

ANIMAL REGISTRATION FAQs

NAIT animal registration is not automatic. You need to register your animals once they are tagged. These frequently asked questions (FAQs) explain what is required.

WHAT IS ANIMAL REGISTRATION AND WHY DO I NEED TO REGISTER MY ANIMALS?

Animal registration is a key step for ensuring NAIT animals (cattle and deer) are able to be traced from their birth farm. Animal registration provides important information including where the animal was born, the birth date and the production type of the animal.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO REGISTER MY ANIMALS?

New born NAIT animals need to be tagged and registered in the NAIT system before they are 180 days old or before their first off-farm movement, whichever comes first.

WHERE DO I REGISTER MY ANIMALS?

Your animals should be registered in the NAIT online system against your NAIT number in your account. If you have forgotten your username or password, use the links to retrieve these or call the OSPRI contact centre for help on 0800 482 463.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY ANIMALS WITH NAIT?

You can register your animals in the NAIT by logging into the NAIT online system, selecting "Register Animals" from your homepage and following the steps.

Alternatively, you can use an information provider or PICA delegate to help you or call the OSPRI contact centre on 0800 482 463.

WHAT IS LIFETIME TRACEABILITY?

If an animal has lifetime traceability, we can trace from birth to death and know where the animal was and who was in charge at any point in time.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T REGISTER MY ANIMALS?

It is an offence not to tag and register an animal unless the animal is exempt from tagging. PICAs who fail to register an animal before it is 180 days old or moves off the NAIT number (whichever comes first) may receive fines or face prosecutions.

I TAG MY ANIMALS AS THEY LEAVE THE PROPERTY, IS THIS ALLOWED?

No this is not allowed, all NAIT animals should be tagged and registered in the NAIT system before they are 180 days old or before their first off-farm movement, whichever comes first.

WHAT IF MY ANIMAL LOSES ITS NAIT TAG?

If your animal loses its NAIT tag you should re-tag the animal with a new NAIT tag. If you know the tag number of the lost tag you can do a tag replacement in the NAIT system which links the old tag with the new tag and maintains the animals' lifetime traceability. If you do not know the original tag number, you should re-tag and register the animal to your NAIT number.

ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS FOR ANIMAL REGISTRATION?

There are some animals exempt from NAIT tagging, these are:

- Fallow deer
- Trophy stags
- Animals considered by the PICA to be impractical to tag
- New born animals that are younger than 180 days old

These exempt animals still need to be registered with NAIT as being untagged NAIT animals on your property on an annual basis.

NEED HELP?

For more information on the NAIT programme visit:

ospri.co.nz

or call:

0800 482 463

NAIT registration factsheet:
ospri.co.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/NAIT-Animal-Registration.pdf

Tag and register your animals:
ospri.co.nz/tagandregisteryouranimals