

571—15.1(483A) Hunter safety and ethics education program. This rule clarifies the term hunting license as used in Iowa Code section 483A.27 in relation to the hunter safety and ethics education course requirement, clarifies the need for exhibiting a hunter safety and ethics education course certificate when applying for a deer or wild turkey license, and explains the requirements for individuals who wish to demonstrate their knowledge of hunter safety and ethics to qualify for purchase of an Iowa hunting license.

15.1(1) Definitions. For the purposes of Iowa Code chapter 483A, the following definitions are used:

Administration fee. Administration fee means the fee collected by the department to pay a portion of the cost of administering the sale of licenses through electronic means.

Hunting license. A hunting license is defined as the following licenses in Iowa Code section 483A.1.

1. Hunting licenses—legal residents except as otherwise provided. (Section 483A.1(2)“a”)
2. Hunting licenses—nonresidents’ hunting license. (Section 483A.1(2)“d”)
3. Hunting preserve license.
4. Free annual hunting and fishing licenses for persons who are disabled or are 65 years of age or older and qualify for low-income status as defined in Iowa Code section 483A.24(14).
5. Veteran’s lifetime hunting and fishing license as defined in Iowa Code section 483A.24(13).

License seller. License seller means a retail business establishment, an office of a government entity, or a nonprofit corporation designated by the director to issue licenses to the public. For the purposes of Chapter 15, “license sellers” shall be synonymous with “depositories” as used in Iowa Code chapter 483A.

Retail. Retail means the sales of goods or commodities to the ultimate consumer, as opposed to the sale of goods or commodities for further distribution or processing.

Wholesale. Wholesale means the sale of goods or commodities for resale by a retailer, as opposed to the sale of goods or commodities to the ultimate consumer.

15.1(2) General testing procedure. Upon completion of the required curriculum, each person shall score a minimum of 75 percent on the written or oral test provided by the department and demonstrate safe handling of a firearm. Based on the results of the written or oral test and demonstrated firearm safe handling techniques as prescribed by the department, the volunteer instructor shall determine the persons who shall be issued a certificate of completion.

15.1(3) Special testing out provisions. Any person born after January 1, 1967, who does not complete the required ten-hour hunter safety and ethics course (as described in Iowa Code section 483A.27, subsection (1)), must meet the following requirements to be eligible to purchase an Iowa hunting license:

- a. To comply with Iowa Code section 483A.27, subsection (5), an individual must pass a written examination compiled by the department of natural resources under the direct supervision of a state conservation officer or certified hunter safety instructor.
- b. If the applicant does not pass the examination by a score of 95 percent or more, the applicant must then wait seven days to take the examination again.
- c. If the applicant does not pass the second examination with a score of 95 percent or more, the applicant must successfully complete the ten-hour safety and ethics course to obtain a certificate of completion (as described in Iowa Code section 483A.27, subsection (2)).

15.1(4) Exemptions. The following groups of individuals do not need hunting licenses and therefore do not need to satisfactorily complete a hunter safety and ethics education course:

a. *Landowners and tenants.* Owners or tenants of land and their children when hunting on the land which they own or on which they are tenants.

b. *Residents under 16.* Residents of the state under 16 years of age accompanied by their parent or guardian or in the company of any other competent adult if the adult accompanying said minor possesses a valid hunting license, providing, however, there is one licensed adult accompanying each person under 16 years of age.

15.1(5) Deer and wild turkey license applications. Individuals are not required to exhibit a certificate showing satisfactory completion of a hunter safety and ethics education course only when applying for a deer or wild turkey license.

15.1(6) *Form of licenses.* All licenses shall contain a general description of the licensee. Individual license applicants must also provide their date of birth and either their social security number or a valid Iowa driver's license number at the time of application. The license shall be signed by the applicant. The license shall clearly indicate the privilege granted.

15.1(7) *Administration fee.* An administration fee of 50 cents per privilege purchased shall be collected from the purchaser at the time of purchase, except upon the issuance of free landowner deer and turkey licenses, free annual hunting and fishing licenses, free lifetime fishing licenses, and free group home fishing licenses.