



Sheep & Goat eID Tag Rebate Scheme Guidelines

1. Support Scheme overview

The Tasmanian Sheep and Goat eID Tag Rebate Scheme Guidelines are issued for owners of sheep and goats and describes how to access rebates for electronic identification devices (eID). eIDs are required to prepare for the regulations that will be in place for the traceability of sheep and goats in Tasmania from 1 January 2025.

The Support Scheme will assist owners of sheep and goats to transition from the current visual device and mob-based approach to individual sheep or goat tags, by providing a rebate on purchased tags.

Nationally, all states and territories are working towards harmonisation of sheep and goats traceability from 1 January 2025.

The legislation being developed will require producers to scan and record sheep and goat livestock movements on the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database.

The Support Scheme is administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas).

For more information on the Sheep and Goat eID Project, visit www.nre.tas.gov.au/eID

2. Key dates

Rebates on eligible eID devices open **1 June 2024** and close **30 June 2026**, or until funding for the scheme is expended, whichever occurs first.

A reimbursement arrangement will be available for tags purchased before 1 June 2024, where full price has been paid for eligible eID devices. Applications close **30 September 2024** for previously purchased eID tags. To access the reimbursement portal visit www.nre.tas.gov.au/eID

3. Available rebates

- A \$1 rebate per tag on retail price (GST exclusive) of eligible eID device ear tags.
- A \$4 rebate per tag on retail price (GST exclusive) of eligible eID device goat leg bands, where ear tags are not suitable for particular goat breeds.

4. Eligible tag types

Rebates are only available on fully accredited National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID) ear tags and leg bands. Refer to the **Integrity Systems factsheet** on its website for information on eligible eID devices.

Note that there are non-NLIS accredited RFID tags for sheep and goats in the market. These tags have not been rigorously tested and have the accreditation of NLIS approved tags. Non-NLIS accredited devices are **not** eligible for rebates under this scheme.

Rebates apply on the following eligible eID devices over the listed periods.

Tag type	Rebate period
Sky Blue, Year of Birth 2023 breeder devices	1/01/2024 – 30/06/2024
Black, Year of Birth 2024 breeder devices	1/01/2024 – 30/06/2025
White, Year of Birth 2025 breeder devices	1/11/2024 – 30/06/2026
Orange, Year of Birth 2026 breeder devices	1/11/2025 – 30/06/2026
Pink, Post Breeder, devices	1/01/2024 – 30/06/2026
Yellow, breeder devices	1/01/2024 – 30/06/2026

5. Device manufacturers

An agreement has been reached between NRE Tas and the listed tag manufacturers below for rebate-eligible tags. Note that these manufacturers supply to resellers that will promote the rebate at point of sale.'

- **Allflex Australia Pty Ltd**
- **Datamars Australia Pty Ltd**
- **Enduro Tags Pty Ltd**
- **Leader Products Proprietary Limited**
- **Shearwell Australia Pty Ltd**

6. Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a rebate you must:

- Have an active Property Identification Code (PIC).
- Be authorised by the NRE Tas to order and use NLIS sheep and goat permanent identifier devices on a PIC.
- Own or manage sheep or goats.
- Agree to only purchase eligible devices that are reasonably required to tag your stock in accordance with the year of birth colour scheme or to manage post breeder or yellow colour breeder management requirements in the current year. No stock piling of tags is to occur.
- Agree to comply with your legislative obligations to make record movements to the NLIS.

7. What devices are ineligible?

The following devices are ineligible for a rebate.

- NLIS accredited visual (ie non-electronic) sheep and goat devices.
- Electronic identification devices that are not NLIS accredited for sheep and goats.

8. Maximum rebate amounts

There is no maximum rebate amount that can be claimed, however:

- NRE Tas will undertake audits of ordered tags.
- All orders are checked by tag manufacturers against the information stored within the Tasmanian Agricultural Property Database and the National Livestock Information System (NLIS) to ensure accuracy of information to be applied to the RFID device.
- The pool of available funds is limited, meaning people who order more tags than reasonably necessary are doing so at the expense of other owners of sheep and goats.

9. How do I apply?

The eID device rebate will be applied at point of sale, either through a tag manufacturer's website or through rural supply stores.

For eligible eID device purchased prior to 1 June 2024, applications must be made for reimbursement of the rebate amount. Please visit the NRE Tas web site www.nre.tas.gov.au/eID to lodge an application for reimbursement.

Valid tax invoices for all eligible eID devices will be required prior to payment of any rebate amount. Payments will be GST-exclusive.

10. Application assistance

NLIS eID tags may be purchased directly from the manufacturer's website or through rural supply stores that on-sell under agreement with tag manufacturers.

11. Terms and conditions

- a. The scheme is non-competitive, but the pool of available funds is limited.
- b. Valid tax invoices submitted in relation to this scheme may not be used to secure funding under any other similar scheme.
- c. Without limiting any rights, NRE Tas (or another Tasmanian agency), in its sole discretion, may recover funds from the claimant and determine that a debt is due if evidence indicates that the claimant, amongst other things:
 - Did not meet the eligibility criteria.
 - Purchased an unreasonable number of tags under the scheme.

12. Funding sources

The Scheme is operated by NRE Tas using funds provided by both the Australian Government and the Tasmanian State Government. The total amount of funds available for the overall project is \$11.66 million dollars. Over the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years there is a total of \$2.8 million dollars available for tag rebates.

13. Assessment and decision making

NRE Tas reserves the right to request further information from you to verify any information in relation to your rebate claim. Failure to provide such information may result in the refusal of your claim.

NRE Tas reserves the right to refuse rebates where eligibility criteria are not met or where you do not or cannot provide sufficient information for NRE Tas to determine if eligibility criteria have been met.

NRE Tas can put an application on hold where the applicant is under investigation or has been charged in relation to the fraudulent receipt of grants or rebates under this or other NRE Tas programs or schemes.

Applications submitted will be subject to audit by NRE Tas to determine compliance with scheme guidelines.

14. Fraudulent claims

NRE Tas takes fraud and corruption seriously.

NRE Tas responds to fraud by:

- a. auditing rebates and claims that are of concern;
- b. referral to Tasmania Police; and
- c. recovery of any assistance provided under a fraudulent application.

15. Evaluation

NRE Tas is committed to providing excellent service that responds to your needs through well targeted programs and may ask you to participate in a survey or contact you about your experience of the assistance you received. NRE Tas will always treat the responses you provide as confidential and use the information only for the purposes it was collected.

16. Complaints

Any concerns about the scheme should be submitted in writing to complaints@nre.tas.gov.au or by using the external complaints form available, [here](#).

Following resolution of your complaints by NRE Tas, if you do not agree with the way the Department has handled the issue, you may wish to contact Ombudsman Tasmania via www.ombudsman.tas.gov.au/home/contact-us

Definitions

Applicant	The entity/individual who makes the application under the Support Scheme.
Approval	Your application will be approved based on your eligibility with the criteria. In the event of an early close, NRE Tas will pay invoices ranked by the date received up to the allocated funding. An approved application does not imply an approved invoice.
Electronic NLIS breeder device	Electronic NLIS breeder devices are either yellow or coloured in accordance with the national 'year of birth' colour system and are used by a breeder to permanently identify sheep or goats before they leave their property of birth.
Electronic NLIS post-breeder device	Electronic NLIS post-breeder devices are pink and can be used to permanently identify introduced sheep or goats that are not already identified with an electronic NLIS breeder or post-breeder device, or sheep or goats that have lost their visual NLIS device.
Eligible eID device	An electronic device accredited by the Integrity Systems Company LTD for use on sheep and goats which complies with the NLIS Sheep and Goat Standards. The electronic device is printed with a 16-character code that is linked to the RFID in the device, the NLIS logo and 'Do Not Remove.'
Movement	Any movement involving one or more sheep or goats between two properties with different PICs.
NLIS	National Livestock Identification System.
NLIS database	National database operated by Integrity Systems Company Ltd that registers electronic NLIS devices and stores records of sheep, goat, pig, and cattle movements.
Property Identification Code (PIC)	A unique spatial code allocated by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) to a property in accordance with the General Biosecurity Direction (livestock traceability) or the <i>Animal (Brands and Movement) Act 1984</i> .
Scheme	The eID Tag Rebate Scheme.
Sheep	<i>Ovis aries</i> .
Sheep and goat producers	A person, organisation, or business engaged in breeding, feeding, raising sheep or goats. It includes any person keeping sheep or goats for commercial purposes, for lifestyle reasons or as pets.
Valid tax invoice	A paid invoice including the name, address, and ABN (if applicable) of the entity that issued the invoice and a description of each item to which the invoice relates, which is clearly identifiable as being related to approved expenditure for the applicant. NRE Tas will ask for proof of payment of the invoice.

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Funding assistance provided through the Scheme is subject to funds being available. NRE Tas reserves the right to make changes to the Scheme to ensure it meets the objectives outlined in this Guideline and provides equitable funding support to applicants.

These Guidelines are subject to change at any time at the sole discretion of NRE Tas.

The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing (7 May 2024).

Where can I find more information?

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