

Department of Primary Industries
and Regional Development

NSW Sheep and Goat eID Equipment Rebate Program for Producers and Livestock Agents

January 2026



Please read the guidelines below in full before submitting your application.

Key information	
Opening date and time	2 March 2026, 9am AEDT
Closing date and time	31 August 2026, 4pm AEST (or until funding is exhausted, whichever occurs earlier)
Application outcome date	Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within 30 business days.
Decision-maker	The Executive Director Agriculture DPIRD NSW is responsible for ensuring that the program is administered in accordance with the approved criteria and policy intent.
NSW Government source agency	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (“the department”)
Type of grant opportunity	Rebate: Demand-driven or 'first-in, first-served'
Total program funding	\$2,000,000 (GST exclusive)
Rebate amounts	50% of the GST exclusive cost of eligible items, up to \$1,500 (GST exclusive)
Enquiries and getting support	Project Manager, Sheep & Goat Traceability sheepgoateid@dpiird.nsw.gov.au

Overview of program

Program purpose and objectives

Purpose

State and Territory Government's around Australia, in collaboration with livestock industry representatives, are working towards the implementation of individual electronic identification (eID) for sheep and goats by 1 January 2027.

As part of the implementation of eID of sheep and goats in New South Wales and to support the purchase of eID equipment, the NSW Government is implementing the Sheep and Goat eID Equipment Rebate Program for Producers and Livestock Agents (the Program).

Applicants are encouraged to read all details contained in these Guidelines before applying for a rebate under this Program.

Objectives and outcomes

The purpose of the Program is to provide further funding for the purchase of handheld eID equipment as part of the implementation of mandatory individual eID for sheep and goats within NSW.

Intended recipients

The intended recipients of rebates under the program are sheep and goat producers and licenced stock and station agents in NSW, that did not receive funding through the initial NSW Sheep and Goat eID Infrastructure Rebate Scheme.

Source agency

The source agency for the program is the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Type of grant opportunity

This opportunity is a rebate and is Demand-driven or 'first-in, first-served'.

Rebate value

The total available program funding amount is \$2,000,000 (GST Exclusive)

The range of individual rebate amounts is 50% of the GST exclusive cost of eligible items, up to a maximum of \$1500 (GST exclusive).

Selection criteria

The selection criteria comprises both **eligibility criteria** and **assessment criteria**.

All applications will be assessed for eligibility against the eligibility criteria. Only applications that meet the eligibility criteria will move to the next stage to be assessed against the assessment criteria.

Eligibility criteria

Eligible applicants

To be eligible for a rebate, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

- have not received funding under a previous NSW Sheep and Goat eID Infrastructure Rebate Scheme
- be one of the following:
 - a company incorporated in Australia
 - a partnership
 - a sole trader
 - trustee
- have a bank account with an Australian financial institution

In addition;

For producers:

- have a NSW Property Identification Code (PIC)
- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- are a trading entity with tax returns or financial statements or an Annual Stock and Land Return (from 2024 or later) showing your business is actively involved in the sheep and goat sector.

For Stock and Station Agents:

- have a valid and current NSW Stock and Station Agents Licence Number

(A Licenced Stock and Station Agency who have previously purchased eligible items on behalf of employees under a single company ABN, may apply on behalf of employees of the business who hold their own separate Stock and Station Agent Licence, up to the maximum amount available, for each eligible employee.)

If an applicant's circumstances in relation to the above eligibility criteria change, the applicant should provide updated information by contacting the department using the Enquiries/Getting Support details in the Key information section of this document.

Eligible projects and activities

The following items are eligible and ineligible under the Program:

Eligible Items	Ineligible Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New eID handheld readers (i.e stick or wand readers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second-hand/used equipment • eID panel readers (including antennas and reader boxes) • Indicators or other hardware • eID devices (e.g ear tags and leg bands) • eID wand reader extensions • eID software subscriptions

Eligible equipment can have a purchase date from **3 October 2023**.

Applicants are limited to claiming costs for **ONE (1)** handheld reader only.

A Licenced Stock and Station Agency who have previously purchased eligible items on behalf of employees under a single company ABN, may apply on behalf of employees of the business who hold their own separate Stock and Station Agent Licence, up to the maximum amount available, for each eligible employee.

Eligible costs

The rebate provides 50% of the GST exclusive cost of eligible eID equipment, up to a maximum of \$1,500 (GST exclusive).

Assessment criteria

Applications that have met the eligibility criteria will be assessed against the assessment criteria.

The table below lists the assessment criteria and the supporting evidence required.

Applicants must address all of the assessment criteria.

Criteria	Specific information and evidence required
Purchase of eligible eID equipment: tax invoice and proof of payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tax invoice listing the eligible equipment purchased from 3 October 2023; including: name, address and ABN (if applicable) of the entity that issued the invoice, and is clearly identifiable as being related to approved expenditure for the applicant.• Proof that the eligible item has been paid for in full by the applicant.

Application process

How to apply

Parameters

Applicants can submit only one application.

Where to apply

Applicants must submit their applications via the program's online application page at: <https://sheepgoateid.smartygrants.com.au>

When to apply

Applicants must submit their applications by the closing date and time, listed in the Grant Program Details.

The department retains discretion to extend the Closing date and time.

What to include

Each application must include the documents listed in the Application Form which include the following:

- completed application form
- proof of bank account details
- evidence of purchase of eligible items- including a valid tax invoice and proof of payment
- for Producer applicants: proof of involvement in the sheep and goat industry

False and misleading information

Applicants must not include false or misleading information in their applications. If an application contains false or misleading information, the department may deal with the application as the department determines in the circumstances and may, for example, determine that the application is ineligible.

After submitting application

Applicants will receive a notification of receipt of application.

Once submitted, applications cannot be reopened by the applicant.

The department may contact applicants to verify information or seek further information.

Getting support

Applicants can obtain support in preparing their applications, for example, technical support with online forms and practical guidance on how to complete an application. Contact the department using the resources listed in the *Enquiries and getting support* in the **Key information table** (Page ii) of this document.

Assessment process

Assessment of applications

Stages

Determining which applications are successful involves these stages:

- eligibility cull
- assessment and decision making

Please note that the department typically receives more applications than it can support. Applicants are not guaranteed funding through this Program.

Eligibility cull

Program officers from the Department will assess the applications against the eligibility criteria.

Applications that have met the eligibility criteria will move to the next stage.

Assessment

The assessment team will assess eligible applications against the assessment criteria and ensure that rebates are administered in accordance with approved criteria.

Assessment team

The assessment team consists of program officers from the Department.

The assessment team may seek advice from other NSW Government agencies and other sources such as probity advisors.

The assessment team may contact applicants seeking clarification of information in the applications or further supporting material.

Assessment process

The assessment team will assess each application on its merits without reference to the comparative merits of other applications.

Complete applications will be assessed in order of receipt. Incomplete applications will not enter the assessment queue until all information is provided.

Approval

The assessment team will approve or reject any application based on their assessment against the criteria.

Decision maker

The decision maker is the Executive Director Agriculture DPIRD NSW. The decision maker is

responsible for ensuring the scheme is administered in accordance with approved criteria and policy intent.

Notification of application outcome

Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application within 30 business days after submitting a complete application.

Feedback and appeal

Feedback and any appeal on the outcome of an application can be made in writing by emailing sheepgoateid@dpird.nsw.gov.au. There is no guarantee that an appeal will result in funding being approved under the program.

Announcements

The NSW Government may announce the outcome of funding applications at its discretion.

Publication of rebate information

Key information about the rebates awarded will be published on the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder, in accordance with the requirements of the Grants Administration Guide.

This information, plus information submitted in applications and related correspondence, may be open access information under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) which must be made publicly available unless there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of the information. Information that is commercially sensitive may be withheld.

Successful applications

Rebate payment

Payment

The department will pay rebates in full as a single payment.

Tax

Payments will be GST exclusive and only made based on bank account details provided in the application.

Recipients should seek independent professional advice about taxation obligations or seek assistance from the Australian Taxation Office. The NSW Government does not provide advice on individual taxation circumstances.

Evaluation

The department will monitor funding against the purpose and objectives of the program.

Rebate recipients may be required to participate in evaluation, such as surveys and reporting.

Additional information and resources

Complaint handling

If applicants have any concerns about the program or individual applications, please contact the department in writing using the contact information at Enquiries/Getting Support in the **Key information** section of this document.

If applicants do not agree with the way the department handled an issue, applicants may contact the NSW Ombudsman via ombo.nsw.gov.au.

Access to information

The GIPA Act provides for the proactive release of government information by agencies and gives members of the public an enforceable right to access government information held by an agency (which includes Ministerial offices). Access to government information is only to be restricted if there is an overriding public interest against disclosure.

The NSW Legislative Council has the power to order the production of State papers by the Executive Government. Standing Order 52 provides that the House may order documents to be tabled by the Government in the House. The Cabinet Office coordinates the preparation of the papers – that is, the return to order. The return to order may contain privileged and public documents. Privileged documents are available only to members of the Legislative Council.

Note that documents submitted as part of a grant application may be subject to an application under the GIPA Act or an order for papers under Standing Order 52.

If applicants require further information about the GIPA Act and/or Standing Order 52, please contact the department using the contact information at Enquiries/Getting Support in the Key information section of this document.

Ethical conduct

Conflict of interest management

Applicants (and their officers and staff) must declare any perceived, potential or real conflicts of interest in respect of the rebate opportunity. They must declare such conflicts in writing via email to sheepgoateid@dpird.nsw.gov.au

Where there is a conflict of interest detrimental to the rebate opportunity, applicants must put mitigation measures in place.

Conduct

Applicants must not participate in any anti-competitive conduct.

Applicants must not offer any gifts, benefits or hospitality to any NSW Government employee at any time. Any inducement in contravention of this condition may result in an applicant's application not being considered.

Discretion

The NSW Government may, in its absolute discretion, and without limiting any other rights which it may have, do all or any of the following at any time without giving notice or reasons:

- require additional information from an applicant
- change any of the requirements of these guidelines
- alter or vary any process, procedure or timing related to the grant
- suspend or terminate the grant opportunity
- negotiate with one or more preferred applicants without prior notice to any other applicant
- terminate any negotiations being conducted with any applicant
- readvertise for new applicants

- consider any non-conforming application
 - terminate an applicant's participation in the rebate opportunity for any reason (including if the department considers that an application contains false or misleading statements)
 - recover funds from the grantee and determine that a debt is due if evidence indicates that the grantee:
 - a) did not meet the eligibility criteria
 - b) received an overpayment of the rebate
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These guidelines

Changes and publication

Where significant changes are made in relation to the rebate opportunity, the department will revise these guidelines and make them available on this web page.

The department may issue an addendum to these guidelines. The addendum becomes part of these guidelines.

The department will publish these guidelines and any revised versions and addenda on the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder.

No offer

These guidelines are not an offer, recommendation or invitation by the department in respect of any rebate. There is no funding commitment until the applicant has been approved.

January, 2026

