

INITIAL Application to join the Ovine Brucellosis-Free Accreditation Scheme

Applicant/s and their approved veterinarians to complete. Applicant/s to complete Parts A and B; Approved veterinary practitioner to complete Parts C and D. The applicant to return the forms to the address below once all testing has been finalised. A tax invoice for the accreditation fee will be issued on acceptance of the forms by the Administrator; current fee is \$100 inc GST.

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PART A APPLICATION FORM

I/We (name)Of (address)

.....(PIC) _ _ _ _ _

hereby apply to have my/our flock accredited by the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment as free from *Brucella ovis* infection.

I/We agree that:

1. For initial accreditation, the property and its management will be subject to assessment by an approved veterinary practitioner under the Ovine Brucellosis-Free Accreditation Scheme.
2. Facilities necessary for testing, handling and management of the flock to maintain accreditation will be provided and maintained.
3. All rams and teasers over 4 months old are to be accounted for at each test and all eligible stock are to be presented to the approved veterinary practitioner for manual examination and blood sampling as required.
4. All rams to be accredited will be individually and permanently identifiable to the satisfaction of the examining approved veterinary practitioner.
5. The advice of the approved veterinary practitioner will be followed with respect to the disposal of serological reactors or clinical cases of *Brucella ovis* infection.
6. The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment shall have no liability accruing from property inspections, clinical examination, sampling, laboratory testing, suspension of accreditation or failure to re-accredit the flock, any delays in administrative procedures or deficiencies in the Operational Guidelines.
7. If my/our flock becomes accredited, I/we give permission for my/our accreditation status to be publicised once per year in a Tasmanian newspaper and recorded on the DPIPWE website. **YES** **NO** **(please circle)**
8. I/We have read the Schedule of Conditions for the Scheme and will abide by the conditions set down in the Schedule.

Signature of applicant/s..... Date.....

Signature of approved veterinary practitioner..... Date.....

PART B FLOCK INFORMATION DATA SHEET *(Applicant/s to complete)*

Applicant/s name			
Applicant/s name or Business name to appear on certificate			
Postal address		Postcode	
Property address		Postcode	
Property Identification Code (PIC) (Mandatory)			
Phone / Fax	Phone:	Fax:	
Mobile Phone	Mobile:		
Email			

Flock Details

No. rams over 4 months	No. Teasers over 4 months age	No. Ewes over 1 yr	Breed/s of rams	Society brand (if applicable)

Flock History *(to be completed only where flock originates from existing accredited flock/s)*

Flocks of origin & accreditation number	Date introduced	Any contact with unaccredited rams en route to property

Details of artificial insemination (AI) in your flock during last 2 years

AI date	Flock of origin	Accreditation No.

Previous testing *(refer to 2.1.5 – results of any previous testing)*

Date	Veterinary practitioner	Description of sheep (ram or teaser over 4 months old)	Result

Property Plan

As per 3.1.2, a property plan must be provided to the approved veterinary practitioner

PART C INITIAL ACCREDITATION VETERINARY ASSESSMENT

To be completed by the approved veterinary practitioner

Approved veterinary practitioner to complete **Parts C** and **D** and provide to the owner to return to the Administrator.

Name of applicant/s.....

Please detail relevant history of flock to be accredited including:

- accreditation status of flock/s of origin;
- contact between animals from this flock with non-accredited sheep;
- previous testing history of flock;
- sharing of rams with non-accredited flocks;
- agistment arrangements and other properties.

Please comment on standard and type of boundary and subdivision fencing, noting particularly separation from other non-accredited flocks, shared shearing shed, unfenced rights of way

Any additional comments on farm biosecurity including history of previous incursions/strays .

I have developed a risk management plan (see Part D) in consultation with the applicant with special emphasis on risk factors for introduction of *Brucella ovis* infection onto this property and practices that minimise the risk of introducing *Brucella ovis* infection into the flock.

I recommend this property for accreditation.

Name of approved veterinary practitioner.....

Signature of approved veterinary practitioner..... **Date**.....

PART D RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN for (insert applicant/s name and PIC)

Applicant/s name.....PIC _____

To be completed by the approved veterinary practitioner following discussion with the applicant

I/We have read and understood the Risk Management Plan as above:

Signature/s of applicant/s.....Date.....

	Activity that may pose a risk for introduction of disease	Practices that minimise risk of introduction	Comment from approved veterinary practitioner to verify that the risk management strategy is understood
1	Movement of purchased rams onto accredited property	Check accreditation status of rams and obtain a copy of accreditation certificate. If purchased animals are not from an accredited property, contact an approved practitioner for testing and isolation of stock	
2	Movement of purchased ewes onto accredited property	Non-pregnant ewes from non-accredited properties should be isolated and not joined for 4 months after last joining. Pregnant ewes should be lambed in isolation and not rejoined for 4 months post lambing. Ram lambs from non accredited ewes should be weaned early and tested after 4 months of age.	
3	Introduction of semen onto accredited property	Buy semen from accredited properties (check their accreditation certificate). If not accredited buy semen from licensed centre, or from rams that have been isolated and tested free of OVINE BRUCELLOSIS following 2 blood tests 60 to 120 days apart.	
4	Rams returned from leasing, sharing or agistment	Rams should not be agisted, leased or shared unless the property is OVINE BRUCELLOSIS accredited or has been inspected by an approved practitioner. If any contact with non-accredited rams, isolate and test 60 days after return.	
5	Rams returned from show or sale	Determine whether all rams at the show are from accredited properties or fully tested. If this is not possible, accredited rams should be held in isolation from non-accredited rams. If any contact with non-accredited rams, isolate and test 60 days after return.	
6	Straying rams or ewes (from accredited flock to non-accredited flock)	Isolate sheep and contact approved practitioner to discuss risk of disease entry. Testing procedures will be at the discretion of approved practitioners	
7	Straying rams or ewes (from non-accredited flock to accredited flock)	Isolate sheep and contact approved practitioner to discuss risk of disease entry. Testing procedures will be at discretion of approved practitioner.	
8	Transport of sheep	All sheep from approved property must be transported in isolation from non-accredited sheep	
9	Rams to AI centre	Ensure that AI centre is licensed. All sheep at centre should be accredited or tested OVINE BRUCELLOSIS negative.	
10	Fencing	Ensure all boundary fences are secure to minimise risk of straying sheep	
11	Other risk factors (expand over page if necessary)		

I have explained the risk factors for introduction of Ovine Brucellosis to the applicant and discussed the risk management plan as above:

Signature of approved veterinary practitioner.....Date.....

Part D continued

OB Testing Results *(to be completed and filed by the approved veterinary practitioner)*

Applicant/s nameDate.....

<i>RAM ID Tag/Tattoo</i>	<i>AGE Months</i>	<i>PALPATE Pos/neg</i>	<i>Blood sample ID</i>	<i>Test results Neg/Titre</i>

Privacy Statement

Personal information will be collected from you for the purpose of accrediting or re-accrediting your flock under the **Ovine Brucellosis-Free Accreditation Scheme** and will be used by DPIPWE for managing, assessing, advising upon and determining the relevant application and may be used for other purposes permitted by the *Animal Health Act 1995*.

You are required to provide accurate information by section 76(1)(c) of the *Animal Health Act 1995*. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being able to be processed.

Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected, and may be disclosed to contractors and agents of the DPIPWE, and other organisations authorised to collect it.

Your basic personal information may be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary, for the efficient storage and use of the information.

Personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to DPIPWE. You may be charged a fee for this service.