

What to consider when you apply

You should plan ahead and consider how you and other members of your moose hunting party will apply in 2021 and beyond.

You need a moose licence to hunt moose but the licence will not come with a calf tag.

You will only be able to hunt moose by:

- being awarded and claiming a tag through the allocation process
- purchasing a licence and party hunting with a hunter that claimed a tag
- purchasing a licence and being the registered guest of a tourist outfitter from which you or a party member has obtained a tag.

Getting a moose tag from a tourist outfitter will not affect your points. You cannot be issued more than one moose tag per year.

Learn more about hunting moose with a [tourist outfitter](#).

Hunting parties

Hunting parties may get their preferred tag type most frequently by taking turns having the hunter with the most points apply for, be awarded and claim the tag whenever possible. Other party members would then build their points until they have the most points in the party and it becomes their turn to apply for the preferred tag type.

If a party only wants one of their most preferred tag type, only the hunter with the most points should apply for it. If a party wants two of the same tag type, the two hunters with the most points should apply for that tag type. Other party members may consider applying for less preferred tag types or for a point.

Two or more hunters could be tied for the most points within a party. If this happens, both hunters can apply for their party's preferred tag choice, which will increase their chances of being awarded at least one of those tags in cases where a random draw is required to break a tie.

Parties that would like to hold at least one tag so that they can go moose hunting may choose to have one or more members with fewer points apply for a lower demand tag, such as a calf tag or cow/calf bow tag, as their first choice in the primary allocation. This strategy may be best in WMUs where the number of applicants for lower demand tags in the second and third random draw choices of the second chance allocation stage is likely to be high relative to the remaining number of tags.

Your first, second and third tag choices in either allocation stage

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 have been awarded tags

- those that selected it as their second choice have been awarded tags

You should never apply for the exact same tag type in more than one choice within a stage. For example, you should not choose a bull gun tag in the same WMU as your first and second choice within a stage. If you were not awarded a tag on your earlier choice, there will be no tags of that type available for your later choice.

If you are awarded a tag in an earlier choice, such as your first choice, then your second and third choices are not considered in that allocation stage.

You should only enter a choice for a tag awarded based on points for a tag that you are willing to claim and forfeit your points. This applies to the primary allocation stage and the first choice of the second chance allocation stage.

Applying directly for a point

If you apply directly for a point in the primary allocation because you did not want to apply for a tag, you will be allowed to change your mind and enter the second chance allocation to apply for a tag.

High demand and low demand tags

Most tags are likely to be awarded in the primary allocation stage, especially for higher demand tag types such as bull gun, cow/calf gun, or bull bow, in the more accessible Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) outside of far Northern Ontario.

Higher demand tags that were awarded, but not claimed, will be available in the second chance allocation. These are likely to be awarded to first choice applications in step 1 of the second chance allocation.

Your second and third tag choices in the second chance allocation are best made for lower demand tag types that may remain available after all first-choice applications are awarded tags.

You can be awarded a tag with zero points. This is most likely for lower demand tag types as a first choice in the primary allocation or in the second chance allocation.

Points

The minimum points awarded each tag type will likely be variable in the first few years of the tag allocation process because:

- hunters will be using their accumulated points and developing application strategies
- tag quotas may change in response to the implementation of calf tag quotas and new bow quotas

Hunters should expect that in 2021, the minimum points needed to be awarded tags will be highest in the WMUs with the lowest draw success rates in recent years. Some hunters will apply in 2021 having accumulated more than 25 points since 1993.

Tag types with 100% Pool 1, Choice 1 draw success in recent years are the tag types most likely to be available beyond the first choice of the primary allocation in 2021.

The total points you need to be awarded each tag type, and whether any tags will remain after all first choices are awarded is determined by how many hunters choose each tag type relative to the quota and their points, not by the ministry.

Beginning in 2022, we will publish the minimum points of a hunter awarded each tag type in the previous year.