



Queensland Sheep and Goat Electronic Identification Assistance Scheme

Processor guidelines

Mandatory individual electronic identification (eID) for sheep and goats is being introduced nationally to strengthen livestock traceability and commences in Queensland on 1 January 2025. Sheep and goat eID improves biosecurity and traceability including accurate and timely tracing to help reduce the duration and impact of an emergency animal disease or residue incident.

Purpose

The purpose of the Queensland Sheep and Goat Electronic Identification Assistance Scheme (Scheme) is to encourage uptake and compliance with mandatory eID of sheep and goats by providing financial assistance via a rebate to eligible processors, to offset up to half the cost of purchasing eligible items (see list below).

Assistance available

Processors may be eligible for a rebate of up to 50% of the cost of eligible items purchased on or after 1 January 2023.

The maximum amount of assistance payable to an applicant depends on the number of sheep and/or goats processed:

- Small processor (1-100 sheep and/or goats/week): \$2,500 per Queensland PIC.
- Medium processor (101 – 2,000 sheep and/or goats/week): \$10,000 per Queensland PIC.
- Large processor (2,001 or more sheep and/or goats/week): \$85,000 per Queensland PIC.

Key dates

Applications open	29 July 2024
Applications close	30 June 2025 or earlier if all funds are exhausted
Assessment process	Eligibility-based
Outcomes of applications	Within 30 business days
Claims for eligible costs	Eligible items can be purchases from 1 January 2023.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the Scheme you must meet the following criteria:

- Have a current biosecurity entity registration associated with the processing facility.
- The processing facility must have an allocated PIC in Queensland.
- Have a current Australian business number (ABN).
- Have current Safe Food Queensland registration.
- Uploaded a minimum of 4 mob-based movement files to NLIS database since 1 Dec 2022
- Only receive a rebate once from the Scheme per Queensland PIC per Queensland PIC.

- Agree to be audited if requested.

Eligible and ineligible items

Eligible Items

- eID readers (i.e. panel and handheld readers for accredited NLIS devices)
- hardware (e.g. iPads or tablets)
- software and connectivity between eID hardware.

Ineligible Items

- weigh crates/ scales
- roofing and electrical works
- wages for employees/contractors, or yourself, and/or labour costs
- infrastructure for connectivity between eID and hardware
- purchase, installation, and training for staff using software and equipment.
- subscriptions for software.

How to apply

[Complete the application form.](#)

Rebate applications must be submitted accompanied by:

- copies of tax invoices(s), official receipt(s) or bank statements of eligible items that show:
- the date of purchase(s)
- the name, address and ABN (if applicable) of the entity issuing the receipt.
- description of each eligible item (e.g. tag name and manufacturer)
- evidence of full payment for the eligible items
- any additional documents stated in the application form.

Complete and submit your application form and supporting information before the closing date to:

Email: LTU@daf.qld.gov.au or post to:

Licensing and Transaction Unit
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
GPO Box 46
Brisbane Qld 4001

Conditions of assistance

- Applications for assistance are limited for saleyard operators to one application per Queensland PIC.
- Rebates will be available until the Scheme's closing date of 30 June 2025, unless Scheme funding is exhausted prior. The Scheme closing date may be extended.
- Payment of assistance under the Scheme is subject to the following conditions:
 - the applicant must keep the original tax invoice(s), official receipt(s) or bank statements of eligible items for 1 year after the closing date of the Scheme
 - the applicant must enable the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries officers to conduct an audit of the information provided in the application to verify amounts given to the applicant under the Scheme are used in accordance with the application for assistance.
- The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries officers will verify the applicant's National Livestock Identification System and/or biosecurity entity registration data relevant to the application.
- The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries may request further information to determine an application.
- Incomplete applications will not be assessed until all required information is received.

- Applications will be refused if the funds for the assistance are not sufficient to pay the application.
- Approved assistance will be deposited to the applicant's nominated bank account.

Fraudulent applications

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries takes fraud and corruption seriously. Suspected fraud will be referred to Queensland Police Service and/or the Crime and Corruption Commission. By signing the application form you acknowledge that the information you provide is true and accurate and agree to be bound by the Scheme's guidelines and provisions.