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1. Purpose

The purpose of the Sheep and Goat eID Implementation Essential Equipment and Infrastructure Rebate (Processors) is to provide funding to livestock processors to assist them transition to recording the movements of individually identified sheep and farmed goats using electronic identification (eID) technology. Funding is available for essential equipment (hardware and software) and infrastructure required for implementing eID requirements for sheep and farmed goats at processing facilities specifically that enable:

- Processors to scan accredited NLIS eID identified sheep and farmed goats and notify movements to the NLIS database, within legal timeframes.

The funding is in recognition that there will be upfront costs incurred by processors to transition to electronic recording of the movement of sheep and farmed goats.

Eligible applicants may apply for 75% rebate of the total cost of purchasing essential equipment (hardware and software) and infrastructure. The rebate is not available for equipment or infrastructure purchased prior to 8 June 2023.

Only one application can be lodged per South Australian Processor PIC.

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (Minister).

Applications for the Sheep and Goat eID Implementation Essential Equipment and Infrastructure Rebate (Processors) will be open until 5 pm (ACST) 30 June 2025.

If you are submitting a needs analysis (refer **Section 4** and **Appendix 2**), you are encouraged to submit it to PIRSA as early as possible to enable technical assessment to be undertaken prior to purchase and installation of essential equipment and/ or infrastructure and before submitting a rebate application.

Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis upon presentation of paid invoices for approved expenditure. Proof of purchase and payment (official tax invoices and official receipts) will be required to be submitted.

Information is also available on the website: pir.sa.gov.au/eid-infrastructure-rebate

2. Who is eligible to apply?

Processing facilities that are eligible to submit an application are listed in **Appendix 1**. The applicant must be a processor as defined below:

- Applicant must have current South Australian Processor PIC
- Applicant must have an active NLIS database account

In addition to the above, the following eligibility requirements must be met by the applicant:

- The applicant must be a currently operating processor that receives sheep and/or farmed goats for processing.
- The processing facility must be South Australian based.
- The applicant must hold an active Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST.
- The applicant must be a legal entity capable of entering into a funding agreement with the Minister.
- The applicant must not have received funding from another South Australian / Australian Government program for the same activities.
- The essential infrastructure and/ or equipment must be installed at sheep and or goat processing facilities located in South Australia.

3. Who is ineligible to apply?

Any facility not listed in **Appendix 1** is ineligible to apply.

The following supply chain participants are ineligible to apply for this rebate:

- Sheep and goat producers
- Stock agents
- Feedlots
- Agricultural Shows and events
- Exporters
- Export Depots
- Saleyards

South Australian Government agencies are not eligible to apply.

4. What equipment and infrastructure are eligible for funding?

Eligible applicants may apply for a 75% rebate on essential equipment, software and infrastructure up to the quantity limits provided for in **Table 4.1 (Processors)** as they relate to the size of their operations. Processor size categories are classified by annual throughput of sheep and farmed goats.

If an applicant requires equipment, software or infrastructure above or different to the quantity limits detailed in **Table 4.1 (Processors)**, the applicant will be required to submit a needs analysis to PIRSA, for technical review. The needs analysis will outline any additional equipment, software or infrastructure requirements – refer **Appendix 2**.

The needs analysis will undergo an independent technical assessment to assess the technical merits of the essential equipment, software and/ or infrastructure required. The assessor will evaluate the technical claims, taking into consideration the current operations of the business. The reviewer will provide a recommendation to the Minister (or delegate) regarding the additional equipment, software and infrastructure requested and what should be covered by the rebate. Site visits may be required to be undertaken as part of the assessment process to enable the assessor to confirm details of your application regarding essential infrastructure or equipment.

Table 4.1 Eligible equipment and/ or infrastructure and quantity limits (**Processors**)

	Small (<100,000)	Medium < (100,000-600,000)	Large (600,000+)
Stick reader/ wand	2	1	1
Single lane panel reader (pair)	0	1	1
Reader calibration at start and 12 month service	0	1	1
Holding paddock reader	0	1	1
Laptop or PC	1	1	1
Software (new or upgrade)	\$1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000

5. What activities are ineligible for funding?

Ineligible infrastructure, equipment and activities for processors are outlined below.

Processor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment of infrastructure purchased prior to 8 June 2023 • Second hand equipment • Applicators • Electronic identification devices e.g tags • Mobile phone • Autodrafters • Electronic identification devices e.g. tags • Carcass hook tracking systems and associated software • Carcass assessment systems and associated software • Staff salary, wages, on-costs, project management costs • Staff training • Cost of installation of infrastructure and/ or equipment undertaken by a staff member of the applicant • Ongoing operations and maintenance and replacement costs • Costs associated with the preparation of this application • Costs associated with feasibility studies, business cases, reports and development plans. • Structural modifications to processing facilities • Carcass tracking • Project management costs
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6. How do I apply for a rebate?

Applicants are required to complete an online application form and are required to submit their completed application together with all supporting documentation to PIRSA using the electronic application form available at the PIRSA website: pir.sa.gov.au/eid-infrastructure-rebate. Applications not completed on the online form will not be accepted.

You will need a myPIRSA account. If you don't have a myPIRSA account, please register now.

Step-by-step instructions on how to register for myPIRSA are available at https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/about_us/mypirsa#toc_Register-for-a-myPIRSA-account. You can look through the online application form before you fill it in to become familiar with it.

Once you have started an online form, you have 28 days to complete your application. After 28 days, partially completed applications will be deleted.

Applications for the Sheep and Goat eID Implementation Essential Equipment and Infrastructure Rebate (Processors) will be open until 5 pm (ACST) 30 June 2025.

Applications submitted after this date will not be accepted.

It is anticipated that application outcomes will be advised approximately 4 weeks from the date of receiving the application.

Upon submitting the completed application form, you will be provided with an application receipt number. This number should be used when contacting PIRSA with any questions or clarifications.

7. Assessing applications

This is a non-competitive eligibility based grant. Once an application has been received, PIRSA will undertake an eligibility assessment. The Minister (or delegate) may seek advice from technical experts, if required. Once an assessment has been undertaken, applications recommended by PIRSA will be provided to the Minister (or delegate) for consideration.

The online form requests information under the following areas, which must be fully addressed by the Applicant.

1. Applicant details

Applicant legal entity name, contact details, ABN.

2. Current operations

Applicants are required to provide details of their current operations:

- Name and location of processing facility
- South Australian registered processor PIC

3. Essential equipment (hardware and software) and/ or infrastructure

Eligible applicants will need to submit the following information as part of their application:

- A list of the essential infrastructure and/ or equipment (including hardware and software) that has been purchased to meet regulatory requirement(s) for NLIS sheep and goat movements in South Australia.
- Itemised purchase cost for each essential infrastructure and/ or equipment
- The total amount of rebate requested.
- Official invoices and evidence of payment for essential infrastructure and/ or equipment this includes:
 - Official bank lodgement receipt that outline clearly the payment details that correlate to the invoice for purchase of the eID devices for 2023. Proof of payment must have the payee details (Account name or Account number), the invoice number and/or Supplier name, the amount and the date; **OR**
 - Bank statement (Account details must be included) showing payment of the invoice; **OR**
 - A Supplier Statement/Invoice with Zero Balance on the relevant invoice number

8. Successful applicants

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Minister in order to receive a rebate. Payment will be made as a reimbursement of cost incurred based on evidence of expenditure (paid invoices for approved expenditure). Successful applicants will be required to meet all terms and conditions of the funding agreement, including reporting requirements. Funding recipients must comply with all applicable Commonwealth and State legislation, regulations and codes in the delivery of their activities.

The funding agreement will outline all the conditions of the provision of funding and will be subject to the Government's Contract Disclosure policy:

- <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/documents/rendition/B17980>

9. Confidentiality

PIRSA will treat all information provided by Applicants sensitively. Applicants should be aware that PIRSA is subject to certain legislative and administrative accountability and transparency requirements of the Government of South Australia, including public disclosure in accordance with Department for the Premier and Cabinet policy. PIRSA may be required to publish non-personal information under the *Freedom of Information Act* 1991.

10. More information

For more information visit: pir.sa.gov.au/eid-infrastructure-rebate

To discuss your application please contact:

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11. Other matters

Acceptance of a rebate under this program may result in financial, taxation (including GST and income tax), legal or other implications for the funding recipient. It is strongly recommended applicants seek independent financial, legal and taxation advice prior to accepting an offer of funding.

12. Definitions

Essential Infrastructure means infrastructure and / or equipment required to meet the NLIS minimum standards for electronic identification of sheep and goat movements in Australia, according to state regulatory requirements and as outlined in these Guidelines – refer Table 4.1.

Funding agreement means a legally binding agreement to be executed between the Minister and the Applicant.

Minister means the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Non-essential infrastructure - infrastructure and / or equipment that is not essential to meet the NLIS minimum standards for electronic identification of sheep and goat movements in Australia, according to state regulatory requirements.

Official tax invoice means an 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.

Official receipt means a receipt including the name and address and ABN (if applicable) of the entity that issued the receipt and a description of each item to which the receipt relates.

PIRSA means the Department of Primary Industries and Regions.

South Australian Processor Property Identification Code as defined under the *Livestock Act 1997* and *Livestock Regulations 2013*

Appendix 1

Processing facilities that may submit an application are listed below.

Processor locations
Balaklava (South Ozzy Meats)
Bordertown (JBS)
Bordertown (Richards Abattoir)
Cowell Meat Services
Crystal Book Abattoir
Cummins Abattoir
Hahndorf (Max Noske)
Haliloff Halal Quality Fresh Meat
Kadina (BTS Abattoir)
Kangarilla Abattoir
Kapunda (Menzel Meats)
Kimba (Chestwood Meats)
Kingston SE (Pinkertons Butchery)
Lobethal Two Brothers Meats
Lobethal (TFI)
Loxton Abattoir
Port Lincoln Gourmet Meats
Snowtown Meat Works
Streaky Bay Meats
Tailem Bend Abattoir
Two Wells (TPL)
Wudinna Meat Store
Warooka Country Meats

Appendix 2: A guide to preparing and submitting a needs analysis

If an applicant requires additional infrastructure and/ or equipment above or different to those outlined in Section 4, **Table 4.1** (Processors), and as they relate to the size of the operation, the applicant must submit a needs analysis as part of their application. It is recommended the applicant submits their needs analysis prior to the purchase and installation of essential equipment and/ or infrastructure.

The purpose of the needs analysis is for the applicant to outline:

- The essential equipment, software or infrastructure required; and
- Reason the essential equipment and/ or infrastructure (including hardware or software) is required and how it will enable the business to meet its regulatory obligations under the NLIS for sheep and goat movements.

The needs analysis must include:

1. Current business operations

- Description of nature of activities currently conducted:
 - a. Processors - number of sheep received for processing over the past financial year (ie annual throughput), number of farmed goats received for processing over the past financial year (ie annual throughput), daily and seasonal processing averages over the past financial year for sheep and farmed goats.

2. Essential equipment and/ or infrastructure required and anticipated outcomes

- An itemised list of the essential equipment and/ or infrastructure (including hardware and software)
- Description of anticipated outcomes (results) specifically how the infrastructure and/ or equipment will assist the applicant to meet the regulatory obligations for NLIS sheep and goat movements in South Australia.

3. Risks in relation to movement and recording of individual sheep and farmed goats

- Outline how the essential infrastructure or equipment purchase and installation, will address (mitigate) key risks relating to the recording of movement of individual sheep and farmed goats.

4. Essential supporting materials

- Additional supporting materials to be included as part of the needs analysis
 - Plan of the processing facility layout
 - Detail where sheep arrive, where they are drafted into pens, and nearby holding yards/ paddocks
 - Detail where the readers will be placed for the reading of tags
 - Detail where, when and how key data (ie. PICS, eIDs, number of head, National Vendor Declaration serial numbers and destination PIC) will be recorded and linked.

Submitting your needs analysis

Once prepared, please submit your needs analysis to:

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