



Licences to hunt Gamebirds – The release and shooting of reared game

Permitted activity	To permit the introduction / release of reared gamebirds and the hunting /shooting of these and other wild quarry species. (excluding Deer)
Licence duration	Up to a maximum period of 5 hunting seasons. <i>This is at the discretion of the District Manager. A probationary licence period of one season is generally applied in circumstances where a licensee has not previously held such a licence before</i>
Licensed Period	Continuous .
Obtaining a Licence	These are generally obtained through open tender competition. However direct negotiations maybe entered into with interested parties relating to available licensed areas where these licences are to be operated on a commercial basis
Insurance Requirements	<p>Public liability insurance with an indemnity of not less than €6.5 million for any one accident to include indemnity to Coillte as joint insured and to include a cross-liabilities clause.</p> <p>Employers Liability Insurance in with an indemnity of not less than €13 million applying to all employees of the Licensee including temporary employees and labour only sub-contractors to include an indemnity to the Licensor in respect of any claim made against the Licensor for which Licensee would have been liable if the claim had been made against the Licensee instead of the Licensor.</p> <p>If the Licensee permits any independent contractor to enter upon the lands for any purpose in connection with the performance or in exercise if it's rights under this agreement it shall require such contractor to have employers and public liability insurance as if they were employees of the licensee and shall ensure that such contractor fully complies with all Statutory Duties and obligations.</p> <p>The licensee must provide evidence of such insurance on the signing of the licence and annually thereafter which covers the full duration of the licence period.</p> <p>Licensees and nominated hunters who exercise rights without appropriate insurances as outlined above, are deemed to be in breach of the terms of the licence agreement and thus are not authorised to hunt or carry or use any firearm on the lands and may be prosecuted under Section 44 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended).</p>
Qualifications Required	Coillte is moving to a position whereby only persons that have obtained appropriate <u>certified</u> training qualifications will be permitted to exercise licensed hunting rights on their forest estate. Although this is not currently a mandatory requirement for game hunting, cognisance will be taken of any such training during the tender evaluation process.
Comments	<p>This licence is aimed at individuals, clubs, syndicates, groups and commercial operators interested in undertaking a release programme of reared game bird species and the hunting and shooting of reared and wild game species on an organised basis.</p> <p>Activities generally associated with such a venture have the potential to greatly impact forest operations and tend to involve a greater management input by Coillte Managers. Annual fees tendered for such a licence are therefore expected to be significantly higher than those for a rough shooting licence and require approval by the District Manager.</p> <p>Due to the often commercial nature of these activities involving certain works to be undertaken on the lands by employees / contractors / volunteers of the licensee, more comprehensive levels of "all risks" insurance cover is required and a safety statement provided by the licensee. On an annual basis documentary evidence of this insurance cover will be required.</p> <p>Vehicular access to the licensed area is permitted under this licence subject to appropriate motor insurance being provided.</p>