



# Tasmanian Bobby Calf Tag Reimbursement Scheme Guidelines

## 1. Support Scheme Overview

The Tasmanian Bobby Calf Tag Reimbursement Scheme Guidelines are issued for producers of bobby calves sent for processing at Tasmanian Quality Meats (TQM) and describes how producers can access reimbursements for electronic identification devices (eIDs).

eIDs are required for all bobby calves that are sent from their property of birth for processing at TQM from 1 January 2025.

The Support Scheme will assist producers of bobby calves to transition from the current visual device and mob-based approach to individual identification tags, by providing a reimbursement on purchased tags.

The Support Scheme is administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas).

## 2. Key dates

Reimbursements will be payable on all bobby calves processed at TQM between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025.

## 3. Available Reimbursement

- A \$4.50 reimbursement per bobby calf processed at TQM in the calendar year 2025.
- Where producers elect to put a more expensive tag in the animal a reimbursement of \$4.50 will still apply.

## 4. Eligible Tag Types

Reimbursements are only available on National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) ear tags that are approved for use in Australia. Refer to the Integrity Systems information eligible eIDs. A fact sheet is available on the [Integrity Systems Company website](#).

## 5. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a reimbursement the following applies:

- You must have an active Property Identification Code (PIC).
- You must be authorised by NRE Tas to order and use NLIS accredited cattle devices a PIC.

- You produce bobby calves that are sent to slaughter at TQM.
- You agree to comply with your legislative obligations regarding the eID tagging of stock and the supply of movement documents for bobby calves leaving your property going direct to slaughter at TQM.

## 6. What devices are ineligible?

The following devices are ineligible for a reimbursement:

- NLIS accredited **visual** bobby calf devices.
- Electronic identification devices that are not NLIS accredited for cattle.

## 7. Maximum reimbursement amount

The maximum reimbursement amount that can be claimed is \$4.50 per animal processed at TQM. NRE Tas will monitor animals processed at TQM and provide \$4.50 per animal processed.

## 8. How do I apply?

Following the processing of your bobby calves at TQM you should make application for reimbursement using the online application form produced for this purpose by NRE Tas.

If the individual reimbursement amount is \$10,000 or more, you will need to submit a valid tax invoice with your application. The invoice should seek from the NRE Tas the amount to be claimed in your reimbursement application. Your application for reimbursement will be assessed against NLIS records and those of the processor and eligible funds will be direct deposited into your nominated bank account.

## 9. Terms and Conditions

- a. The scheme is non-competitive, but the pool of available funds is limited.
- b. Without limiting any rights, NRE Tas (or another Tasmanian agency), in its sole discretion, may recover funds from the claimant and determine that a debt is due if evidence indicates that the claimant, amongst other things, did not meet the eligibility criteria.

## 10. Assessment and Decision Making

- NRE Tas will be validating your claim with TQM and against the records contained within the NLIS database that the animals in question were processed by TQM.
- NRE Tas reserves the right to request further information from you to verify any information in relation to your reimbursement claim. Failure to provide such information may result in the refusal of your claim.
- NRE Tas reserves the right to refuse to reimburse where eligibility criteria are not met or where you do not or cannot provide sufficient information for NRE Tas to determine if eligibility criteria have been met.
- NRE Tas can put an application on hold where the applicant is under investigation or has been charged in relation to the fraudulent receipt of grants or rebates under this or any other NRE Tas programs or schemes.
- Applications submitted will be subject to audit by NRE Tas to determine compliance with scheme guidelines.

## 11. Fraudulent Claims

NRE Tas takes fraud and corruption seriously. Suspected fraud will be reported to appropriate external parties such as Tasmania Police.

NRE Tas responds to fraud by:

- a. auditing rebates and claims that are of concern;
- b. referral to Tasmania Police; and
- c. recovery of any assistance provided under a fraudulent application.

## 12. Evaluation

NRE Tas is committed to providing excellent service that responds to your needs through well targeted programs. For that reason, NRE Tas evaluates its programs. NRE Tas may also contact you to ask about your experience of the assistance you received. NRE Tas will always treat the responses you provide as confidential and use the information only for the purposes it was collected.

## 13. Complaints

Any concerns about the scheme should be submitted in writing to [complaints@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:complaints@nre.tas.gov.au) or by using the external complaints form available, [here](#).

Following resolution of your complaints by NRE Tas, if you do not agree with the way the Department has handled the issue, you may wish to contact Ombudsman Tasmania via [www.ombudsman.tas.gov.au/home/contact-us](http://www.ombudsman.tas.gov.au/home/contact-us)

## 14. Disclaimer

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Funding assistance provided through the scheme is subject to funds being available. NRE Tas reserves the right to make changes to the scheme to ensure it meets the objectives outlined in this guideline and provides equitable funding support to applicants.

These guidelines are subject to change at any time at the sole discretion of NRE Tas.

The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing (19 February 2025).

## Where can I find more information?

Contact an Industry Support Officer

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