



## Electronic identification for sheep and goats

Electronic identification (eID) for sheep and goats is required in Western Australia under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Identification and Movement of Stock and Apiaries) Regulations 2013*. From 1 July 2026, all sheep and goats must be fitted with National Livestock Identification System (NLIS)-accredited electronic tags, and all livestock movements must be recorded on the NLIS database.

### Follow these 4 steps to meet your requirements

#### Registration and account set up

##### 1. Register as an owner of livestock or, check your registration status

Livestock registrations in WA are managed by the department. See the website for more details on how to apply: [www.dpird.wa.gov.au/livestockownership](http://www.dpird.wa.gov.au/livestockownership)

Or check your current registration details: <https://brandssearch.dpird.wa.gov.au>

##### 2. Set up a myMLA account and link your accounts

myMLA is a single sign-on access to your NLIS account, Livestock Production Assurance (LPA), National Vendor Declarations (NVDs) and more: [www.myMLA.com.au](http://www.myMLA.com.au)

Access your NLIS account	Become LPA accredited
<p>The NLIS is Australia’s national traceability system for cattle, sheep and goats.</p> <p>Record livestock movements onto your PIC within 48 hours of arrival.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the receiver of stock to ensure this is completed.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nlis.com.au">www.nlis.com.au</a></p> 	<p>LPA provides assurance for biosecurity, animal welfare and food safety, underpinning Australia’s access to local and export markets.</p> <p>LPA accreditation ensures your livestock can be sold through a saleyard or processed at an abattoir.</p> 

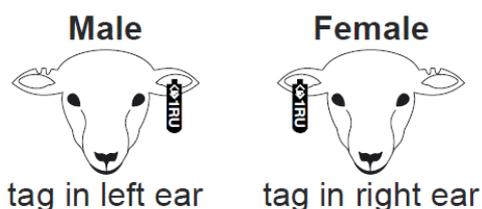
#### Identification requirements

##### 3. Order your NLIS-accredited eID devices and identify your livestock

All sheep and goats born from 1 January 2025 must be tagged with a year-of-birth (YOB) colour eID device by six months of age or before moving off your property, whichever comes first. Stock not born on property and without an existing eID device must be identified with a pink post-breeder eID. Stock born on your property, before 1 January 2025 can be identified with a yellow or year-of-birth colour eID.

- Devices are species-specific. Ensure you specify the type of livestock when ordering.
- Ensure you have access to the correct type of tag applicator.
- Your eIDs will display the NLIS ID on the outside. You can include other limited details like your stock brand or farm name, depending on the eIDs you choose to use.

## Tag positioning



Pink eIDs are applied to the same ear as the existing visual tag.

### Tagging tips

- Before tagging any livestock, check for existing eIDs – only one functional eID per animal.
- Do not remove any visual tags when applying an eID device.
- Remove non-NLIS accredited electronic management tags before sale to avoid scanning confusion.

## Stock movements

### 4. A movement document must accompany all consignments of livestock

- LPA accredited producers can access the free eNVD web-based system, mobile app or purchase NVD waybills via their LPA account.
- The receiver is responsible for recording stock movements onto their NLIS account within 48 hours of the movement.
- Livestock agents or third parties can complete transfers on your behalf. You should request the 'upload ID' for your records.

### Examples of scanning and transfer responsibilities

Situation	Responsibility
Producer buys NLIS accredited eIDs	Tag manufacturer uploads eID device RFIDs to producer's NLIS account
Buying or selling at a saleyard or on-farm public auction	Saleyard operator or livestock agent scans and uploads
Buying or selling privately (e.g. a neighbour)	Purchaser scans and uploads
Buying at an online auction	Purchaser scans and uploads
Moving stock for agistment	Producer scans and uploads
Moving to and from an agricultural show/event	Agricultural show/event organiser scans and uploads
Selling to an abattoir or feedlot	Abattoir or feedlot operator scans and uploads

### More information

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