

**Valais Blacknose Australia Ltd**



## **SHEEP REGISTRATION**

### **Interim Process**

We are excited to be in the final stages of development for our new registry utilising the Grassroots platform. Your Grassroots access information will be sent to you via email. This system allows members to view information about their own animals, other breeders animals, plan future breeding programs, and even sell animals and genetic material to other members, amongst many other helpful tools. In time to come, it is anticipated the registration process will be made very easy - members will be able to enter their own animals' information directly into Grassroots, pay for their registrations, then ship their DNA samples to the lab for processing. This will speed up the time taken to complete the registration process.

Whilst we restart the registration of sheep onto our new system and ensure all working parts are adjusted to fit our needs, we will have an interim process to allow us to get started registering sheep now. We understand there are members waiting on the registry to open and are keen to register animals as soon as possible, this will prevent any further delays.

We are hopeful this will only be a short term interim process as once adjustments are complete on Grassroots, members will have access to input the data and submit registrations for their own animals.

Please complete the steps below to complete this [interim process](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our new VBA Registrar, Alicia Whittaker at [alora\\_prestige\\_studs@outlook.com.au](mailto:alora_prestige_studs@outlook.com.au).

# STEPS TO REGISTER A SHEEP

## Step 1 – Careful Documentation of Lambing

Document your lambing information carefully as errors slow down the registration process and can result in additional costs.

## Step 2 – Purchase or Gather DNA Sampling Tools

All breeders will now need access to an **Allflex Applicator** and purchase their own **Tissue Sample Units (TSU)**; these are readily available from various online stores. We would encourage all members to talk to other members who are close by or other animal breeders as the applicator is used to collect tissue samples in cattle and many other animals.



## Step 3 – Collect DNA

Utilise the Allflex Tissue Applicator Guide to assist you to collect DNA for all sheep being registered. Documentation while collecting samples is of paramount importance – ensure the NLIS tag is carefully matched to the TSU vial code.

## Step 4 – Complete Spreadsheet Information

Use the attached spreadsheet (VBA DNA Sheep Registration Form) to provide all the relevant information for your sheep registration. Use as many pages as needed, based on how many sheep you are registering (up to 8 sheep per page). Once completed, print the pages to send with your samples, and email a copy of the spreadsheet to Bec, our VBA Registrar at [alora\\_prestige\\_studs@outlook.com.au](mailto:alora_prestige_studs@outlook.com.au).

## Step 5 – Post Samples

Once you have your samples and the associated paperwork (with email sent), please post them to Bec for further additions of information needed by the lab to complete the DNA analysis. An invoice will be emailed on receipt of your samples.

## POST SAMPLES TO:

**Alicia McConnell - VBA Registrar**  
**P.O. BOX 7054**  
**Dubbo Grove NSW 2830**