

Correct NLIS device application

Electronic Identification Devices (eID)



Applying devices correctly the first time avoids the cost and inconvenience of re-tagging. There are two types of electronic NLIS (sheep and goat) devices available.

NLIS (sheep and goat) breeder devices are colour coded to match the sheep industry's year-of-birth device colour system and are used to permanently identify sheep and goats before they leave their property of origin.

Year		Colour	
2015	2023	SKY BLUE	PINK Post-breeder tags must be pink
2016	2024	BLACK	
2017	2025	WHITE	
2018	2026	ORANGE	
2019	2027	LIGHT GREEN	
2020	2028	PURPLE	
2021	2029	YELLOW	
2022	2030	RED	

NLIS (sheep and goat) post breeder devices are pink and are used to permanently identify introduced sheep and goats, not already identified with an electronic device, or that have lost their original device.

Remember the eID devices can only be used on the type of livestock they are purchased for, meaning sheep devices for sheep, and goat devices for goats. The species is recorded against each identification number on the NLIS database.

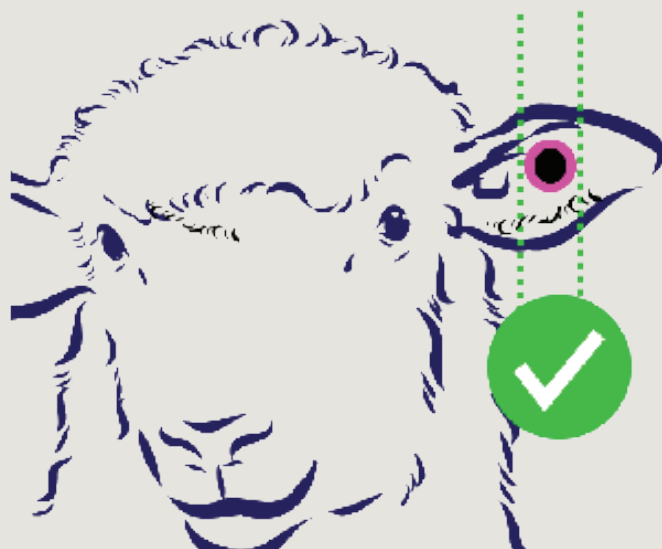
What is an eID?

Tagging requirements

- NLIS devices can be attached to either ear.
- Only one electronic NLIS device must be present on a sheep or goat at any time.
- NLIS devices purchased for use on one property must not be applied to sheep or goats located on another property, unless the parcel of land is linked to the PIC.
- Visit the [Property Identification Code](#) website to update your PIC details.
- NLIS devices must not be used to identify any other livestock species (such as cattle, alpacas and pigs).
- NLIS devices must not be removed unless the device is damaged and cannot be read electronically.
- It is not a legal requirement in the Northern Territory to use the correct 'year of birth' coloured breeder devices, but it is encouraged.

How to tag your sheep or goats

- Only use sheep devices for sheep and goat devices for goats.
- Apply NLIS devices according to the manufacturer's instruction with the manufacturer's recommended applicator.
- If an incorrect applicator is used, devices may fall out and the transponder in the device may be damaged.



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