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## **Hunter Education and Ethics Development training now available online**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon's Hunter Education and Ethics Development (HEED) course is now available online to aspiring Yukon hunters.

"Offering Hunter Education and Ethics Development training online allows young or new hunters to take this important training when it's convenient for them," Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko said. "This course is the latest addition to our department's eServices initiative, which also supports the online purchase of angling licences and resident annual campground permits."

About 300 people take HEED training each year to learn about field techniques, Yukon hunting regulations, wildlife identification, outdoor preparedness and firearm basics. While the course is mandatory for those born after 1987, the program can benefit anyone interested in outdoor recreation and wildlife. More than 4,000 people currently hold a hunting licence in Yukon.

"We worked closely with online educator huntercourse.com to develop modern, engaging content that reflects the ethics and nuances of the Yukon hunting experience," Istchenko added. "It's important for all hunters, regardless of age, to learn how to do things safely, respectfully and responsibly."

The HEED course, which is offered free of charge, now involves about eight hours of online instruction plus a four-hour classroom session. The 20-hour classroom-based course will no longer be offered except under special circumstances.

Hunters wishing to buy or own firearms and to buy ammunition must first pass the Canadian Firearms Safety Course to acquire their Possession and Acquisition License.

### **Learn more:**

Environment Yukon HEED training

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