

# **Mandatory sheep eID**

## **nationwide rollout**

### **Status by state**

Electronic identification devices, or eIDs, contain microchips that provide a unique identifier for each animal when scanned. This allows for the individual identification and electronic recording of each animal's journey from birth to processing, making it quicker and more accurate to trace the movement of sheep and goats throughout the market chain.



The implementation of eIDs enables more precise tracking by allowing individual animals to be traced rather than just mobs or consignments. While electronic tagging of cattle has been mandatory in Australia since 2005, sheep and goats are currently identified through a visual ear tag system in all Australian jurisdictions except Victoria.

The adoption of mandatory electronic identification (eID) for sheep and goats aims to enhance traceability practices, enabling more efficient management of disease outbreaks, food safety issues, and market access.

On 9 September 2022, Australian agriculture ministers agreed on a National Implementation Plan for the nationwide rollout of sheep and goat eID tagging and tracing, which will commence on **1 January 2025**.

# Queensland

**Open-** The Queensland Sheep and Goat eID Assistance Package offers funding to eligible sheep and goat producers, sale yards, processors, and livestock agents.

This funding supports the purchase and installation of approved items necessary to implement mandatory individual eID for sheep and managed goats.

Producers may be eligible for a 50% rebate on the purchase and installation of eID devices and readers purchased on or after January 2023 — up to **\$1,600** per property identification code (PIC) based in Queensland.



## eID Devices



**Tag Faster Tag**



**Fet Tag**

**HDX Goat Leg Band**



## eID Readers

**Stick Readers**



**EID Panel Readers**

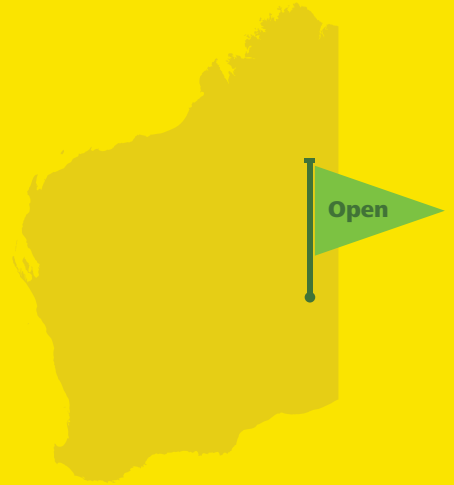


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# WA

## Open - Tag Incentive Payment Scheme

Under the Tag Incentive Payment (TIP) scheme, Western Australian sheep and goat producers will continue to have access to discounted, accredited, eIDs throughout 2024.



### Point Of Sale Discount

- **\$0,75** For TagFaster, Fet Tags and HDX Goat Leg Band

**\$0,75**  
Rebate



**Tag Faster Tag**



**Fet Tag**

**HDX Goat Leg Band**



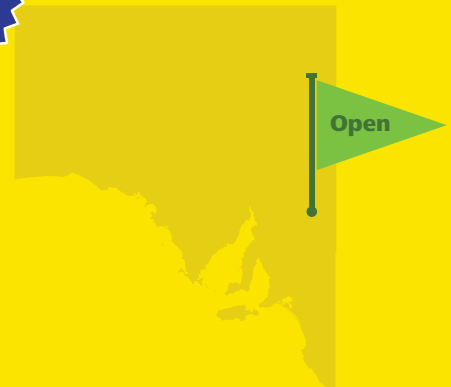
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**Open** - The Government of South Australia has committed funding to support the transition to eID for sheep and farmed goats.

**\$0,95**  
Rebate

**Point Of Sale Discount**

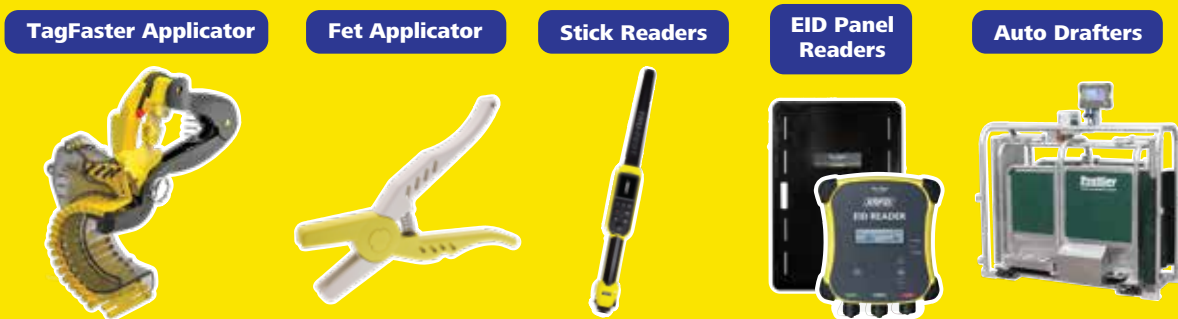
- 50% Up to a cap of **\$0,95** off for TagFaster and Fet Tags



The South Australian Government has expanded the device rebate to include eID tags purchased between 2023 and 2025 that are not aligned to the NLIS year-of-birth colour system.

Year of purchase	YOB colours
2023	Black, white, orange, light green, purple, yellow, red
2024	White, orange, light green, purple, yellow, red, sky blue
2025 (until 30 June)	Black, orange, light green, purple, yellow, red, sky blue

**75% Rebate\***



\*Eligible applicants can apply for a 75% rebate on the cost of purchasing essential equipment. The maximum rebate amount depends on the head movements onto your property each year for the past 3 years (2021 to 2023):

- Up to \$500 for movements of 100 or less head of animals annually
- up to \$2,000 for movements of between 101 and 5,000 head of animals annually
- up to \$20,000 for movements of more than 5,000 head of animals annually.



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**This rebate includes equipment purchased after 8th June 2023**

# Tasmania

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

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

## Point Of Sale Discount

- \$1 For TagFaster and Fet Tags \$4 HDX Goat Leg Bands

**75%  
Rebate**



**\$1**

**Discount**



EID  
Panel  
Readers



HDX Goat Leg Band



**\$4**

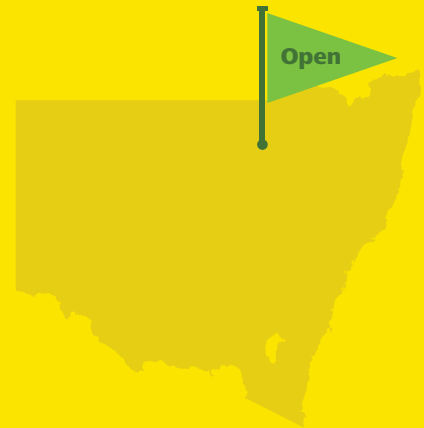
**Discount**

Indicators



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# NSW



**Open** - The NSW Government has announced a tag discount program to support sheep and farmed goat producers as the industry transitions to electronic identification (eID) tags starting 1 January 2025.

This program offers discounts on NLIS-accredited white eID devices, including both eID tags and leg bands, when purchased from retailers or manufacturers.

### Tag Discount:

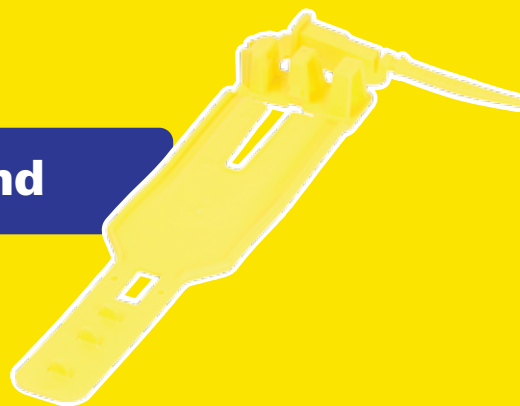
- **\$0,76** per tag applied to eligible eID devices:



**Tag Faster Tag**



**Fet Tag**



**HDX Goat Leg Band**

**Discount duration:** 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025 or until funds are exhausted.



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# ACT



**Closed** - The ACT Government offered a 50% rebate for equipment to assist eligible ACT Primary Producers to transition to mandatory electronic identification (eID) tagging for sheep and goats within the ACT.

Some ACT primary producers were eligible for the rebate which supplemented the cost of purchasing and installing eID related equipment.

This scheme was designed to support infrastructure purchases and installation only, not ongoing expenses or tags.

**Applications closed on 31 May 2024.**



# **Key dates for livestock owners**



## **1 January 2025**

Mandatory tagging with eID for all sheep and farmed goats born from this date, prior to leaving the property of birth.

All eIDs on sheep and farmed goats moved between properties must be recorded and the movement uploaded in the NLIS database.

## **1 January 2027**

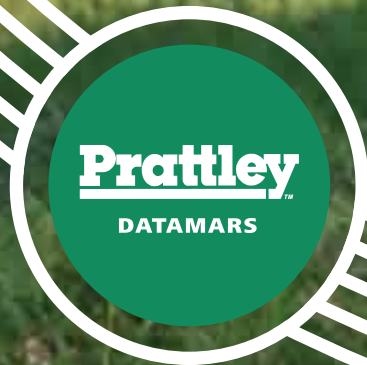
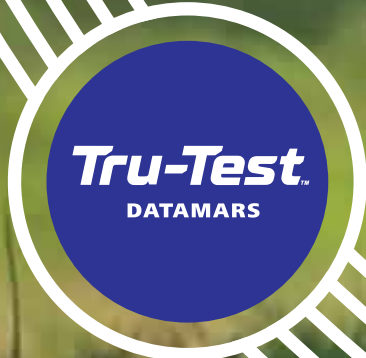
Mandatory eIDs required for all sheep and farmed goats prior to leaving any property

Animals that stay on the same property for their lifetime do not need to be tagged with an eID.





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