates for planning the course, management of health and safety and participant feedback.

Trainers are also able to access the Hunter LEAP extranet on the DPI website for extra training material and to update their contact information.

## Course content

In addition to the R-Licence Assessment Course and the Firearms and Hunting Safety Training Course, a range of Hunter LEAP short courses and workshops are available to Hunter LEAP Providers and their nominated Trainers. A list of available courses is in the table in the next column.

More Hunter LEAP Training Packages are in development for future release.

## More information

For more information contact the DPI Game Licensing Unit Education and Training Team on (02) 9842 8350 or [hunter.leap@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hunter.leap@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

The Education and Training team is located in Parramatta, Sydney, and provides dedicated support for Hunter LEAP Providers and Trainers.

For more information on Game Licensing go to [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting).

## Hunter LEAP Training Packages

Training package	Course
R-Licence	R-Licence Accreditation Course
Firearms Safety	Firearms Licence Safety Training Course
Hunting Technique Short Courses	Bushcraft and Survival
	Butchering Game Animals
	Calling and Decoying Foxes
	Caping, Tanning and Taxidermy
	Game Animal Anatomy and Shot Placement
	Hunting Rabbits and Hares
	Hunting Wild Dogs
	Identifying Game and Feral Animals
	Introduction to Deer Hunting
	Mapping and Navigation Basics
	Navigation Using GPS
	Scouting and Hunting State Forests in NSW
	Traditional Archery
	Using Trail Cameras
Hunting Technique Workshops	Deer Hunting
	Bowhunting
	Hunting Feral Pigs with Dogs
	Game Management

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