

Ontario Hunting Licence Checklist 2026

Use this before buying a licence, entering a draw, applying for a tag, or planning a hunt in Ontario.

Identity and Account

- Outdoors Card active or application started
- Licence summary account access confirmed
- Address, date of birth, residency, and ID details checked

Hunter Education

- Hunter education requirement checked
- Apprentice/new hunter status verified if relevant
- Firearm/bow method requirements reviewed

Licence Purchase

- Species, season, WMU, and method confirmed
- Resident/non-resident status checked
- Licence receipt and summary saved

Tags, Draws, Non-Resident Rules

Ontario hunting often depends on species, tag availability, residency, and reporting requirements.

Tags and Draws

- Tag needed for the species?
- Draw deadline checked?
- Controlled hunt or additional authorization needed?

Non-Residents

- Non-resident licence rules reviewed
- Guide/outfitter/export requirements checked if applicable
- Travel documents and firearm import/export needs reviewed separately

Safety Links

- Hunting safety guide read
- Regulations summary checked
- Partner communication and route plan created

Mandatory Reporting and Trip Review

Do not treat reporting as an afterthought. Build it into the trip plan before leaving.

Mandatory Reporting

- Species reporting requirement checked
- Deadline recorded
- Confirmation saved after report submission

Field Notes

- WMU, date, weather, access, sightings, harvest/no-harvest, and safety issues recorded
- Tag/license documents kept available

Review

- What rule was unclear?
- What deadline is next?
- What source should be checked again before the next hunt?