

**E.H. Mason Neck and Occoquan Bay
National Wildlife Refuge
Deer Management Hunts
2026 Firearm and Slug Qualification Standards**

QUALIFICATION CARDS

- Hunters may print firearm qualification cards at the following websites:
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/elizabeth-hartwell-mason-neck/visit-us/activities/hunting> OR
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/occoquan-bay/visit-us/activities/hunting> OR
<https://potomacriverrefugehunts.recaccess.com>
- Ranges are not responsible for providing qualification cards. We ask the hunters be responsible for printing and bringing qualification cards to the range.

REQUIREMENTS

- Selected hunters MUST bring their qualification card to the range for instructor validation.
- Selected hunters are required to pass qualification standards for firearms and ammunition set forth at an approved range.
- Staff will accept Fairfax County Police Department hunter firearm qualifications if proper documentation is provided upon entry to the Mason Neck and Occoquan Bay NWR deer hunts.
- Firearms and ammunition can be qualified and added to the card at any point PRIOR to hunting.
- Only firearms and ammunition listed on the qualification card may be used or possessed during the hunt.
- Persons not in possession of a signed qualification card from an approved range at hunter check-in will not hunt.
- Cards do not expire for 3 years. *Cards from 2024 & 2025 remain valid for this year's hunt.*
- Slugs only at the Mason Neck and Occoquan Bay NWR deer hunts.

SLUG QUALIFICATIONS

- No shotgun gauge limitation.
- Qualification consists of firing from a sitting or standing position without support, 3 shots at a 12" diameter circle target at 50 yards, with a passing score of at least 2 striking within the circle
- Each hunter is allowed 2 attempts per firearm.