

Key points about the changes to the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program for dairy farmers

Are you confused about the changes to LPA and what they mean for you as a dairy farmer? Don't worry, you're not alone. LHBV and UDV have prepared a summary of the changes and links to more information to help you understand what you have to do and when.

What is LPA and am I registered?

- If you use NVDs you are part of the LPA program. Check your NVD book for the LPA logo.
- LPA is the red meat industry's Livestock Production Assurance program, covering all beef, sheep and goat meat going into the food supply chain.
- Being accredited means you agree to abide by the LPA rules and standards, a commitment to undertake specific practices that mean Australian red meat is safely and ethically produced. It guarantees you stand by what you sell.

Who's implementing the changes?

- The Integrity Systems Company, an MLA subsidiary, administers the LPA program on behalf of industry.

What is changing and when?

From the 1 October 2017

- If you are LPA accredited you need to renew your accreditation at some point over the next three years. You will be notified two months before your re-accreditation is due with relevant instructions.
- For dairy farmers, reaccreditation involves registering your dairy license number with LPA and completing a short assessment and declaration, and then renewing your accreditation every three years thereafter.
- Free eNVDs will be available.

What changes don't impact dairy farmers?

As the dairy industry quality assurance programs and licensing arrangements address the requirements of LPA, once your license number is recorded through the LPA reaccreditation process you will be exempt from:

- completing the LPA learning modules
- preparing a biosecurity plan
- completing random LPA audits
- paying the reaccreditation fee.

So what exactly do dairy farmers need to do?

Complete your reaccreditation when notified, or any time after 1 October 2017 by:

- Logging in to the LPA database and selecting 'Dairy' as your enterprise type
- Inputting your dairy license number and if needed, updating your contact details
- Completing the short assessment and LPA declaration

What if I run beef cattle too?

- You need to comply and renew your LPA accreditation as a beef producer, and the exemptions don't apply. Don't worry, it isn't onerous – get in touch for help with your specific situation.



Where can I find out more?

- Read [what the changes mean for dairy farmers here](#) or contact the LPA helpline on 1800 683 111 or email lpa@mla.com.au
- If you have beef cattle, sheep or goats, read about what the changes mean to you here: www.mla.com.au/lpachanges
- Find out more about LPA here: www.mla.com.au/lpa
- For further assistance to understand the changes you can contact Livestock Health & Biosecurity VICTORIA, an industry funded project available to support Victorian producers. Visit www.lhbv.com.au, call 1300 020 163 or email lhbv@vff.org.au