

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 no longer permitted.

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. For more information go to www.ospri.co.nz/managemytags

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 an animal needs to be tagged or re-tagged at grazing?

You can tag it with your dairy participant code tags. Call OSPRI first to have the NAIT tag re-issued to the grazing NAIT location.

I use birth ID tags (dairy participant code tags), what should I do?

If you're moving farm or herd, OSPRI can transfer your birth ID tags or unassigned NAIT tags to a new NAIT location number. Go to the OSPRI website or call the OSPRI Contact Centre to discuss your tag management options.

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 not be permitted. Most tag manufacturers can accept urgent orders if required.



Further information

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

