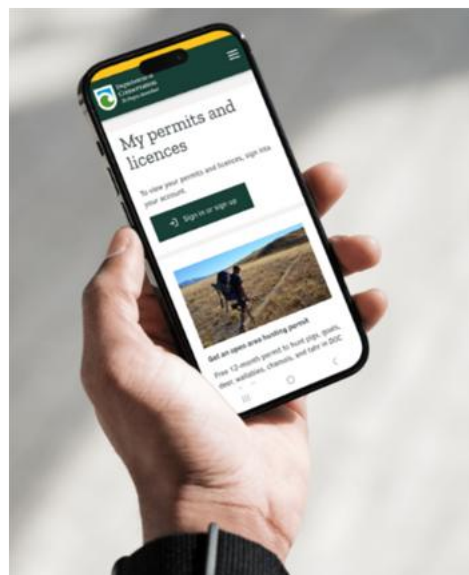


Applying for a Blue Mountains monthly ballot has changed and can now be done completely on-line.

Here's what you need to know.



Applications will now be made through DOC's Permits and Licences Portal

To apply for a ballot, you'll need to go into the Permits and Licences Portal by either typing <https://permits-licences.doc.govt.nz/> into your web browser or through the relevant hunting page on the DOC website.

The portal lets you do everything yourself

Want to add someone to your hunting party? Lost the original e-mail with your permit and want to get it resent? Want to see if there are any leftover spots that you can book? You're now able to do all these things completely online yourself through the portal.

You'll need an account in the portal

You'll need an account in the Permits and Licences Portal to apply for a ballot. Setting up an account is easy and it doesn't cost anything. You can also use this account to get an open hunting permit or book restricted hunting blocks in other areas.

Just follow these steps:

1. Go into the Permits and Licences Portal.
2. Click the 'Sign in or Sign up' button.
3. Click 'Sign up now' at the bottom of the screen.
4. Verify your email. You'll be e-mailed a six-digit code that you'll need to enter into the system.
5. Set a password and enter your first and last name. Your password will need to be at least 14 characters long and include an upper case and lower-case letter, a number, and a special character (e.g. \$#@&).
6. Verify your e-mail for a second time.
7. Enter your personal details (address, date of birth, etc.).

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Sign in

Sign in with your email address

[Forgot your password?](#)

Help us beat the bots

Enter the characters you see

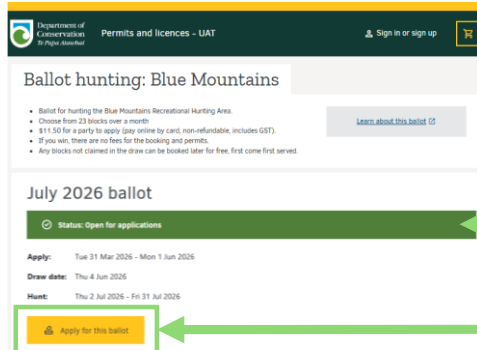
[Sign in](#)

Don't have an account? [Sign up now](#)

There are a few simple steps to apply for a ballot

1. Find the ballot you want to apply for

On the portal homepage, you'll find the Blue Mountains ballot tile. Click on the tile to see the ballots that are open for applications.



The green status bar tells you what ballots are open for applications.

You can see the key dates for each ballot. Start your application by clicking on the yellow 'Apply for this ballot' button.

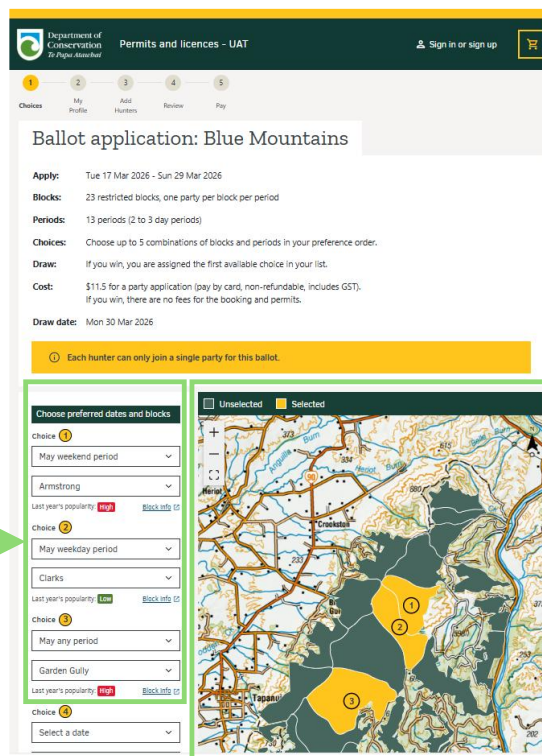
2. Choose your preferred dates and blocks

You can select up to five preferences for your application. With each preference you must select a block and select either (1) any weekend period or (2) any weekday period or (3) any period.

Select your blocks and preferred hunting period in order of preference (with Choice 1 being your top preference).

You can find more information about the block by clicking on the block info link.

IMPORTANT! Vehicle access to many blocks is through Ernslaw One Ltd. forestry areas and is controlled through gate codes. Vehicle access requires the hunter to complete a health and safety orientation before they can get issued gate codes. Check block information before making your application!



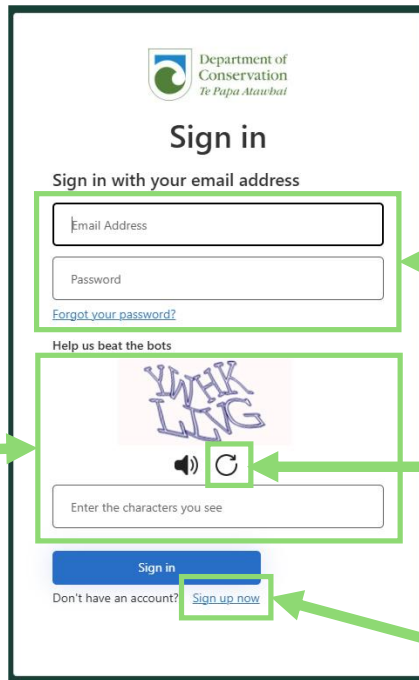
As you select your preferred blocks, they'll be shown on the map along with the order of preference that you have selected them in.

Once you have made your selections, click on the 'Next' button at the bottom of the page.

3. Log into your account

Log in with your e-mail address and password, then complete the security check. If you have forgotten your password, there is a 'Forgot your password' function that allows you to reset it.

Type the jumbled characters that you see in the field below (top line left to right followed by bottom line left to right).



Enter your e-mail address and password. If you have forgotten your password, use the Forgot your password function.

If you can't read the jumbled letters, click on the refresh button to get a new set.

If you haven't got an account, click on the Sign up now link and follow the process to set up your account.

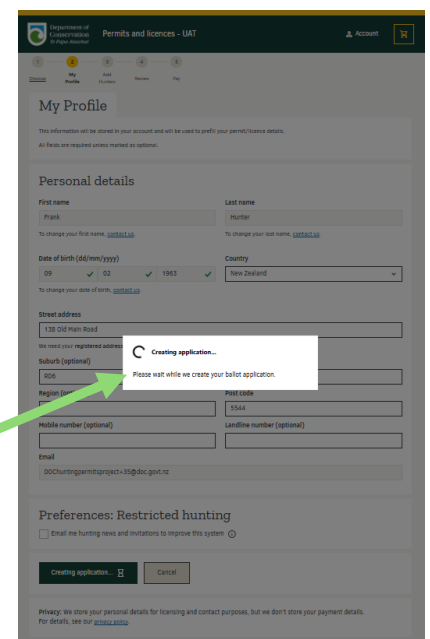
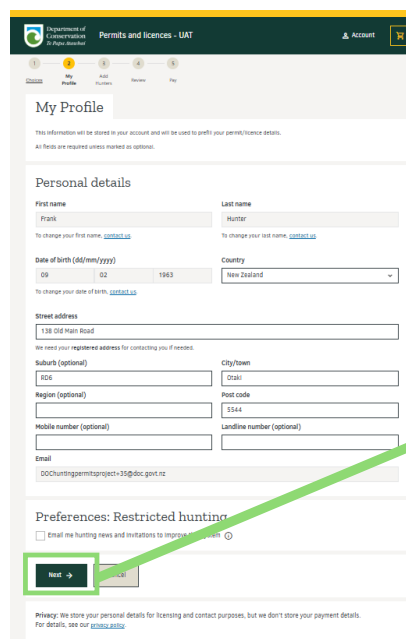
After clicking the 'Sign in' button, you'll be asked to verify your e-mail address before continuing with your application.

4. Check your personal details

Make sure that your personal details are correct. Your name and home address will be recorded on the permit so it's important that these are accurate.

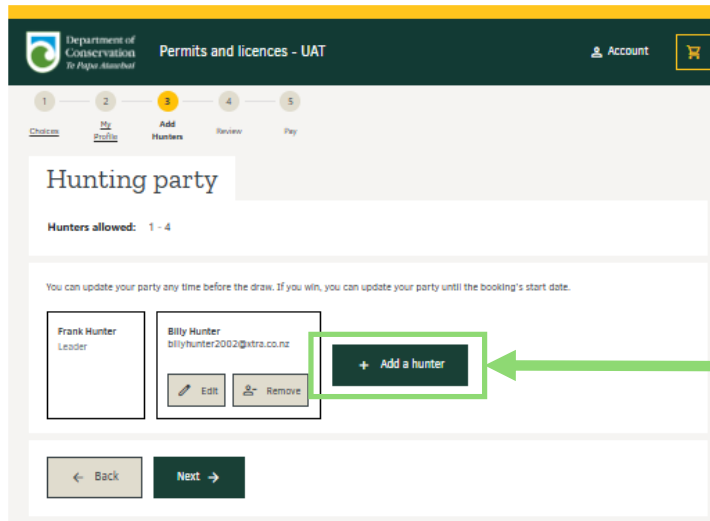
After checking your details, click the Next button.

Once you click the Next button, your application will be created and you'll be taken to the next step. The creation process may take a few seconds to complete.



5. Add your hunting party members

If other hunters want to be part of your application, add their names and contact details (e-mail is preferred but mobile phone numbers are okay too). They'll be sent an invitation to join your application and will need to accept it if they want to be included.

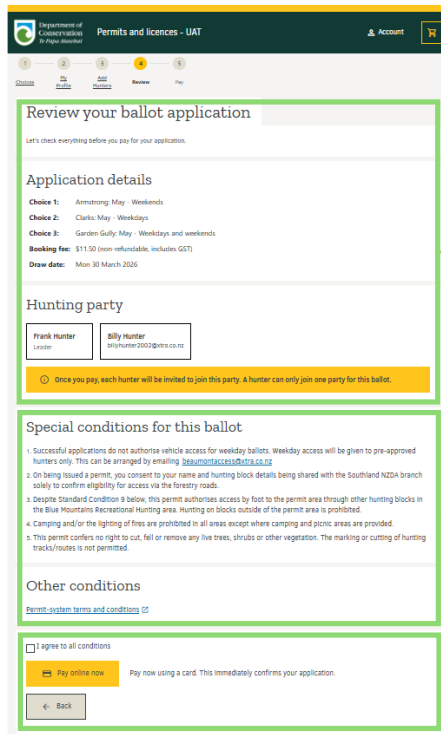


To add a hunting party member just click on the + Add a hunter button.

You must provide either an e-mail address or a mobile phone number for each hunter.

6. Review your application and agree to the application conditions

Read the ballot conditions and agree to them. Click on the yellow 'Pay online now' button.



Review your application and hunting party member details. Once your application is submitted you can't change your choice of blocks and dates so make sure that these are correct.

Read the ballot conditions carefully. There may also be special conditions associated with the block(s) that you are applying for and you must be familiar with these.

Once you are happy with your application, confirm your acceptance of all conditions and click the yellow Pay online now button.

7. Pay your application fees on-line

To complete your application, you need to pay your application fees.

Payment Details

Amount (NZD): \$11.5
Payment reference: AP2603001098

Cardholder name
Credit card number

Expiry date / Security code

Pay Now

Privacy: We store your personal details for licence and contact purposes, but we don't store your payment details. For details, see our [privacy policy](#).

You can use a credit or debit card to pay your application fees.

Once you click the Pay Now button, you'll get a confirmation in the system and you'll receive an e-mail confirming your application along with a receipt for your application fees.

Application confirmed

Thanks, your application for this ballot is paid for and confirmed.

Choice 1: Armstrong - Weekends
Choice 2: Clarks - Weekdays
Choice 3: Garden Gully - May - Weekdays and weekends

Application number: AP2603001098
Draw date: Mon 30 March 2026

What happens next:

- As the leader, you will receive an email confirming your ballot application. If you don't see the email within 15 minutes, check your spam folder.
- We'll email invitations to the hunters you invited, with a link to join the ballot application.
- Each hunter can only join a single party for this ballot.
- When the ballots are drawn, we'll notify you of the outcome. You can only win once per ballot.

To change this application (for example, to add or remove a hunter) before the draw, you can sign in and find it in your list of permits and licences.

Questions or problems?
We're here to help - [email us](#).

How did we do?
Let us know what we did well and didn't so we can improve. [View anonymous feedback](#)

Ballot application confirmed - AP2603001098

DOC Hunter Management
Sales Manager - AP2603001098

Ella van Frank,
Your ballot application is confirmed.

Ballot: Blue Mountains
Reference: AP2603001098
Hunting period: Sat 2 May 2026 - Sun 31 May 2026
Hunters to party: 2
Choice 1: Armstrong - Weekends
Choice 2: Clarks - Weekdays
Choice 3: Garden Gully - May - Weekdays and weekends
Payment received: NZ\$11.5

Invitations sent
Invitations to join this application have been sent to each member of the party. They can join until the date shown above. If they don't join by then, they'll be removed from your party, and you'll have to re-invite them later (if you win the ballot).

Each hunter can only join a single party for this ballot.

Manage your application
As the leader, you can make changes to this application online. This includes:

- Adding or removing party members, or correcting their contact details and re-sending their invitation
- Transferring leadership to another member
- Cancelling the application altogether

Draw
When the winning ballots are drawn, we'll notify you of the outcome. You can only win once per ballot.

Draw date: 30 Mar 2026

Anyone listed as a hunting party member will receive an invitation to be included in your application. If they don't accept the invitation, they will be removed from the application when the draw is made (but you can add them to your hunting party later if your application is successful).

Once your application is confirmed, you can view it in the My permits and licences area. You can also add or remove hunting party members, amend hunting party member details, resend invitations or cancel the application.

My permits and licences

New permits/licences: **+ Hunting** **+ Other**

Current and upcoming (2)

Open area hunting permit
Lower North Island **Current**
Frank Hunter Valid: 25 Apr 2025 - 24 Apr 2026

Ballot application
Blue Mountains May 2026 ballot **Confirmed**
Frank Hunter and 1 more Draw: 30 Mar 2026

Expired and cancelled (0)

New permits and licences will take a few minutes to appear in this list.

Looking for a hunting booking that you were invited to? Check your email or contact the party leader.

[Other DOC permits & licences](#) [Book huts, campsites, lodges, and Great Walks](#)

Ballot application: Blue Mountains

Choices **Paid**
Armstrong: May - Weekends
Clarks: May - Weekdays
Garden Gully: May - Weekdays and weekends **Cancel application**

Draw date
Mon 30 Mar 2026

Application reference
AP2603001098

Hunting Party Hunters allowed: 1 - 4

Frank Hunter **Confirmed** **Leader**
Billy Hunter **Invited**
billyhunter2002@tra.co.nz

Edit **Re-send invite** **Remove** **+ Add a hunter**

If you have questions or need help, [email us](#).

A few final points...

- The application fee is non-refundable.
- You can only be part of one application per ballot. If you apply yourself, you cannot be included as a hunting party member on another application.
- If you want to change your blocks or preferred hunting period, you'll need to cancel your application and submit a new application (and this will incur another application fee).
- If your application is successful, you'll be offered a ballot spot. You must accept the offered spot by a prescribed date. If you don't, the offer will be rescinded, and the ballot spot will be made available for the second round of allocations or available to book as a leftover block.
- Even though you are only allowed to be a part of one application per ballot, after the ballot draws have been completed, you can subsequently be invited to join any hunting parties who have secured ballot spots. The only constraint is that you cannot be a member of different parties on the same date.

Need further help?

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