

# Preparing for your NWD Audit

If your property has been declared NM, CM, AA, or LN you may be randomly selected for audit.

Selection is random, regardless of property size, location, or previous audit compliance.

This guide is to assist you prepare for your NWD audit.

**The NWD Integrity Program (NWD-IP) independently verifies the accuracy of wool declarations, maintaining trust and transparency across the wool supply chain.**

## Audit Types and How to Prepare



### Desktop Audit

- Ensure your NWD is complete and accurate.
- Responsibility lies with the owner/manager.
- Your selling agent submits the NWD to AWEX for review if selected.



### AA/LN Verification Audit

- Must have supporting documents if declaring AA or LN, otherwise the correct Mulesing Status (MS) without evidence is M (Mulesed).
- Proof required for anaesthetic/analgesic (AA) or liquid nitrogen (LN) treatments:
  - Type of product
  - Quantity used
  - Number of lambs treated.



### On-Farm Audit (NM/CM)

- Property info: contact details, ABN, PIC.
- NWD forms for audited mobs.
- Farm records: breeding/lambing, chemical/treatment records, purchase records.
- Sheep must be accessible in yards or shed.

# Checklist of Acceptable Documents

## AA Verification

- Tax invoice from vet or supplier (product type, quantity, lambs treated) .....
- Invoice from mulesing contractor citing AA use.....
- Invoice or statutory declaration from other sources (neighbour, relative) .....
- Auctions Plus assessment confirming AA use.....
- Vendor-supplied tax invoice, statutory declaration, or Animal Health Statement .....
- NVD (National Vendor Declaration), purchase invoices, or other farm records confirming AA use, if the sheep were sourced from a state where anaesthetic/analgesic (AA) is mandatory for mulesing .....

## LN Verification

- Invoice from treatment provider (LN details, lambs treated) .....
- Invoice, statutory declaration, or Animal Health Statement from vendor .....

## On-Farm Audit Procedure

- 1 Auditor contacts you to arrange a suitable time.
- 2 Physical audit of mobs (sheep must be in a race).
- 3 Mob sampling:
  - ≤200 sheep: full mob
  - >200 sheep: sample 200 (“wing” sample).
- 4 Examine for mulesing scars.
- 5 Provide evidence for LN or other breech modifications.
- 6 Audit duration: approx. ½ – 1 hour, plus discussion time.
- 7 There is no charge for NWD audits.



**Tip for Growers:** Keep all records, invoices, and NWD forms up-to-date and accessible. This saves time during an audit and ensures your wool’s mulesing status is accurately declared.

## On-Farm Audit Results

### After the Audit

- Auditor writes observations; owner/manager can add comments.
- Findings sent to AWEX; formal report issued listing compliance outcomes.

### Non-Compliance & Corrective Action

- Significant mismatch > MS status updated, audit marked “Not Compliant”.
- NC-L1: Property eligible for next declaration, but may be inspected.
- NC-L2: Future NWDs from property invalidated prior to sale; MS downgraded to M or ND.
- Relevant parties (growers, Selling Agents, buyers & the AWTA) are notified as needed.
- Appeals: Option to submit formal written appeal to AWEX.

### Incorrect Declarations

- Can result from:
  - Honest mistakes
  - Declaration by someone other than owner/manager
  - Misunderstanding or assumptions
  - Deliberate error.
- AWEX will discuss circumstances with owner/manager.
- Relevant parties will be notified.