

# NAIT ANIMAL REGISTRATION

This factsheet provides an overview of the NAIT legal obligations for animal registration and is intended to inform and assist PICA farmers.

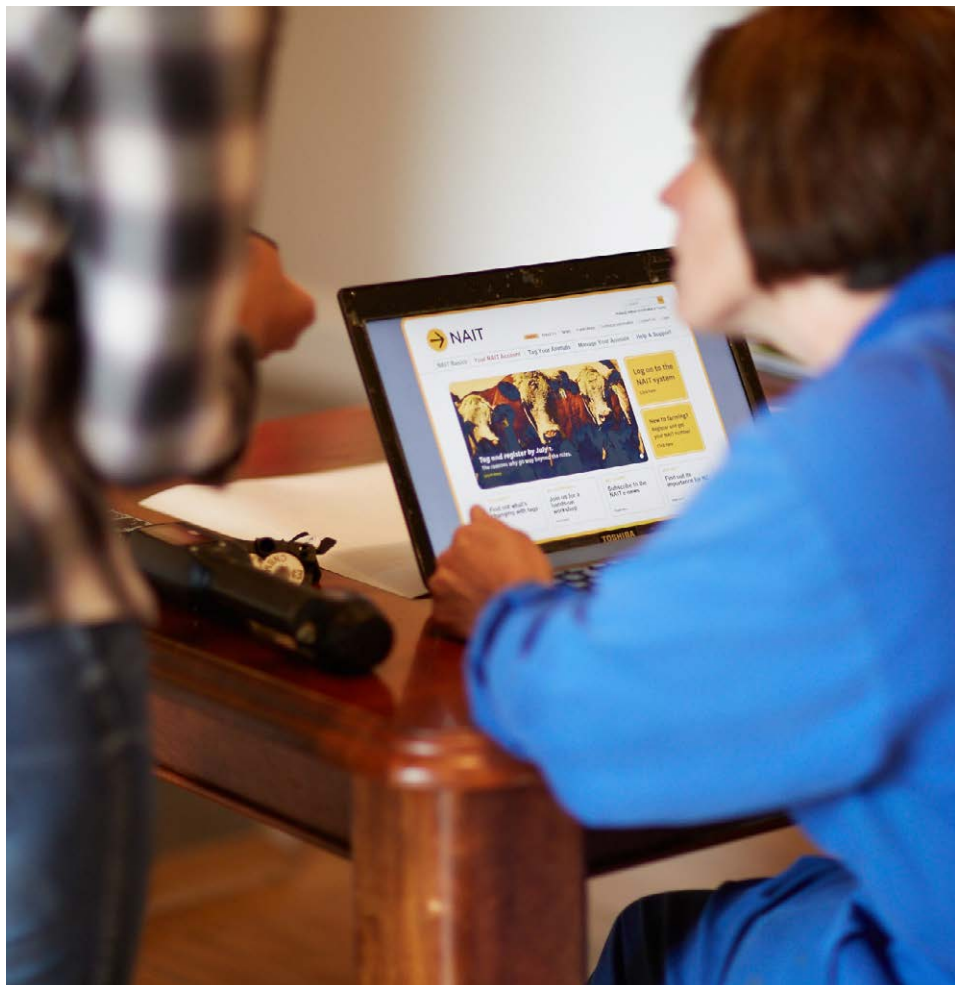
Once cattle and deer have been tagged with a NAIT approved RFID tag, it is a **legal requirement** for the PICA to register all individual animals tagged at their NAIT location in the NAIT online system.

NAIT animal registration links individual animals to unique identification numbers (RFID) and the NAIT location at which they were born, in order to facilitate traceability.

- **NAIT animal registration does not occur automatically** to a NAIT number – by registration of the animals, the PICA declares the presence of NAIT animals tagged at their NAIT location, as required by the NAIT Act.
- The PICA is **legally responsible** for ensuring NAIT animals are **tagged and registered** as prescribed in the NAIT regulations and standards.
- NAIT animals must be tagged within **6 months of birth** or **before their first off-farm movement** – whichever comes first.
- NAIT animal registration must occur **within 7 days of tagging** or **prior to the animal being moved to another NAIT location** – whichever comes first.

## INFORMATION REQUIRED WHEN REGISTERING A NEWLY TAGGED ANIMAL INCLUDES:

- **RFID or visual ID number** of the NAIT tag fitted to the animal.
- The **animal type** i.e. cattle or deer.



- The **production type** for cattle i.e. beef or dairy.
- The **species type** for deer.
- The animal's **month and year of birth**.
- The **NAIT number** at the location the animal was born.

If the animal was imported into NZ, the country of origin must be specified at registration.

The PICA may choose to provide an animal's gender or additional visual tag or animal identifier information.



## HOW TO REGISTER A NAIT ANIMAL

### 1. PURCHASE NAIT APPROVED RFID TAGS

- There are several accredited manufacturers of NAIT RFID tags. To purchase tags or enquire about the range of tags available, contact your local farm supply store, vet, or artificial breeding service provider.
- The RFID number and corresponding visual ID of all purchased NAIT approved RFID tags will be batch uploaded into the NAIT online system by the tag manufacturer. This will be displayed in your account as 'unused tags'.

### 2. TAG NAIT ANIMALS

- **Birth tags** are for tagging animals born on-farm.
- **Replacement tags** are for tagging animals that have lost a NAIT tag.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when you are applying tags and use the correct tag applicator for tags you are using.
- It is recommended you make a record of the tag number(s) or the tag sequence range used when tagging animals. This makes it easier to register the animals in the NAIT online system or to locate the tag numbers in your NAIT account, when re-registering the animals.

You will need to record the production type, the month and year of birth of the animals you

are tagging and enter these details in the NAIT online system when registering the animals.

### 3. REGISTER THE TAGGED ANIMAL/S IN YOUR NAIT ONLINE ACCOUNT

- To register animals born at your NAIT location, log in to NAIT and select '[Register Animals](#)' on the homepage of your NAIT account. This will give you the option to either:
  - Manually enter tag RFID or visual ID numbers individually;
  - Select from your list of unused tags; or
  - Upload a CSV file of tag numbers.

When registering a group of animals, any information entered such as date of birth, will be applied to all animals you are registering.

- Updating information for animals that have been fitted with a replacement tag can be undertaken in two ways:
  1. If you are able to identify the original NAIT RFID or visual ID tag number, the replace tag function can be used to link the original tag to the new tag in the NAIT online system.

Locate the animal's original tag number in your 'Registered Animals' list and select the 'replace tag' function, which is located directly above the list of registered animals.

2. If the original tag number is unknown, you will need to re-register the animal in the NAIT online system with the

new tag number. The original tag will remain active 'on animal' until the replacement is completed in the NAIT online system.

Select the 'Register Animals' function on the homepage of your NAIT account.

- Fallow deer and trophy stags moving to a game estate, safari park or zoo are exempt from NAIT tagging and registration requirements. However, as a condition of the exemption, the PICA must be registered in the NAIT online system and provide an annual tally of exempt animals at their location.

### 4. KEEP REGISTERED NAIT ANIMAL DETAILS UP-TO-DATE

It is important to keep the details on your NAIT account up-to-date. You must declare:

- On farm-animal deaths and home kill.
- Animals sent for live export.
- Movements of animals onto and off your premises, including animals sent for grazing or mating.
- Animals that are presumed missing.



#### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

For step-by-step instructions on how to complete an animal registration, please see the 'NAIT system user guide' available online at [ospri.co.nz](https://www.ospri.co.nz)



#### NEED HELP?

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