

# Big Game Outfitter and Guide Licence Requirements in the Northwest Territories

## Do I need a licence?

### OUTFITTERS

Section 76(1) of the *Wildlife Act* says that no person shall, without an outfitter licence issued in accordance with the regulations, provide or agree to provide, for profit, guides or equipment to a person for the harvest of big game or other prescribed wildlife.

If you wish to offer big game hunts, or provide equipment or guides to someone wishing to hunt big game, then you require an outfitter licence.

### GUIDES

Section 77(1) of the *Wildlife Act* says that no person shall, without a guide licence issued in accordance with the regulations, guide for profit a person who is harvesting big game or other prescribed wildlife.

If you wish to guide big game hunters, then you require a guide licence.

In order to become a licenced guide you must prove that you are working for a licenced outfitter.



# How do I apply for a licence?

## OUTFITTERS

Please refer to the *Wildlife Business Regulations* for the specific details regarding your application: [www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/legislation-and-regulations](http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/legislation-and-regulations)

Obtain an application for an outfitter licence from your local Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) office.

You must complete all parts of the application and provide:

- A **Certificate of Good Standing** from Corporate Registries (call 1-877-743-3302);
- Letters of support from boards, renewable resource councils, hunters and trappers committees and community governments where you will be outfitting; and
- The appropriate **licence fee**:
  - \$880 for a new licence; or
  - \$440 for licence renewal at your local ENR office, if renewed prior to expiry of current licence (June 30).

## GUIDES

Obtain an application for a guide licence from your local ENR office.

You must complete all parts of the application and provide:

- Proof that you are working for a licenced outfitter; and
- The appropriate **licence fee**:
  - \$110 for a new licence; or
  - \$55 for licence renewal at your local ENR office, if renewed prior to expiry of current licence (June 30).





## What happens after I submit the application and supporting documentation?

The Superintendent has 45 days after receipt of an application to:

- Issue a licence;
- Notify the applicant, in writing, that further time is required to review the application and provide the reason for it;
- Notify the applicant, in writing, that he or she has ordered further studies or investigations to be made respecting the application and the reasons for it; or
- Refuse to issue the licence and, in writing, inform the applicant of the reasons why.

## I've been issued a licence, now what?

Become familiar with the legislation that governs your activity and the conditions of your licence. This includes, but is not limited to:

***Wildlife Act***

***Wildlife Business Regulations***

***Small Game Hunting Regulations***

***Big Game Hunting Regulations***

View the Act and regulations at [www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/legislation-and-regulations](http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/legislation-and-regulations)

Talk to a Renewable Resource Officer for more information.

Ask questions and be sure of your obligations prior to offering big game hunts.

Remember to submit and maintain the documentation required by legislation (for example, Outfitter Return Forms).

## For more information

For more information, visit the ENR website  
at [www.enr.gov.nt.ca](http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca) or contact a regional ENR office.

Fort Simpson	867-695-7450
Fort Smith	867-872-6400
Inuvik	867-678-6650
Norman Wells	867-587-3506
Yellowknife	867-767-9238 ext. 53461

## For more information on tourism in the NWT

Northwest Territories Tourism  
PO Box 610  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N5  
1-800-661-0788 (toll free)  
867-873-4059  
[info@spectacularnwt.com](mailto:info@spectacularnwt.com)  
[www.explorenwt.com](http://www.explorenwt.com)

## Report a Poacher

Violations of renewable resource legislation are serious offences. Violators, such as poachers, deplete wildlife populations and can destroy natural habitat. If you see something suspicious or illegal, please call and provide as much detail about the situation as possible, including: date, time, location, vehicle licence plate, air registration letters or boat registration number, and the nature of the incident.

**The REPORT A POACHER toll-free line is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.**

Call **1-866-762-2437**. Information provided on the line  
is passed on to a Renewable Resource Officer.