

Tag and Register

Your legal obligations for tagging and registering NAIT animals

Person In Charge of Animals (PICA) legal requirements

It's a two-step process:

1 Tag

Tag cattle and deer within 180 days of birth (about 6 months) or before moving them off farm – whichever comes first.

2 Register

Register animals in NAIT within 7 days of being tagged, or before moving them off farm – whichever comes first.



Need Help?

Give OSPRI a call on **0800 482 463**
or visit **ospri.co.nz**

To find out how to register animals, record movements and tag replacements, download the '**NAIT system user guide**' available at **ospri.co.nz/nait**

Which tag is right for you?



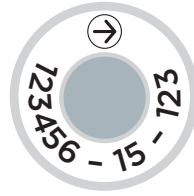
Cattle tags

White tag



Deer tags

Orange tag



Birth tags

A birth tag should be applied to **all animals born on farm** within 6 months of birth or prior to their first movement off farm – whichever comes first.



Replacement tags

A replacement tag should only be used **for animals that have lost their original birth tag**.

The replacement tag should be linked to the original animal in the NAIT system to ensure it maintains lifetime traceability.

If the original tag number is unknown, you will need to register the animal again in your NAIT account with its new tag number.

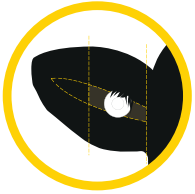
Buying tags



You can buy tags from your local farm supply store, vet or artificial breeding provider.

Tags can only be applied to animals at the NAIT location number they were purchased for.

Tag application



To maximise tag retention the NAIT tag should be applied in accordance with tag manufacturer's instructions.

You do not have to tag...

- **Calves less than 30 days old** moving directly from their birth farm to a meat processor (bobby calves)
- **Fallow deer**
- **Trophy deer** at a game estate, safari park or zoo
- **Unsafe to tag animals (UTT).**

*For information about conditions of these exemptions, visit ospri.co.nz or call **0800 482 463***



Reporting tag issues

You can report issues relating to the quality, retention and readability of tags to OSPRI. OSPRI will let tag manufacturers know of all reported issues, requiring them to take reasonable steps to resolve the issue.

To report tag issues, visit

ospri.co.nz/report-tags or call **0800 482 463**



Legal obligation

Failure to apply NAIT tags and register animals within the prescribed timeframes is an offence under the NAIT Act 2012 and may result in enforcement action.

If you need to remove and replace an animal's NAIT tag, call OSPRI to request authority before removing the tag.



Registering animals

After tagging, remember to register your animals in NAIT.

- ▶ **NAIT tags cannot be removed without permission from OSPRI**
- ▶ **NAIT tags cannot be reused for any reason**
- ▶ **NAIT animals cannot move to a different NAIT location number without being tagged and registered in NAIT.**