



Have you heard about the changes to **moose hunting** in Ontario? There is a new, fairer process for distributing moose tags starting this year. Applications start soon so be ready!

Here's what you need to know for 2021:

NEW calf tag quotas province wide:

- Calf tags will no longer be issued with your moose licence.
- Wildlife Management Unit (WMU)-specific calf tags can be applied for through the tag allocation process.

NEW points-based process:

- Moose tags will be distributed to Ontario residents using a **points-based process** that replaces the draw system.
- Hunters will apply as individuals. There will be **no group applications**.
- There will be **two allocation stages** with different application periods. You will have a second chance to apply again if you were unsuccessful or didn't apply to the first stage.

NEW tag types:

- Ontario residents can now apply for **calf tags, cow/calf tags or bull tags**.

NEW moose fees:

- Fees for moose are changing. Hunters will only pay for the products they require, depending on their success in the allocation process.

Ontario is improving how tags are distributed and making changes to ensure sustainable moose populations.

During the moose management review in 2019, hunters across Ontario told us they wanted:

- moose management changes that would benefit moose populations
- a fairer system for allocating moose tags

You can learn more about the Moose Management Review and the changes at

ontario.ca/moosereview.

NEW calf tag quotas province-wide

Implementing calf tag quotas addresses ongoing concerns about the number of calves that survive to become breeding adults. Controlling calf harvest levels is intended to result in more hunting opportunities for adult moose in the future. While not receiving a calf tag with a moose licence is a major change for moose hunters, it is necessary to support sustainable moose population management and ensure future hunting opportunities.

NEW points-based allocation process

The new moose tag allocation process is designed to make allocation fairer for Ontario residents. The new tag process will increase your ability to predict when you or another party member are likely to be awarded a tag. In the previous tag draw system, most tags were issued by random draw. In the new tag process, there will no longer be pools 1 and 2 and all hunters will apply individually.

Moving to the new points-based process:

- addresses concerns about fairness
- distributes all tag types to resident hunters
- allows hunters to purchase only the products they need
- increases hunters' ability to predict when they are likely to be awarded a tag
- gives hunters more choices when applying
- lets hunters decide whether to apply using their points or to gain a point for the future
- allows hunters awarded a tag the ability to decide whether to claim it
- *provides most* allocation results much earlier
- supports moose hunter recruitment and retention
- eliminates surplus tag distribution and provides a second chance allocation

How your points will work

Your points will be used towards your desired tag type in the allocation process. Most tags will be awarded to applicants with the highest points. You will decide whether to use your points for your desired tag or build your points for the future.

The number of points you start with will be based on your draw history. Your points in 2021 were calculated based on your draw history from **1993 through 2020**.

Your points in 2021:

- You will start with **ONE** point for each year you applied for the moose draw since last receiving an adult tag unless you've never received a tag, then it will be based on when you first began applying. This is the case whether the tag was received directly through the draw or by tag transfer. Your past applications do not need to be consecutive.
- Having made a tag transfer or received a calf tag or surplus tag in previous years will not have reset your points.

- You will have gained a point in any year you applied to WMU "99Z" since you last received an adult tag.

For example: If the last time you were issued an adult tag through the draw or a tag transfer was in 2010, and you have applied 6 times since, then you will have 6 points in 2021 regardless of whether you may have transferred an adult tag to another hunter or been issued a calf tag or surplus tag since 2010.

Your points after 2021:

- You will accumulate a point in any year you applied to one or both allocation stages *IF* you didn't claim a tag awarded based on points.
- You will accumulate a point by selecting WMU "99Z" as your first choice in either the primary or second chance allocation.
- *If you claim a tag from your second or third choice in the second chance allocation, you will keep your points and gain a point.*
- Obtaining a moose tag from a tourist outfitter will not affect your points. You cannot be issued more than one moose tag per year.
- If you claim a tag awarded based on points, your points will **reset to zero the following year**.
- Northern resident hunters will receive one additional point (non-accumulating) when they apply for a northern WMU (WMUs 1-42). This small preference replaces the Northern Resident Draw.

Hunters can only gain one point per year. Points can't be pooled, transferred or shared.

Starting in 2022, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) will be able to provide information on the number of points it took in the previous year to get each tag type for all WMUs. The required points will not be set by the MNRF and may change between years based on tag quotas and the points of applicants. This won't guarantee future success based on the same number of points, but it will help hunters predict when they are likely to have enough points for their preferred tag type and to apply strategically.

How to access your points:

- Your points are available through your online account at [huntandfishontario.com](https://www.huntandfishontario.com) or by calling the automated phone line at **1-800-288-1155**. Please note MNRF staff, ServiceOntario and licence issuers are not able to access your points for you. You will only be able to view your points through your online account or hear your total through the automated phone line.

For detailed step by step instructions on how to view your moose points visit [huntandfishontario.com](https://www.huntandfishontario.com) and click on Helpful Links > Tips to Get Started

NEW tag types

The allocation process will change the way you apply for tags. Under the new process you can choose to apply for calf tags, cow/calf tags and bull tags in either allocation stage.

Tag Type	Valid For
Calf tag	Valid only for the harvest of a calf moose
Cow/calf tag	Valid for the harvest of either a cow OR a calf moose
Bull tag	Valid only for the harvest of a bull moose

- A calf tag will be valid for the full length of all moose hunting seasons in a specific WMU (e.g. for both the bows only and gun seasons).
- Bull and cow/calf tags will be WMU and season-specific.

How tags will be allocated in each stage

The new points-based tag allocation process is broken up into two stages. A primary allocation stage, where most high demand tags will be awarded and a second chance allocation stage, where unclaimed tags and tags not applied for in the first stage will be available.

When you apply to either stage, you can make up to three choices for a tag. An example of a tag choice may be a **bull tag for the bows only season in WMU 48**.

Each tag type is allocated separately based on first, second and third choices in either allocation stage. Tags will be awarded in descending order from highest to *lowest point total*.

Your **second choice** will only be considered if:

- tags are available after all applicants that selected that tag type as their first choice have been awarded tags.

Your **third choice** will only be considered if:

- tags remain available after all applicants that selected that tag type as their first choice and applicants that selected it as their second choice have been awarded tags.

A random draw will be used to break ties when there are more applicants with the same point total than the number of tags that remain available.

How you can apply:

IMPORTANT: Moose tag quotas and hunt codes will be available online at ontario.ca/moosequotas and by phone at **1-800-288-1155** beginning April 1, 2021. Tag quotas will no longer be published in the Hunting Regulations Summary. You will be able to find out the number of remaining tags available for the second chance allocation stage online or by phone in mid-June.

When you apply:

- You will pay a \$15 application fee to apply to either or both allocation stages.
- You will apply as an individual. There are **no group applications**.
- Hunters can make up to **three choices** for a tag type in each stage.
- If you don't want to apply for a tag awarded based on points, you can gain a point by selecting **WMU "99Z"** as your first choice in either stage. In the second chance allocation stage you can also enter a second or third choice for a tag awarded by random draw.
- You can apply to the second chance allocation stage unless you already claimed a tag in the primary allocation stage. Your *primary allocation* application choices will not automatically carry forward to the second chance allocation.

You can apply to the allocation process:

- Online at www.huntandfishontario.com
- By calling the automated phone at 1-800-288-1155
- In person at a licence issuer or at a participating ServiceOntario location.

Please refer to the calendar on the back of this package for all of the important dates for the application process.

Apply online

To apply online, visit huntandfishontario.com and select "Buy Licences and Enter Draws," then login to your online account. If you haven't already set up your online account, check out the "Helpful Resources" page for information on How to set up your online account.

For detailed step by step instructions on how to apply to the moose tag allocation, visit huntandfishontario.com and click on Helpful Links > Tips to Get Started

Apply by phone

1. Call the automated phone line at **1-800-288-1155**.
2. Apply to the moose tag allocation process and pay the application fee.
3. Record the authorization number you receive at the end of the call.

Apply in person

1. At a licence issuer or visit a participating **ServiceOntario** location. Check your receipt before leaving the counter to verify your choices are entered correctly.

Claiming your tag

To claim your tag, you will need to purchase a moose licence and your tag by the claim period deadline. **See the quick reference calendar on the back of this package for important dates.** Tags that are not claimed by the first allocation deadline will be available for the Second Chance Allocation.

You can claim your tag by purchasing a moose licence and your tag online, through the automated phone line, or at a licence issuer or participating ServiceOntario. A list of fees can be found below.

If you choose not to claim a tag that you are awarded, you don't need to pay for it, and it will not impact your points.

For detailed step by step instructions on how to claim your moose tag, visit huntandfishontario.com and click on Helpful Links > Tips to Get Started

A fairer approach to moose fees

The new approach to moose fees is fairer by allowing hunters to purchase only the products they need. This approach shifts cost from unsuccessful applicants to those that claim a tag.

- To apply to the allocation process, you will pay a **\$15 application fee**, instead of having to purchase a licence to apply.
- A moose **licence will no longer include a calf tag** and will be reduced in price to \$35.29.
- If you are claiming a tag you have been awarded, you will be required to purchase a moose licence and your tag.
- You can purchase a moose licence if you wish to party hunt with another tag holder, without out needing to have applied to the allocation process.

Moose Fees	Price
Application fee	\$15.00
Moose licence	\$35.29
Calf tag	\$30.00
Cow/calf tag	\$150.00
Bull tag	\$200.00

Elimination of tag transfers

Under the new process moose tag transfers are **no longer permitted**. *In exceptional circumstances such as injury, illness or death of the tag holder or an immediate family member; or redeployment by the Canadian Armed Forces, a tag transfer may be considered with written request and documentation.*

Helpful Resources

	Online	By the automated phone line	Participating ServiceOntario/licence issuer
Moose quotas	X	X	
Moose points	X	X (current year points only)	
Moose draw entry and results	X	X (current year results only)	
Apply for a Moose tag	X	X	X
Claim your Moose tag	X	X (available for primary allocation only)	X

Visit huntandfishontario.com > **Helpful Links** > **Tips to Get Started** for step by step instructions on:

- How to set up your online account
- How to view your draw entry and results
- How to view your moose points
- How to apply to the moose tag allocation
- How to claim your moose tag

For more information on the new allocation process visit:

- ontario.ca/moosetagprocess

For more information on moose tag quotas visit:

- ontario.ca/moosequotas
- Automated Phone line: **1-800-288-1155** (Quotas only available)

For more information on the Moose Management Review visit:

- ontario.ca/moosereview

For general information on moose hunting in Ontario:

- ontario.ca/moose

For inquiries contact the Natural Resources Information and Support Centre at:

- Email: NRISC@ontario.ca
- Phone: **1-800-387-7011**

IMPORTANT 2021 DATES FOR MOOSE HUNTERS

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Dates subject to change beyond 2021.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 1 to April 30** - Apply to the Primary Allocation Stage
 - May 16 to June 7** - Claim tags awarded in the Primary Allocation Stage
 - June 15 to July 7** - Apply to the Second Chance Allocation Stage
 - August 1 to End of Season** - Claim tags awarded in the Second Chance Allocation Stage
- *August 17** - Tags available to print until End of Season

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