

DEER COMMISSION for SCOTLAND

Authorisation Application

This form should be completed by the owner / occupier of the land for which the authorisation is required.

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1. APPLICANT (Please note: Incomplete forms will not be considered)						
Title		Surname		Forename		Initial
Address				Tel No		
				Fax No		
				e-mail		
Post Town:				Mobile No		
Post Code:						

Being the occupier and having reasonable grounds for believing that serious damage will be caused if the deer are not killed, hereby authorise:

2. PROPOSED CONTROLLER/S and FIREARM CERTIFICATE DETAILS – Please note that any named controller must now be registered as Fit and Competent with the Deer Commission for Scotland						
Initials / Surname						
Address						
Post Town						
Post Code						
Tel. No						
Mob Tel						
e-mail Address						
FAC Number:						
Issuing Authority:						
Calibres to be used under authorisation(s):						
Expiry Date:						

Continue on separate sheet, if required.

3. TYPE OF AUTHORISATION REQUIRED (please note you may apply for more than 1 type of authorisation on this form)

Out of Season – 5(6)	Unenclosed Woodland	Public Safety	Natural Heritage
I Authorise The Person(s) Named at Section 2 for the Period: From		To	

Night Shooting only – 18(2)	Agricultural Land	Woodland	
I Authorise The Person(s) Named at Section 2 for the Period: From		To	

For Section 10s and 19(2) applications please refer to DCS direct

4. SITES TO WHICH THIS AUTHORISATION IS APPLICABLE
Please list the name/s of the control site/s with the OS Grid Refs for the centre of each control site **(for instructions on how to give a Grid Reference please refer to the notes)**

Property Name	Letters	Grid Ref. (6 figure)	Property Name	Letters	Grid Ref. (6 figure)

Please use an additional sheet to list further sites for control

5. DETAILS OF DEER INTENDED TO BE KILLED, TICK AS APPROPRIATE

Red	Roe	Sika	Fallow	Other (Specify)
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FIT AND COMPETENT: The Deer (Scotland) Act requires the Commission prior to issuing an authorisation to establish that a controller is fit and competent. If the controller(s) nominated are not already on the DCS fit and competent register they must apply and provide evidence by either:

1. Submitting a copy of a Deer Management level two qualification (DMQ2) which has been obtained within five years of the authorisation application. Please note:
 - Fit and competent status via DMQ2 is only valid for a period of five years. For example a person who obtained their DMQ2 four years ago will be accepted on to the DCS register for a period of one year. Thereafter they will need to re-apply.
2. provide references(two for each controller) from two separate individuals who:
 - Have known the controller for a minimum of two years
 - Have a sound knowledge of the aspects of Best Practice necessary to cull deer in a fit and competent manner.

Reference forms and accompanying information are available on request from the Deer Commission for Scotland or on the DCS web site http://www.dcs.gov.uk/returns_cullAuthorise.aspx.

6. METHODS OF DAMAGE PREVENTION TRIED TO DATE: Please detail and explain why it has not been possible to effectively limit damage.**7. REASONS FOR APPLYING**

- Please detail what your objectives for the proposed control site/s are?
- What is your definition of damage for the site/s?
- What evidence is there to confirm deer are responsible for the damage?
- How will the prevention of damage be measured?
- How many deer have been shot in season during the last 12 months? Please provide the names and contact details of the controllers involved, even if no deer were culled (Please use a follow on sheet)
- Please quantify effort e.g. number of days / outings during both daylight hours and in season
- What evidence do you have that deer are posing a threat to Public Safety? (Only complete this and the next question if applicable.)
- How will culling under authorisation reduce the risk to Public Safety?
- Are Sheep and cattle currently present?
- If Cattle / Sheep are present, how many and how would they be taken into account when measuring damage?

8. GROUND DESIGNATED AS SSSI, SAC OR SPA:

Where you are undertaking control on ground that is subject to a designation such as a SSSI, SAC, or SPA you **must** ensure that **Scottish Natural Heritage** have agreed that the control carried out under this authorisation would not be damaging to the site.

If the ground is designated as detailed above please sign below

I have consulted with SNH and have their agreement that the actions taken under this authorisation are compliant with The Conservation (Natural Habitats, & c.) Regulations 1994 – Which can be viewed here:

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si1994/Uksi_19942716_en_1.htm

9. NAME OF POLICE AUTHORITY

NEAREST POLICE STATION (NORTHERN CONSTABULARY ONLY)

10. I CONFIRM THAT:

1. I am the occupier of the land mentioned in section above;
2. all other information given in this form and in support of this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct;
3. the taking or killing is necessary to prevent serious damage or in the interests of public safety;
4. the killing of deer is necessary to prevent serious damage to crops, pasture, human or animal foodstuffs, or to woodlands;

I ACCEPT IT IS A CONDITION OF ANY AUTHORISATION ISSUED THAT I UNDERTAKE TO RETURN THE AUTHORISATION AND REPORT THE NUMBER OF DEER KILLED WITHIN 7 DAYS OF ITS EXPIRY.

Print Name:

Signed:.....

Date:

Note to Applicant

- (a) Applications will not be considered unless all outstanding Authorisations have been returned.
- (b) Incomplete applications forms will be returned to the applicant for amendment. Any delays resulting from incomplete applications are the responsibility of the applicant.
- (c) Commission staff reserve the right to inspect the site prior to the issue of an authorisation and, at any time during the authorised period request to accompany controllers during night shooting exercises.
- (d) The Commission staff will act only as observers and will not engage in any other associated activities.
- (e) Commission staff may investigate cases where no deer are shot during the authorised period.

Please return the completed form to: Deer Commission for Scotland, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness, IV3 8NW. Tel: 01463 725000 or Fax: 01463 725048.