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1. Purpose

The purpose of the Sheep and Goat eID Implementation Essential Equipment and Infrastructure Rebate (Saleyards) is to provide funding to livestock saleyards 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 (structural modifications) required for implementing eID requirements for sheep and farmed goats at saleyards and specifically that enable:

- Saleyards to scan accredited National Livestock Identification System (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 saleyards 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 (structural modifications). The rebate is not available for equipment or infrastructure (structural modifications) purchased prior to 8 June 2023.

Only one application can be lodged per South Australian Saleyard 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 (Saleyards) 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?

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

- Applicant must have a current South Australian Saleyard Property Identification Code (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 saleyard that receives sheep and/ or farmed goats for sale.
- The saleyard 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 saleyards 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
- Processors

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 (structural modifications) up to the quantity limits provided for in **Table 4.1 (Saleyards)** as they relate to the size of their operations. Saleyard size categories are classified by annual throughput of sheep and farmed goats.

If an applicant requires equipment, software or infrastructure (structural modifications) above or different to the quantity limits detailed in **Table 4.1 (Saleyards)**, 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 (structural modifications) 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 (structural modifications) 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 (structural modifications) 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 (**Saleyards**)

	Very small and small (<100,000 per annum)	Medium <(100,000-600,000 per annum)	Large (600,000+ per annum)
Pocket reader	2	2	2
Stick reader/ wand	2	4	8
Single lane panel reader (pair)	0	1	2
Panel reader - autodrafter 3-way	0	4	8
Laptop or PC	1	1	1
Tablet	4	8	14
Software (new or upgrade)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
WiFi (connectivity or upgrade)	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Structural modifications required to support operation of essential eID equipment specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - protective covering that provides fixed eID scanners with protection from weather - structural modifications to pens and drafting races for the purposes of eID readability and scanning accuracy. 	\$0	\$125,000	\$250,000

5. What activities are ineligible for funding?

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

Saleyards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equipment or infrastructure purchased prior to 8 June 2023• Second hand equipment• Applicators• Electronic identification devices e.g tags• Weigh crates or scales• Software subscription• Mobile phone• Staff salary, wages, on-costs, project management costs• Staff training• Cost of installation of infrastructure and/ or equipment and/ or retrofitting 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 saleyard premises that are not vital to support essential eID infrastructure e.g. roof over yards, refurbishment of existing pens or drafting races• 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 (Saleyards) 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 saleyard
- South Australian registered saleyard 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 (including structural modifications) and/ or equipment
- The total amount of rebate requested.
- Official invoices and evidence of payment for essential infrastructure and/ or equipment (including structural modifications) 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 Saleyard Property Identification Code as defined under the *Livestock Act 1997* and *Livestock Regulations 2013*

Appendix 1

Saleyards and processing facilities that may submit an application are listed below.

Saleyard Locations
Bordertown
Cleve
Crystal Brook
Dublin
Jamestown
Kapunda
Karoonda
Keith (Elders/ Nutrien)
Keith (Spence Dix)
Lameroo
Marrabel
Mt Pleasant
Mt Gambier
Murray Bridge
Naracoorte
Pinnaroo
PPHS Pinnaroo

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** (Saleyards), 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 (including structural modifications) required; and
- Reason the essential equipment (including hardware or software) and/ or infrastructure (structural modifications) 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. Saleyards - sales routinely conducted (per year), head sold (sheep and goats) over the past financial year (ie annual throughput), average and peak sale lot size, number of selling agents, percentage drafted into sale lots prior to sale, daily and seasonal sales 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 (including hardware and software) and/ or infrastructure
- If essential infrastructure (structural modifications) are required:
 - o Describe any essential structural modifications to the saleyard required to install required hardware and support the operation of essential eID equipment specifically:

- Structural modifications to pens and drafting races for the purpose of eID readability and scanning accuracy
 - Protective covering that provides fixed eID scanner with protection from weather.
- 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 saleyard layout
 - Detail where sheep arrive, where they are drafted into sale lots and where they are sold and taken prior to departure
 - Detail where the readers will be placed for the reading of tags, including for stock arriving from farm vehicles
 - 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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