

DEER COMMISSION for SCOTLAND

Forms may be downloaded from http://www.dcs.gov.uk/returns_cullAuthorise.htm

The Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 requires that DCS, prior to issuing an authorisation, to establish that a controller so authorised is fit and competent.

All referees must be familiar with the Best Practice Guidance in particular Deer Culling and give an honest evaluation of the ability of the proposed controller.

Referees can not be members of immediate family or currently prohibited from holding a firearms certificate and must have known the controller(s) for a minimum of two years.

Please note that all referees may be contacted by the DCS.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH REFEREE NOMINATED BY THE APPLICANT – A MINIMUM OF TWO REFEREES ARE REQUIRED

For Official Use Only	TSM Signature & Date		DCS Reference:	
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All sections must be FULLY completed. (Please note: Incomplete forms will not be considered)

Referee Details	Forename/s:	Surname:
Address:		Tel No:
		Mobile:
		Fax
Post Code:		
e-mail address		

This Reference is for:	Forename:	Surname:
Address:		
Post Code		

<p>Detail your (the referee's) deer control experience and knowledge of the associated Best Practice Guidance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please describe your own experience of deer control providing information such as how long you have been involved in deer control, where you shoot and how many deer you shoot a year. Please list the individual Best Practice guides that you understand and are fit and competent in.

Your Relationship to the controller: e.g. Friend or Colleague etc

How long have you known the controller?

Please indicate the relevant Best Practice guides which you have witnessed the controller demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of:

Deer Ecology and Behaviour		Culling	
Red Deer		Shot Placement	
Roe Deer		Reaction to Shot and Follow-up	
Sika Deer		Humane Dispatch	
Fallow Deer		Use of Dogs	
Deer Health and Welfare		Mechanical & manual extraction	
Deer Health		Carcass Preparation	
Notifiable Diseases		Carcass Inspection	
Welfare: Definition and Assessment		Basic Hygiene Principles	
Welfare: Culling		Gralloching	
Planning		Lardering	
Cull Records		Larder Hygiene and Waste Disposal	
Firearms		Supply of Venison	
Safety		People and Resources	
Maintenance and Zeroing		Risk Assessment	
Rifles and Ammunition		Health and Safety	
Marksmanship			
Firing Positions			
Security, Transport and Storage			

And that you deem the controller understands and adheres to the following DCS guidance

DCS guides

- Natural Heritage Statutory Designations
- Approvals and Authorisations
- Statutory Returns and Records
- DCS Night Shooting Code of Practice

I CONFIRM THAT:

- (a) I consider the nominated controller fit and competent for the purpose of culling deer;
- (b) to my knowledge the statements made by me above are true;
- (c) I understand that I may be asked to provide further details by the Deer Commission for Scotland at any time.

Print Name:

Signed:.....

Date:

**Referee to return the completed form to:
Deer Commission for Scotland, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness, IV3 8NW
Tel. No.: 01463 725000 Fax No.: 01463 725048.**

Best Practice Guides which may be Relevant to the Competent Culling of Deer

Best Practice is produced by the Deer Commission for Scotland (DCS), in consultation with industry groups and relevant specialist organisations. The series of guides has two distinct sections: the how-to section, which provides guidance as to what is considered "Best Practice" for the majority of deer management activities, and the associated information section, which disseminates relevant policy, law and research.

Published guides are accessible either through the DCS website at www.dcs.gov.uk or by subscription to the Best Practice Guidance (BPG) series.

Relevant Guides:

Deer Ecology and Behaviour

Red Deer
Roe Deer
Sika Deer
Fallow Deer

Deer Health and Welfare

Deer Health
Notifiable Diseases
Welfare: Definition and Assessment
Welfare: Culling

Planning

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