



MOVING DAY

FAQs FOR SHAREMILKERS

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What does it mean to be the 'PICA' for a NAIT number?

The PICA is the person in charge of NAIT animals on a day-to-day basis. They may or may not be the owner of the stock they manage. A PICA may be a herd owner, herd manager, or a sharemilker.

A PICA must register a NAIT number for all NAIT locations* where they are in charge of animals.

A PICA may assign a person as a PICA delegate to assist them with their NAIT obligations. A PICA delegate may be a friend or family member, herd manager, or a sharemilker.

The obligation to tag and register animals and record NAIT movements remains with the registered PICA for a NAIT number.

*A NAIT location may comprise of two or more contiguous (bordering) or non-contiguous properties that fall within a circle with a 10km radius.

I am a landowner do I need a NAIT number?

If you own land but do not own or graze any NAIT animals you do not need to register as a PICA or register a NAIT number for the property.

If you have a sharemilking or lease agreement, the herd owner or manager as the PICA must register a NAIT number at the location.

I am a 50/50 sharemilker and will be moving my whole herd to a new property, what do I need to do?

As the PICA for your herd, you will need to record a movement for the animals that have moved. This means that you will need to register a new NAIT number at the new property, record a NAIT movement for the animals that have moved between the two NAIT locations, and deregister the existing NAIT number once all of the movements off the original property (as well as any on farm deaths or missing animals) have been recorded.

You should advise your information provider(s), livestock rep or anyone else that may frequently send or receive animals from you that you have a new NAIT number.

Can I keep my NAIT number if I move?

No, for traceability of the livestock, the NAIT number is the location identifier and cannot be used to identify more than one NAIT location*.

To ensure livestock movements are recorded as per NAIT regulations and to accurately report on livestock movements for disease traceback purposes, all movements of NAIT animals between two NAIT locations must be recorded in the NAIT system. This means that the registered farm listed for a NAIT number cannot be changed to reflect the movement of a herd.

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I was allowed to keep my NAIT number when I moved last season, why can I not keep it this year?

We have implemented this change in response to the outbreak of M. Bovis to allow us to continue to provide accurate and timely NAIT animal location and movement information to MPI for disease traceback purposes.

I am a sharemilker and will be moving my animals to a new location to make up a herd where there are existing dairy animals and an existing NAIT number, what do I do?

Firstly, you will need to decide with the existing PICA/herd owner which of you will be the listed Person in Charge of Animals (PICA) for the herd you will manage. This may be you or the herd/land owner depending on the role you will each play in managing the animals on a day to day basis.

At the new location, the herd owner/existing PICA can either assign you as the new PICA for the NAIT number*, or assign you as a PICA delegate to assist them with their obligations as the PICA.

You will need to know the NAIT number for both NAIT locations and record a sending movement from the current NAIT number and/or a receiving movement to the new NAIT number for the animals that are moving with you.

*A PICA change application must be completed.

Will you inform LIC that I have a new NAIT number?

No, you will need to contact LIC to advise them your NAIT number has changed and opt in with the new NAIT number.

Will LIC tell NAIT I have moved?

No, you will need to advise NAIT of your move by recording a movement to the NAIT number at the new property and updating your contact details in NAIT, or by calling the NAIT contact centre to request the updates are made on your behalf.

I am a herd manager leaving my current position but the herd is staying on the property. I am the listed PICA for the NAIT number and a new herd manager is taking over, what do I do?

If there has been no change to the herd location but the day-to-day manager has changed, the best thing to do is to change the PICA for the NAIT number. This will allow the new herd manager to keep the same NAIT number at the property and view previous movements and animal registration information for the herd.

To change the PICA for an existing NAIT number, contact the NAIT contact centre to request a PICA change application form.

I am the new PICA for an existing NAIT number, who is responsible for ensuring the NAIT records up to date?

When the PICA is changed for a NAIT number, the new PICA accepts the responsibility of the role of PICA as per the definition in the NAIT Act 2012. This means that they are now the person legally responsible for complying with NAIT obligations and ensuring that accurate NAIT records are kept.

The NAIT database captures PICA changes that have occurred, the NAIT number details page in the NAIT web application clearly displays the name of the previous PICA(s), and all historic movements clearly display the name of the PICA at the time the movement was recorded. If non-compliance has been identified, any changes to the PICA that have occurred will be considered when assessing the breach.

I have purchased a herd, what do I do?

With the current PICA's permission, you can request a PICA change for the existing NAIT number at the property. This means that the existing PICA will transfer ownership of the NAIT account to you as the new PICA.

A PICA change application must be submitted to NAIT to complete the update in the NAIT system. The OSPRI contact centre may be able to get hold of the existing PICA on your behalf if required.

If a PICA update for an existing NAIT number is not possible, you will need to register a new NAIT number at the location and record receiving movements for the animals that will be under your management.

I am running my animals separately to the land owner who also has their own animals; can we each register a separate NAIT number on the same property?

Yes, provided the animals are kept separate. If the herds are run together they should all be registered to the same NAIT number.

I forgot to tell NAIT I moved 6 months ago and I have been using the same NAIT number to record movements and register animals. Is this a problem?

Yes, for traceability purposes the animal location information is inaccurate as the movements recorded since your move will still show as to/from your previous NAIT location.

You will need to register a new NAIT number as soon as possible and we can arrange for your recent movements to be updated to reflect the change of location. For this to happen, you should get in touch with the OSPRI contact centre. The animals that moved with you will be recorded in a backdated movement to accurately reflect the movement of the herd.

Who is responsible for maintaining accurate animal location and movement information and notifying NAIT of changes to their personal information?

A registered PICA is responsible for making updates to their personal information in the NAIT system, or notifying the OSPRI contact centre of the change so that updates can be made on their behalf.

The person in day-to-day charge of animals is responsible for ensuring that all of the properties where NAIT animals they manage are kept have an allocated NAIT location identifier (i.e. NAIT number) that reflects the accurate location(s) of where the livestock are kept.