

2022-23 FEES AND PENALTIES - FORESTRY AND GAME

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Forestry and Game					
Game Management Authority Act 2014					
14(1)	Failure of a member of the Authority to declare a pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered by the Authority, as soon as relevant facts come to the member's knowledge.			60	\$11,095
14(4)	Member of the Authority remains present during a deliberation or vote on a matter which the member has made a declaration, unless otherwise resolved by the Authority.			60	\$11,095
15	Improper use of any information by members, officers or employees of the Authority which results in a direct or indirect pecuniary or other advantage for the person or for any other person.			60	\$11,095
16	A person who is, or has been, a member, officer or employee of the Authority or an authorised officer must not disclose any information obtained during the course of the person's duties except as authorised under this section.			50	\$9,246
Wildlife Act 1975					
22A(8)	Contravene any condition, limitation or restriction to which a Game licence is subject.			10	\$1,849
28(1)	Fail to produce licence permit or authority when requested by an authorised officer or member of police officer.			5	\$925
28(2)	Give, lend or permit another person to use a wildlife (game) licence, produce a wildlife (game) licence issued to another person or tamper with, deface, unlawfully use or attempt to use a wildlife (game) licence issued to another person.			50	\$9,246
28B	Fail to comply with conditions, limitations or restrictions imposed by an authorisation issued under section 28A.			50	\$9,246
43(1)	Hunt, take or destroy other protected wildlife without a licence or authorisation.			50	\$9,246
44(1)	Hunt, take or destroy game during a close season for that taxon of game, without authorisation.			50	\$9,246
44(3)	Hunt, take or destroy game during the open season for that taxon of game, without a licence or authorisation.			10	\$1,849
47D(1)	Possess or control wildlife which has been illegally taken, sold, acquired, received, disposed, possessed, kept, bread, processed or displayed.			240	\$44,381
48(1)	Owner of a dog or cat which chases, rushes at, attacks, bites, worries wildlife on public land.			25	\$4,623
53	Possess or use prohibited snare, trap, net, gun or substance in, upon or adjacent to a lake, swamp, marsh, sanctuary or State Wildlife Reserve.			25	\$4,623
54 (1)	Kill, destroy, take or injure wildlife by poison bait or lay poison with intent to kill, destroy, take or injure wildlife.			100	\$18,492
55	Use birdlime, glue or other viscous material for taking or restraining wildlife.			20	\$3,698
56(1)	Possess or use a punt gun.			50	\$9,246
57	Remove, obliterate, damage, obscure, alters, or otherwise interferes with any mark, sign or device attached to wildlife or any scientific or investigation equipment, trap or net.			50	\$9,246
58(1)	Wilfully molest or injure protected wildlife, cause or wilfully disturb, chase or herd protected wildlife or separate or cause separation of protected wildlife from young.			20	\$3,698
58A	Licence or permit holder makes or keeps records which are inaccurate or false.			120	\$22,190
58B	Give false or misleading information in a licence or permit application.			120	\$22,190
58C(1)	Enter or remain in a specified hunting area during a specified time without a game (duck) licence and a firearms licence.			60	\$11,095
58D	Approach within 10 metres of a person hunting duck in a specified hunting area during the open season for duck.			60	\$11,095
58E	Interfere with, harass, hinder or obstruct a game hunter.			60	\$11,095
60A	Fail to produce firearms licence if directed by authorised officer.			30	\$5,548
60D(5)	Fail to comply with a notice issued under Section 60D(1).			120	\$22,190
61(3)	Refuse to give name or place of residence or give false name or place or residence to authorised officer or Police officer.			20	\$3,698
62(1)	Obstruct, resist or assault and authorised officer or Police officer or incites or encourages a person to do so.			120	\$22,190
62(2)	Threaten, insult or abuse an authorised officer.			10	\$1,849
62(3) & 62(4)	Fail to comply with direction of authorised officer or police officer to unload firearm.			120	\$22,190
62(5) & 62(6)	Fail to leave or not enter specified hunting area if directed by authorised officer or police officer.			10	\$1,849
62A	Impersonate the Secretary or an authorised officer.			50	\$9,246
Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012 SR No.99/2012					
11	Failure to notify the Game Management Authority within 14 days after changing address			2	\$370
30	Take or destroy more than the specified bag limit for game.			20	\$3,698
31	Hunt, take or destroy game birds other than with a firearm that is a shotgun having a gauge that is not greater than 12.			20	\$3,698
32	A person must not use toxic shot to hunt, take or destroy ducks.			20	\$3,698
33(1)	In possession of toxic shot in the course of hunting duck or within an area in which he or she intends to hunt duck or within a State Game Reserve.			20	\$3,698
34	Hunt, take or destroy deer (other than Hog Deer, Chital Deer or Fallow Deer) using methods other than those specified.			20	\$3,698
35	Hunt, take or destroy Hog Deer, Chital Deer or Fallow Deer using methods other than those specified.			20	\$3,698
36(1)	In possession of a spotlight and a firearm in recognised deer habitat from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.			20	\$3,698

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36(2)	In possession of a spotlight and be in company with a person in possession of a firearm in recognised deer habitat from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.			20	\$3,698
36(3)	In possession of a firearm and be in company with a person in possession of a spotlight in recognised deer habitat from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.			20	\$3,698
37(1)	Use a dog, other than a gundog, when hunting, taking or destroying game birds.			20	\$3,698
37(2)	Cause or permit a dog, other than a gundog, to be used when hunting, taking or destroying game birds.			20	\$3,698
38	A person must not use a dog for hunting deer other than— (a) a registered hound for the purpose of trailing Sambar Deer; or (b) a gundog for the purpose of locating, pointing or flushing deer (other than Hog Deer); or (c) a deer hunting dog for the purpose of locating or flushing deer (other than Hog Deer)			20	\$3,698
39	A person hunting alone for deer (other than Hog Deer) must not use more than 2 gundogs or 2 deer hunting dogs or 1 gundog and 1 deer hunting dog for the purpose of locating, pointing or flushing that deer.			20	\$3,698
40	A person hunting in a team for deer (other than Hog Deer) must ensure the team does not use more than 2 gundogs or 2 deer hunting dogs or 1 gundog or 1 deer hunting dog for the purpose of locating, pointing or flushing that deer.			20	\$3,698
41	A person who uses a hound, gundog or deer hunting dog for hunting deer must ensure that the hound, gundog or deer hunting dog does not attack, bite or maim wildlife.			20	\$3,698
42	A person who is hunting on public land in recognised deer habitat must not have in his or her care or control a dog (that is not a hound, gundog or deer hunting dog) unless the dog is restrained or confined.			20	\$3,698
43(1)	Use or possess a hound on private land (without permission), in a park, other than in accordance with the National Parks Act 1975, in any area prohibited by the regulations or in any other area closed under Part XI of the Act.			20	\$3,698
44	Use a registered hound for hunting Sambar Deer without a collar to which is securely attached a permanent tag or label which has the full name of the hound owner and the hound registration number (issued by the Game Management Authority) of the hound.			20	\$3,698
45(1)	Use a spotlight to hunt or take game.			20	\$3,698
46	Hunt, take or destroy game that is fleeing from fire or smoke.			20	\$3,698
47	Hunt, take or destroy game during the period commencing a half-hour after sunset on any day and ending a half-hour before sunrise on the next day.			20	\$3,698
48(1)	Hunt, take or destroy game using any bait, lure, decoy or live animal to attract game.			20	\$3,698
48(2)	Cause, permit or assist in the hunting, taking or destroying of game using any bait, lure, decoy or live animal to attract game.			20	\$3,698
49(1)	Hunt, take or destroy game from an aircraft or motor vehicle.			20	\$3,698
49(2)	Cause, permit or assist in the hunting, taking or destroying of game from an aircraft or motor vehicle.			20	\$3,698
50(1)	Hunt, take or destroy duck from a motor boat whose motor is running (whether in gear or not)			20	\$3,698
50(2)	Cause, permit or assist in the hunting, taking or destroying of duck, from a motor boat whose motor is running (whether in gear or not).			20	\$3,698
51	Failure to immediately kill that game that is alive when recovered.			20	\$3,698
51A	Failure to make reasonable efforts to recover downed game bird immediately after the bird is struck.			20	\$3,698
51B	Failure to keep the meat of both breasts of the game bird in the person's possession until immediately prior to cooking or arriving at the persons place of residence.			20	\$3,698
52	Failure to leave one fully feathered wing attached to the duck, or duck breast, until immediately prior to cooking or the duck has been taken to the person's place of residence.			5	\$925
53	Storage of game on commercial premises			20	\$3,698
54	Game prohibited on commercial premises where food is cooked			20	\$3,698
55(1)	A person must not sell, or expose for sale, any game.			20	\$3,698
56(1)	Possession of a female Hog Deer carcass without a Hog Deer Tag marked with the letter "F" attached to one of the hind legs, prior to the carcasses has been taken to a checking station.			20	\$3,698
56(2)	Possession of a male Hog Deer carcass without a Hog Deer Tag marked with the letter "M" attached to one of the hind legs, prior to the carcasses has been taken to a checking station.			20	\$3,698
57	Failure to immediately attach a Hog Deer Tag to one of the hind legs of the deer in the manner prescribed.			20	\$3,698
58	Remove a Hog Deer from where it was killed prior to attaching a Hog Deer Tag to one of its hind legs.			20	\$3,698
59	Remove the Hog Deer Tag from the body of any Hog Deer killed prior to the body of that deer being taken to a checking station and prior to any required biological sample being given.			20	\$3,698
60	Remove the head or dismember any Hog Deer killed prior to the body of that deer being taken to a checking station and prior to any required biological sample being given.			20	\$3,698
64	Hunt, take or destroy Hog Deer without being in possession of valid and relevant Hog Deer Tags.			20	\$3,698
65	Sell, give, lend or transfer a Hog Deer Tag to any other person.			20	\$3,698
66	Alter, deface or reproduce a Hog Deer Tag.			20	\$3,698
67	Failure to take a Hog Deer carcass to a checking station within 24 hours of taking the deer.			20	\$3,698

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68	Failure to return any unused Hog Deer Tags and a completed return form within 28 days after the last day of each open season in the year for which the Hog Deer Tags were issued.			10	\$1,849
71(1)	Hunt, take or destroy deer within areas of Victoria prohibited by the regulations.			20	\$3,698
72(2)	Hunt or take Sambar Deer with the use of hounds or destroy Sambar Deer outside the permitted hunting area.			20	\$3,698
Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012					
7	Fee for a game licence that allows the hunting, taking or destroying of game birds	4	\$61.20		
7	Fee for a game licence that allows the hunting, taking or destroying of deer	4	\$61.20		
7	Fee for a game licence that allows the hunting, taking or destroying of game birds and deer	6	\$91.70		
7	Fee for a game licence that allows the hunting, taking or destroying of non-indigenous game birds on a game bird farm	0	\$0.00		
7	Fee for a game licence that allows the hunting, taking or destroying of deer by a non-resident of Australia	4	\$61.20		
7	Fee for a game licence that allows the hunting, taking or destroying of game birds by a non-resident of Australia	4	\$61.20		
7	Fee for a game licence that allows the hunting, taking or destroying of game birds and deer by a non-resident of Australia	6	\$91.70		
7	Fee for a once-off game licence that allows the hunting, taking or destroying of game birds and deer by a person aged 12 years or more but less than 18 years	0	\$0.00		
8	Application fee for a variation of a game licence	1	\$15.30		
9	Application fee for the replacement of a stolen, lost, damaged or destroyed game licence	1	\$15.30		
12(3)	Maximum fee to take part in a ballot	5	\$76.50		
14(3)	Maximum fee for the Waterfowl Identification Test	2	\$30.60		
16(3)	Maximum fee for the Sambar Deer hunting with hounds test	2	\$30.60		
Conservation, Forests and Lands (Primary Industries Infringement Notices) Regulations 2013					
SCHEDULE 1					
Wildlife Act 1975					
	For the purposes of the Act, it is a condition of a game licence that allows the use of hounds to hunt Sambar Deer that no more than 5 hounds be used or no more than 8 hounds (of which at least 3 hounds must be less than 12 months old) be used.			2	\$370
	For the purposes of the Act, it is a condition of a game licence that allows the use of hounds to hunt Sambar Deer that when hunting as a team, the team uses no more than 5 hounds or no more than 8 hounds (of which at least 3 hounds must be less than 12 months old) be used.			2	\$370
	For the purposes of the Act, it is a condition of a game licence that allows the use of hounds to hunt Sambar Deer that only registered hounds be used.			2	\$370
28(1)	Failure to provide game licence or permit for inspection within 14 days of a request by an authorised officer.			1	\$185
44(3)	Hunt, take or destroy game during the open season for that taxon of game, without a licence or authorisation.			2	\$370
58C(1)	Enter or remain in a specified hunting area during a specified time without a game (duck) licence and a firearms licence.			6	\$1,110
58D	Approach within 10 metres of a person hunting duck in a specified hunting area during the open season for duck.			6	\$1,110
Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012					
11	Failure to notify the Game Management Authority within 14 days after changing address			0.5	\$92
30	Take or destroy more than the specified bag limit for game.			2	\$370
32(1)	A person must not use toxic shot to hunt, take or destroy ducks.			2	\$370
33(1)	In possession of toxic shot in the course of hunting duck or within an area in which he or she intends to hunt duck or within a State Game Reserve.			1.5	\$277
36(1)	In possession of a spotlight and a firearm in recognised deer habitat from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.			2	\$370
36(2)	In possession of a spotlight and be in company with a person in possession of a firearm in recognised deer habitat from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.			2	\$370
36(3)	In possession of a firearm and be in company with a person in possession of a spotlight in recognised deer habitat from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.			2	\$370
37(1)	Use a dog, other than a gundog, when hunting, taking or destroying game birds.			2	\$370
38(1)	A person must not use a dog for hunting deer other than— (a) a registered hound for the purpose of trailing Sambar Deer; or (b) a gundog for the purpose of locating, pointing or flushing deer (other than Hog Deer); or (c) a deer hunting dog for the purpose of locating or flushing deer (other than Hog Deer)			2	\$370
39	A person hunting alone for deer (other than Hog Deer) must not use more than 2 gundogs or 2 deer hunting dogs or 1 gundog and 1 deer hunting dog for the purpose of locating, pointing or flushing that deer.			2	\$370
40	A person hunting in a team for deer (other than Hog Deer) must ensure the team does not use more than 2 gundogs or 2 deer hunting dogs or 1 gundog or 1 deer hunting dog for the purpose of locating, pointing or flushing that deer.			2	\$370

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42(1)	A person who is hunting on public land in recognised deer habitat must not have in his or her care or control a dog (that is not a hound, gundog or deer hunting dog) unless the dog is restrained or confined.			1.5	\$277
43(1)(a)	If while hunting or taking Sambar Deer with the use of hounds, a hound of a hound possessor is found on private land.			2	\$370
43(1)(b)	If while hunting or taking Sambar Deer with the use of hounds, a hound of a hound possessor is found in a park, other than in accordance with the National Parks Act 1975.			2	\$370
43(1)(c)	If while hunting or taking Sambar Deer with the use of hounds, a hound of a hound possessor is found in any area prohibited by the regulations.			2	\$370
43(1)(d)	If while hunting or taking Sambar Deer with the use of hounds, a hound of a hound possessor is found in any other area closed under Part XI of the Act.			2	\$370
44	Use a registered hound for hunting Sambar Deer without a collar to which is securely attached a permanent tag or label which has the full name of the hound owner and the hound registration number (issued by the Game Management Authority) of the hound.			1	\$185
45(1)	Use a spotlight to hunt or take game.			2.5	\$462
47	Hunt, take or destroy game during the period commencing a half-hour after sunset on any day and ending a half-hour before sunrise on the next day.			2	\$370
48(1)	A person must not hunt, take or destroy game using any bait, lure, decoy or live animal to attract game.			1	\$185
49(1)	Hunt, take or destroy game from an aircraft or motor vehicle.			2	\$370
50(1)	Hunt, take or destroy duck from a motor boat whose motor is running (whether in gear or not)			2	\$370
51	Failure to immediately kill that game that is alive when recovered.			2	\$370
51A	Failure to make reasonable efforts to recover downed game bird immediately after the bird is struck.			2	\$370
51B(1)	Failure to keep the meat of both breasts of the game bird in the person's possession until immediately prior to cooking or arriving at the persons place of residence.			2	\$370
52	Failure to leave one fully feathered wing attached to the duck, or duck breast, until immediately prior to cooking or the duck has been taken to the person's place of residence.			1	\$185
56(1)	Possession of a female Hog Deer carcass without a Hog Deer Tag marked with the letter "F" attached to one of the hind legs, prior to the carcasses has been taken to a checking station.			1	\$185
56(2)	Possession of a male Hog Deer carcass without a Hog Deer Tag marked with the letter "M" attached to one of the hind legs, prior to the carcasses has been taken to a checking station.			1	\$185
57	Failure to immediately attach a Hog Deer Tag to one of the hind legs of the deer in the manner prescribed.			1	\$185
58	Remove a Hog Deer from where it was killed prior to attaching a Hog Deer Tag to one of its hind legs.			1	\$185
59	Remove the Hog Deer Tag from the body of any Hog Deer killed prior to the body of that deer being taken to a checking station and prior to any required biological sample being given.			1.5	\$277
60	Remove the head or dismember any Hog Deer killed prior to the body of that deer being taken to a checking station and prior to any required biological sample being given.			1.5	\$277
64(a)	Hunt, take or destroy Hog Deer in the case where no Hog Deer have been taken, not being in possession of one tag marked with the letter "F" for female and one marked with the letter "M" for male.			1.5	\$277
64(b)	Hunt, take or destroy Hog Deer without valid Hog Deer Tags in the case where one Hog Deer has been taken, not being in possession of one Hog Deer Tag marked with the letter of the sex that has not been taken.			1.5	\$277
65	Sell, give, lend or transfer a Hog Deer Tag to any other person.			1	\$185
66	Alter, deface or reproduce a Hog Deer Tag.			1	\$185
67(3)	Failure to take a Hog Deer carcass to a checking station within 24 hours of taking the deer.			1	\$185
68	Failure to return any unused Hog Deer Tags and a completed return form within 28 days after the last day of each open season in the year for which the Hog Deer Tags were issued.			1	\$185
71(1)	Hunt, take or destroy deer within areas of Victoria prohibited by the regulations.			2	\$370
72(1)	Hunt or take Sambar Deer with the use of hounds or destroy Sambar Deer outside the permitted hunting area.			2	\$370
Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004					
45(1)	Offence to undertake unauthorised timber harvesting operations (natural person)			60	\$11,095
45(1)	Offence to undertake unauthorised timber harvesting operations (body corporate)			240	\$44,381
70(2)	Comply with a direction in relation to conduct of timber harvesting operations			60	\$11,095
75	Non compliance with a suspension notice			60	\$11,095
77D(2)	Refusal or failure to comply with a direction to leave a timber harvesting safety zone			20	\$3,698
77E(2)	Refusal or failure to comply with a direction to stop or move a vehicle in a timber harvesting safety zone			20	\$3,698
77F(2)	Refusal or failure to comply with a direction to remove a dog from a timber harvesting safety zone			20	\$3,698
77G	Offence to enter or remain in a timber harvesting safety zone			20	\$3,698
77H	Offence to be in possession of a prohibited thing in a timber harvesting safety zone			20	\$3,698
77I	Offence to allow a dog to enter a timber harvesting safety zone			20	\$3,698

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77J	Offence to remove or destroy a barrier or fence prohibiting or restricting access to a timber harvesting safety zone			60	\$11,095
77K	Offence to remove or destroy a notice advising of a timber harvesting safety zone			60	\$11,095
84(3)	Failure to comply with requirement to give name and address			5	\$925
84(5)	Provide evidence of correctness of name and address			5	\$925
86	Hinder or obstruct an authorised officer			60	\$11,095
87	Threaten or abuse an authorised officer			60	\$11,095
94A	Hinder, obstruct, interfere with timber harvesting operations by using prohibited thing			60	\$11,095
94B	Hinder, obstruct, interfere with timber harvesting operations			20	\$3,698
94F	Contravene an exclusion order			60	\$11,095
94H	Refuse or fail to comply with a direction to leave area to which exclusion order applies			60	\$11,095