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# **Wildlife Acts 1976 TO 2018 Section 30**

**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO HUNT  
PROTECTED WILD BIRDS ON OR OVER STATE  
FORESHORE, INLAND WATERS AND  
ACCRETIONS BELONGING TO THE STATE**

- This application to be completed by applicants seeking a permission to **hunt protected wild birds on or over State foreshore, inland waters and accretions** belonging to the state under Section 30 of the Wildlife Act 1976, as amended.
- Only **protected wild birds** listed on the current **Open Seasons Order** and found on the foreshore may be hunted. Please see list of birds on the current **Open Seasons Order** at [www.npws.ie](http://www.npws.ie) - [Open Seasons Order | National Parks & Wildlife Service \(www.npws.ie\)](http://www.npws.ie).
- Please use **legible BLOCK LETTERS** and answer **ALL** questions.
- **To avoid unnecessary delay** in processing your application, please ensure that you have **fully completed this form and that you have included a current email address. Incomplete forms will be returned to the applicant.**
- If you are renewing your permit, you must ensure to include returns with your application. ***If you do not submit returns you will not receive a permit.***
- Note: EU regulations (Regulation 2021/57) concerning the use and carrying of lead gunshot in or around wetlands has come into effect. These Regulations provide for the restriction of the use, or carrying, of lead in gunshot in and within 100 metres of a wetland in Member States as well as the carrying of such gunshot in certain circumstances. A map viewer has now been published and is available online. For the purposes of these regulations the definition of 'wetlands' is that used in the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention). All such wetlands are subject to the Regulation. A link to the online map viewer can be found on the NPWS website at <https://www.npws.ie/legislation/eu-regulation-restrictions-use-lead-gunshot-or-around-wetlands>

**Please return your completed forms to the email address:**

**Email:** [wildlifelicence@npws.gov.ie](mailto:wildlifelicence@npws.gov.ie)

## **Privacy Statement**

Please note that under Data Protection legislation Wildlife Licencing Unit staff may only discuss licence applications with the applicant, and not with any third party. See Privacy Statement at [www.npws.ie/licences](http://www.npws.ie/licences)

## Part 1: Personal and Gun Details

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1			
Address Line 2			
County		Eircode	
Phone No.			
Email Address			
Are you a member of a Gun Club?		Yes	No
If Yes – please provide details			
<b>Please tick box (✓) beside proposed method of hunting (e.g. from a boat, walking the shore. If other method is to be used, please include details)</b>		From a Boat	
		Walking the Shore	
		Other	
<b>Please tick box (✓) beside type of decoy to be used.</b> <b>Note: Use of mechanical decoys is strictly not permissible.</b>		Floating Decoy (Plastic)	
		Floating Decoy (Wooden)	
<b>Firearm Details</b>		✓ (please tick Manual, Semi-Automatic or Pump Action)	
Manual		Semi-Automatic	
Make:		Model:	
Serial Number:		Current firearm certificate no.	
<b>Note: Section 33 (1) of Wildlife Acts 1976:</b> It shall be an offence for a person to hunt or injure in the course of hunting— with a repeating or automatic shotgun (other than a repeating or automatic shotgun which is adapted or modified so as to render it incapable of carrying more than three shotgun cartridges), with an airgun, air-rifle, gas-rifle, pistol or revolver, or with any firearm fitted with a silencer device, any wild bird			
Is this a first time application? (Please tick ✓)	Yes	No	
If no, have you submitted your annual returns? (Please tick ✓)	Yes	No	
Is this an application to make changes to a permit you already hold? (Please tick ✓)	Yes	No	
<b>Note: You may change details on a permit you already hold, such as address, gun details and new hunting locations etc.</b>			

**Part 2: State Lakes**

*Below is a list of the State Lakes that you can apply to hunt over.*

<b>LAKE</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>LAKE</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>
Allen	Leitrim	Gowna	Longford
Allen	Roscommon	Gulladoo	Leitrim
Arrow	Sligo	Key	Roscommon
Belhavel	Leitrim	Kinale	Longford
Bunerky	Cavan	Kinale	Westmeath
Boderg (Bofin)	Leitrim	Kinale	Cavan
Brackley	Cavan	Owel	Westmeath
Corrib	Galway	Oughter	Cavan
Currane	Kerry	Macnean Upper	Leitrim
Derg	Tipperary	Melvin	Leitrim
Derg	Clare	Ree	Longford
Derg	Donegal	Ree	Roscommon
Derg	Galway	Ree	Westmeath
Derravaragh	Westmeath	Rinn	Leitrim
Ennel	Westmeath	Scannal	Leitrim
Esk	Donegal	Sillan	Cavan
Feeag	Mayo	Sheelin	Meath
Forbes	Longford	Sheelin	Cavan
Garadice	Leitrim	Sheelin	Westmeath
Gill	Leitrim	Scur	Leitrim
Gill	Sligo	Tacker	Cavan
Gowna	Cavan		

**Please name the State Lake(s) from the list above (including location and County) being requested to hunt over from the list above.**


**Part 3: Foreshore Details.**

Please tick the County where you require the permit to hunt over foreshore, giving details of foreshore areas being requested in the space provided. Areas listed for Dublin, Kilkenny and Limerick (which are pre-filled for your convenience), are the only permissible areas to hunt in those Counties.

In the table below, please tick the County where you wish to hunt and include the foreshore area details in the space provided.

<u>County</u>	✓	<u>Complete Foreshore Area Below</u>
Co. Clare		
Co. Cork		
Co. Donegal		
Co. Dublin		Malahide Estuary only
Co. Galway		
Co. Kerry		
Co. Kilkenny		Foreshore of River Suir – Grannagh to Lingaun River (Piltown)
Co. Kilkenny		Foreshore of River Barrow – Great Island to Ferrybridge
Co. Kilkenny		Foreshore of River Nore – Tinnaranny (Rosbercon) to Ballingath Quay
Co. Limerick		Shannon Estuary only
Co. Louth		
Co. Mayo		
Co. Meath		
Co. Sligo		
Co. Waterford		
Co. Wexford		
Co. Wicklow		

#### Part 4: Conditions

Applicants must hold a current firearms certificate and must be 16 years of age or over.

Only protected wild birds that are listed on the current Open Seasons Order and found on the foreshore may be hunted.

For gun clubs, please attach an up-to-date list of members' names, addresses and gun details.

Applicants should note that permits will be valid for 5 years for individuals and 1 year for gun clubs.

An annual return must be provided under this licence to [wildlifelicence@npws.gov.ie](mailto:wildlifelicence@npws.gov.ie). If a return is not made, a new permit will not be issued and the existing one may be revoked. A "Nil" return should be submitted if applicable.

Applicants from outside the State must include a copy of their current European Firearms Pass or their Country equivalent.

#### Part 5: Declaration

##### Declaration

I declare that all of the foregoing particulars are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct. I understand that the deliberate killing, injuring, capturing or disturbing of protected species, or damage or destruction of their breeding sites or resting places or the deliberate taking or destroying of eggs, is an offence without a licence and that it is a legal requirement to comply with the conditions of any licence I may be granted following this application. I understand that staff of the NPWS may request to see my licence at any time.

**Signature Of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Any person, for the purposes of obtaining a licence under the Wildlife Acts 1976, as amended, who makes any statement or gives information which they know to be false shall be guilty of an offence.



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