

PICA FARMER **RESPONSIBILITIES**



**AN OVERVIEW OF YOUR NAIT OBLIGATIONS
(PERSONS IN CHARGE OF ANIMALS)
CATTLE AND DEER**



THE NAIT PROGRAMME

The capability of the NAIT programme to deliver fast, reliable and accurate information on livestock locations and movements depends on information entered in the NAIT online system by end users, including:

- PICA farmers,
- Information providers, and
- NAIT accredited entities working on behalf of PICAs to record livestock movement transactions.



WHAT IS A PICA?

A PICA is the Person in Charge of NAIT Animals at a specified location and most involved in the day-to-day management of these animals.

- The person in charge of animals is required to register as a 'PICA farmer' within the NAIT online system and then register a NAIT location where their animals are located.
- Once registered, the NAIT location is given a unique NAIT number for that particular premises.
- A PICA will be the single point of contact for the NAIT organisation for any enquiries relating to the premises and animals held at that location.
- The PICA is responsible for recording animal registrations, recording tag updates and animal movements, as well as ensuring their personal and NAIT location details are kept current in accordance with the provisions of the NAIT Act.

PICA DELEGATES

While there can only be one registered PICA for a group of NAIT animals at a location, the PICA can nominate other delegates to their account that may also be assisting in the management of their livestock. These delegates will, under the PICA's authorisation, have access to the PICA's account and be able to perform NAIT actions including maintaining tag, animal, and movement data uploads for the account on the PICA's behalf.

Overall account maintenance and record keeping remains the primary responsibility of the designated PICA.

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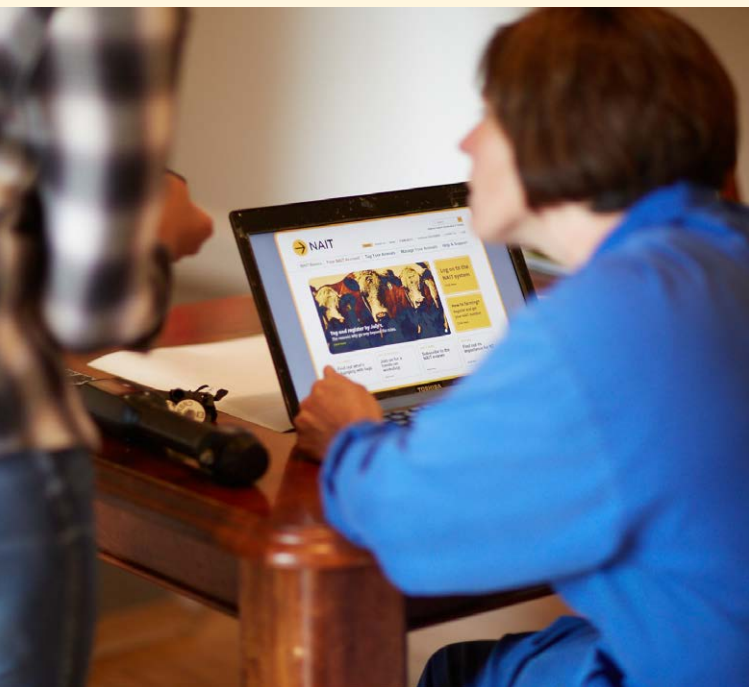
1. REGISTER WITH NAIT



If you are a person in charge of animals (cattle or deer) you must register with NAIT as a PICA farmer, even if you only have one animal.

As a registered PICA you are responsible for maintaining accurate NAIT information for the animals you manage.

Register with NAIT online at animaltrace.nait.co.nz



In accordance with the *National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2012* (the NAIT Act), there are legal requirements that every Person in Charge of NAIT Animals must meet.

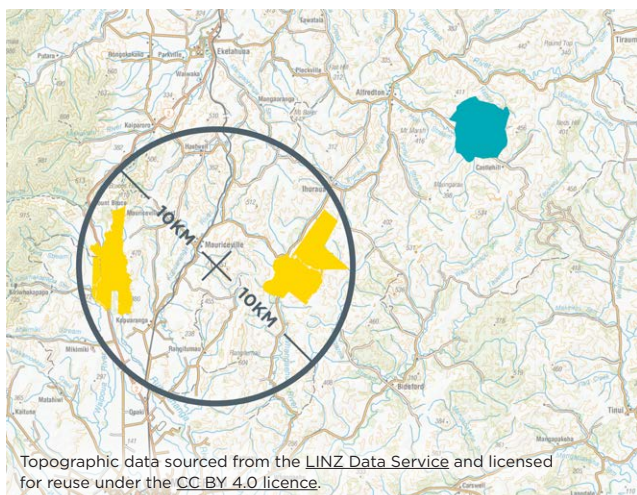
2. REGISTER YOUR LOCATION



You will need to ensure that you register all of the location(s) where you are in charge of NAIT animals. A NAIT location may comprise of multiple properties within a 10km radius for the same PICA.

If any of your farming locations fall outside of the 10km radius (e.g. the blue farm below) you will have to register each location individually meaning each will have a separate NAIT number.

It is best practice that herds managed separately have their own NAIT number. This makes it easier to trace and contain any disease outbreaks that may occur.



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3. TAG AND REGISTER YOUR ANIMALS



 White tag



 Orange tag



All cattle and deer need to be tagged with a NAIT approved RFID tag within six months of birth, or before they move off-farm – whichever comes first.

Exemptions: Impractical to tag stock, calves less than 30 days old consigned direct to slaughter (bobby calves), fallow deer, and trophy stags on registered game estate.

- Once NAIT animals are tagged with a NAIT approved RFID tag, these animals must be registered in the NAIT online system within 7 days of being tagged.
- NAIT animal registration does not occur automatically – by registration of the animals, the PICA declares the presence of NAIT animals at their NAIT location.
- The information required at the time of animal registration which is important for traceability purposes also includes:
 - The RFID tag numbers of tags applied to the livestock
 - The animal type e.g. cattle or deer
 - The designated production type e.g. dairy or beef
 - The animal/s month and year of birth
 - The NAIT number of birth place/premises
- You can register your animals directly in the NAIT online system or utilise an approved information provider to do this on your behalf.

4. RECORD AND CONFIRM ANIMAL MOVEMENTS



The PICA farmer is responsible for ensuring all movements of NAIT animals on and off their NAIT location(s) are recorded in the NAIT online system within 48 hours of the movement occurring.

- It is the responsibility of both the sending PICA and the receiving PICA to ensure the animal movement is recorded and confirmed by each party in the NAIT online system.
- An exception to this requirement is when a PICA sends stock to an approved accredited entity defined as a meat processor or saleyard. In this case the accredited entity is ultimately responsible for recording the livestock movement on behalf of the sending PICA farmer.

5. KEEP YOUR NAIT ACCOUNT UP-TO-DATE

The PICA farmer is responsible for:

- Declaring any livestock death, loss, or intended export of NAIT animals within the NAIT online system; and
- Providing and maintaining correct and up-to-date NAIT account information as required.

NEED HELP?

For more information on the NAIT programme visit ospri.co.nz or call **0800 482 463**.

WE CAN ASSIST WITH:

- Registering or changing PICA details or the details of delegates nominated by the PICA
- Registering a NAIT location (premises)
- Information on tagging livestock, or replacement tagging procedures
- Registering animals
- Recording animal movements
- Updating your NAIT account information
- Providing information on approved NAIT accreditation entities and Information Providers.

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