

DEC ANNOUNCES NEW ONLINE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE FOR NEW YORK HUNTERS

Hunter Ed Course Available Starting April 15 Prior to Start of Turkey Season

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that a [new online hunter education course](https://www.hunter-ed.com/newyork/) will be available on April 15, for first-time hunters who want to hunt during New York's turkey hunting season. Turkey hunting season runs from May 1-31, and youth turkey hunting season for New Yorkers 12 to 15 years old is April 25-26.

DEC's Hunter Education Program (HEP) is partnering with Kalkomey Enterprises, a company that specializes in hunter education, to create this online course that can be completed in six to eight hours. The course is available to individuals 11 and older. Students can complete the course from a computer, tablet, or smart phone at any time. Visit <https://www.hunter-ed.com/newyork/> to learn more or to sign up.

The curriculum for the online course is identical to what is taught in the traditional classroom course. Topics such as firearm safety, tree stand safety, hunting ethics, wildlife conservation, and New York State hunting laws and regulations are all covered. Students who successfully complete the online course and pass the final exam will receive a hunter education certificate and can purchase a hunting license from a DEC license issuing agent such as hardware stores and large retailers like Walmart.

The cost of the course is \$19.95. The **online course will be available through June 30, 2020**, at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/newyork/>.

Traditional, classroom-based courses will resume at a future date. Visit the Hunter Education Program web page for updates and more information <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/92267.html>.