

LANDOWNER

Alabama Game, Fish and Wildlife Law; Article 2, Beginning with 9-11-44(d)

A RESIDENT landowner which possesses an Alabama Driver's License or other proof of residency may hunt on their land without having to purchase a hunting license.

A RESIDENT landowner's immediate family may hunt on the land without having to purchase a hunting license provided that they are RESIDENTS of Alabama.

Immediate family is:

- Landowner's spouse*
- Landowner's children, if Alabama residents*
- Landowner's parents, if Alabama residents*
- Landowner's brothers and/or sisters, if Alabama residents*
- If Landowner has a tenant residing on the property, he and his immediate family residing on the property are exempt from the requirement of a hunting license.*

If the member of the immediate family has moved out of state, regardless of whether or not they possess an Alabama Driver's License, they are considered Non-Residents.

A NON-RESIDENT landowner is required to purchase the appropriate non-resident hunting license.

A NON-RESIDENT may not show two types of documentation to qualify for a Resident license. The law § 9-11-49.2. which allowed Non-resident property owners paying ad valorem property taxes to be treated as residents was repealed by Acts 1996, No. 96-379, p. 463 §2, effective May 2, 1996. If they possess an out-of-state driver's license, they are considered non-residents.

Section 9-11-44(d)

Resident license – Hunting.

(d) The licenses required by this section shall not apply to any resident or resident member of his or her immediate family who hunts on lands owned by him or her, nor shall it include any tenant or member of his or her immediate family who hunts on lands leased or rented by the tenant and who resides on the lands, nor any resident of this state on active military duty who is in this state on leave and who has proof of that status in his or her possession.