



**"HUNTING LEASE LICENSES"
"HUNTING COOPERATIVE LEASE"
"WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AREA HUNTING LEASE"**

LICENSE INFORMATION

"Hunting cooperative" means:

- a cooperative enterprise in which participating landowners pool their acreage and lease it for hunting purposes under the authority of a hunting lease license and in which the leasing profits are distributed to the landowners according to the landowners' participation.

"Hunting lease" means:

- the aggregate amount of land owned by one individual, partnership, firm, or corporation in a county and leased for hunting purposes; or
- the aggregate amount of land in a hunting cooperative in a county and leased for hunting purposes; or
- the aggregate amount of land in a Wildlife Management Association Area in a county and leased for hunting purposes.
 - *If a single tract of land is located partially in one county and partially in another county, a person (individual, partnership, firm, or corporation), does not need a separate hunting lease license for that portion of the land located in the second county, unless the person owns other land leased for hunting purposes in the second county.*
 - *If a person (individual, partnership, firm, or corporation) is not required to have two licenses, the aggregate acreage of the tract shall be used for determining the amount of the license fee required.*

"Licensee" means:

- a person who owns the land, or manages a hunting cooperative that has land, on which a hunting lease is located; or
- an individual listed on the license application as the landowner's agent who holds a hunting lease license.

"Guest" means:

- a person, other than a licensee, who hunts or takes an animal or bird on a hunting lease.

Lease License Required

- The owner of a hunting lease or the landowner's agent may not receive as a guest for pay or other consideration another person engaged in hunting unless the owner or agent has acquired a hunting lease license from the Department.
- The license shall be displayed on the hunting lease. Display of the license on any tract that is included in the lease license complies with the statute. For enforcement purposes, landowners may be encouraged to display a copy of the license on the other tract(s), but this is not required by law. Display could include being placed on the premises, such as in a mailbox, in a camphouse or on a fence post, or in the possession of an individual (who displays the license to a game warden on request). It is not necessary for each hunter to carry a copy of the license. In addition, the hunting lease license number could be displayed on a gate at the lease, which would enable a warden to obtain license information through the Department POS computer system.

Lease License Required Continued

- The Department may issue a hunting lease license only in the name of the owner of a hunting lease or the name of the landowner's agent.

Hunting Lease License

- Type 132 – Small – less than 500 acres - \$79
- Type 133 – Medium – more than 500 acres and less than 1,000 acres - \$147
- Type 134 – Large – 1,000 acres or more - \$ 252

Hunting Cooperative Lease License

- A written agreement containing the name, signature, address, and number of acres for each participating landowner included in a hunting cooperative must be attached to the application for a hunting cooperative lease license.
 - Type 182 – Small – less than 10,000 acres - \$60 + \$5 for each participating landowner
 - Type 183 – Medium – 10,000 to 50,000 acres - \$120 + \$5 for each participating landowner
 - Type 184 – Large – over 50,000 acres - \$240 + \$5 for each participating landowner

Wildlife Management Association Area Hunting Lease License

- The owner of a tract of land included in a wildlife management association may apply for a wildlife management association area hunting lease for that of tract land.
- Two or more contiguous or proximate (within 1/2 mile of an association boundary) tracts of land may be designated by the Department as a wildlife management association, if the land is inhabited by wildlife and the Department determines that observing wildlife and collecting information will serve the purpose of wildlife management in Texas. The landowner must agree to release the wildlife information to the Department.
- A wildlife management association or a hunting lease license applies only to the tract of land for which it is issued.
 - Type 195 – Small – less than 10,000 acres - \$38 + \$6 for each participating landowner
 - Type 196 – Medium – 10,000 to 50,000 acres - \$76 + \$6 for each participating landowner
 - Type 197 – Large – over 50,000 acres - \$152 + \$6 for each participating landowner

The provisions of the law governing wildlife are subject to changes by the Texas Legislature and Parks and Wildlife Commission. As changes occur, the information contained herein shall be amended to reflect the specific changes.

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