

# What Do I Need to Deer Hunt in NJ?

A hunting license is required for all seasons. Permit Bow, Shotgun and Muzzleloader seasons also require an antlerless zone-specific permit and antlered buck permit. See page 37.

Season	Hunting License	Zone-Specific Antlerless Permit	Antlered Buck Permit	Rifle Permit	Notes
Fall Bow	2024 Bow & Arrow, All-Around, Apprentice Archery, or Youth Archery	—	—	No	
Permit Bow	2024 Bow & Arrow, All-Around, Apprentice Archery, or Youth Archery	Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)	Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See <b>Notes</b> .	No	For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit
Youth Days	See Youth Day regulations on page 8				
Permit Muzzleloader	Valid 2024 or 2025 Firearm, All-Around or Youth Firearm	Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)	Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See <b>Notes</b> .	Yes	For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit. Rifle Permit required.
Six-Day Firearm	Valid 2024 Firearm, All-Around, Apprentice Firearm, or Youth Firearm	—	—	Yes, if using muzzleloader	Hunters with a valid Bow License AND a Firearm or All-Around License may use a bow during Six-day firearm.
Permit Shotgun	Valid 2024 or 2025 Firearm, All-Around, Apprentice Firearm, or Youth Firearm	Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)	Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See <b>Notes</b> .	No	For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit
Winter Bow	2025 Bow & Arrow, All-Around, Apprentice Archery, or Youth Archery	—	—	No	

**NOTE:** All hunting licenses are valid for the calendar year; deer permits are valid for the 2024–2025 deer seasons.  
FARMERS are not required to purchase a hunting license for the farm on which they reside but must still report all harvested deer. See page 70 for more information.