



# Game Act 1831

## CHAPTER 32

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- Repeal of 13 Ric. 2. st. 1. c. 13.  
Commencement of this Act.
- II What shall be deemed Game.
- III Days and Seasons during which Game shall not be killed. Penalty for laying Poison to kill Game.
- IV Possession of Game illegal after Ten Days in Dealers, and Forty Days in other Persons, from the Expiration of the Season.
- V This Act not to affect the existing Laws respecting Game Certificates.
- VI Every certificated Person may kill Game, subject to the Law of Trespass. Proviso as to Gamekeepers.
- VII Under existing Leases the Landlord shall have the Game, except, in certain Cases.
- VIII This Act not to affect any-existing or future Agreements respecting Game, nor any Rights of Manor, Forest, Chase, or Warren.
- IX This Act not to affect any of His Majesty's Forest Rights, &c.
- X Nor to affect any Cattle-gates or Right of Common. Lod of Manor to have the Game on the Wastes.
- XI Landlord, having the Game, may authorize others to kill it.
- XII Where the Landlord, &c. has the Right to the Game, in exclusion of the Occupier, the Occupier shall be liable to a Penalty for killing it.
- XIII Lords of Manors may appoint Gamekeepers. Powers of Gamekeepers in Manors.
- XIV Lords of Manors may grant Deputations.
- XV Regulations respecting Appointment of Gamekeepers in Wales.
- XVI All Appointments of Gamekeepers to be registered with the Clerk of the Peace.
- XVII Certificated Persons may sell Game to licensed Dealers. Proviso as to Gamekeepers.

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- XXVIII Justices to hold a Special Session yearly for granting Licences to Persons to deal in Game. Dealers in Game to put up a Board.
- XXIX Persons licensed to deal in Game must take out a Certificate, with a Duty of 2l.
- XX Collectors to make out List of Persons who have obtained Licences to deal in Game.
- XXI Proviso as to Partners.
- XXII Licences when to become void.
- XXIII Penalty for killing Game without a Certificate. This Penalty to be cumulative.
- XXIV Penalty for destroying or taking the Eggs of Game, &c.
- XXV Penalty for selling Game without Licence, and on certificated Persons selling to unlicensed Persons.
- XXVI Exceptions as to Innkeepers.
- XXVII Penalty on Persons buying; Game, except from licensed Dealers.
- XXVIII Penalty on licensed Dealers buying Game from uncertificated Persons, or otherwise offending.
- XXIX As to buying and selling Game by the Servants of a licensed Dealer.
- XXX Penalty on Persons trespassing in the Day-time upon Lands in search of Game. Where the Occupier of the Land, not being entitled to the Game, allows any Person to kill it, the Party entitled to the Game may enforce the Penalty.
- XXXI Trespassers in search of Game may be required to quit the Land, and to tell their Names and Abodes, and in case of Refusal may be arrested. Penalty. Party arrested must be discharged, unless brought before a Justice within 12 Hours.
- XXXII Penalty on Persons found armed using Violence, &c.
- XXXIII Penalty for Trespass in Day-time in His Majesty's Forests.
- XXXIV What to be deemed Daytime.
- XXXV The Provisions as to Trespassers not to apply to Persons hunting, &c.
- XXXVI Game may be taken from Trespassers not delivering up the same when demanded.
- XXXVII Application of Penalties for Offences against this Act.
- XXXVIII Time for Payment of Penalties, and Scale of Imprisonment for Non-payment.
- XXXIX Form of Conviction.
- XL Power to summon Witnesses. Penalty for Disobedience of Summons, &c.
- XLI Time for Proceedings, and Mode of enforcing the Appearance of Offenders.
- XLII Prosecutor not required to prove a Negative.
- XLIII Convictions to be returned to Sessions.
- XLIV Appeal.
- XLV No Certiorari, &c.
- XLVI This Act not to preclude Actions for Trespass, but no Double Proceedings for the same Trespass.
- XLVII Venue, &c. in Proceedings against Persons acting under this Act. Tender of Amends.
- XLVIII Act not to extend to Scotland or Ireland.

SCHEDULE (B.) — FORM of CERTIFICATE to be issued by Clerks of  
Commissioners of Assessed Taxes to every Person licensed to  
deal in Game.