

Hunters may register for the Harvest Information Program (HIP) beginning Aug. 1, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

HIP registration is required of Nebraska residents age 16 and older and all nonresidents who plan to hunt migratory game birds between Aug. 1, 2010 and July 31, 2011. These birds are dove, ducks, geese, snipe, rail, coots, and woodcock.

HIP, which is required by federal regulation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, helps wildlife managers estimate the number of migratory birds harvested each year. Those estimates help biologists set limits and seasons.

Register for the free program online at [nehip.com](http://nehip.com) or by telephone toll-free at (877) 634-8687. Registered hunters are assigned a number that they must carry with them while hunting.

Among those who must register in Nebraska are hunters registered in another state and holders of lifetime, senior, veteran, and deployed military permits.

Hunting permits may be purchased at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org).