

FAQs: Tags for a fixed NAIT location

NAIT tags can only be used at the specific location number they were issued for. Using tags at another location is an offence.

Why is this rule being introduced?

It improves our ability to trace animals to their point of origin if, for some reason, the animal has not been properly registered in NAIT.

There is still a requirement to register animals after tagging them or before they move off farm, whichever comes first.

When does this rule come into effect?

From 14 December 2020. A grace period is allowed so farmers have time to use up any stockpiled tags.

What should I do with my current tags?

If you aren't planning to move soon, you can continue to use up your old tags, even after 14 December. To avoid issues before moving, use up the tags you have and avoid stockpiling any more than you'll need.

I have a grazing block near the main farm with a different NAIT number, will I need to order new NAIT tags?

Yes you will. From December, if your grazing block has a different NAIT location number you can only use tags assigned to that specific number.

What if I move farms frequently?

Sharemilkers or contract milkers who expect to move NAIT locations on an annual basis (moving day) should call OSPRI beforehand to discuss options around tag management at another NAIT location.

If someone is taking over management of my property, can I leave unused tags with them?

If the new person in charge (PICA) is taking over your NAIT location number, then yes. But if they are registering a new NAIT location, then the tags will no longer be usable. Therefore, we recommend not to stockpile too many tags.

Can I give a tag to a neighbour who needs one?

No, after 14 December 2020 this will be an offence. Most tag manufacturers can accept urgent orders if required.

What is the penalty associated with this new requirement?

There is an infringement fee of \$400 that comes into force from December 2020. A court can also impose larger penalties – for individuals a fine of up to \$10,000 per offence with maximum penalty of \$100,000. For body corporates, up to \$20,000 per offence with a maximum penalty of \$200,000.



Further information

Check out NAIT Tag and Register guide or go to www.ospri.co.nz/tagandregisteryouranimals

