

# Sustainable Fisheries Strategy

## 2017–2027

### Frequently Asked Questions – Rebate Scheme

\*Please refer to the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Vessel Tracking Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2018* for full details of the scheme

#### When does the rebate scheme start and end?

The rebate scheme starts on 30 August 2018 and ends on 31 December 2020 for all fisheries.

#### How long will I have to apply?

All applications must be received by 31 December 2020.

#### I purchased an eligible unit prior to the commencement of the scheme but have not yet installed it. Can I still claim for this unit?

Only eligible vessel tracking units purchased between 1 June 2018 and 31 December 2020 can be claimed under this scheme.

#### How much can I be reimbursed for a unit?

Up to \$300 of the cost of category A units and \$750 of category B units.

#### What are category A and category B units?

Category A units are SPOT Trace and YB3i (RockFLEET) units. Category B units are Skywave IDP690, IDP800, Orbcomm ST6100 and other existing approved units.

#### What units do I need to buy?

You need to buy the units approved for your fishery. Please refer to the *Installation and Maintenance Standard* or the Department's website to find which units are approved for which fishery.

#### What is an eligible vessel tracking unit?

Category	Unit
A	SPOT Trace
A	YB3i (RockFLEET)
B	IDP690/ST6100
B	IDP800
B	Thrane and Thrane 3027
B	Furuno Felcom 16

Details on where you can buy units can also be found in the Fisheries Queensland's *Installation and Maintenance Standard*.

### **I purchased a unit that is not on the approved list, am I eligible for the rebate?**

No. Applicants are only eligible for the rebate if they have purchased an approved vessel tracking unit. Please refer to the full list of eligible unit models in Table 1 of the Fisheries Queensland *Installation and Maintenance Standard*.

### **How many units do I need?**

You require an approved unit for each primary and each powered tender boat you are using in your commercial fishing operation. Please refer to the Vessel Tracking Guidelines for further details.

### **How many units can I receive a rebate for?**

This depends on your licence and the symbols attached to your licence. Please refer to the below table for a summary of what you can be entitled to.

	<b>Commercial Fishing Boat Licence</b>	<b>Commercial Harvest Licence</b>	<b>Charter Fishing Licence</b>
<b>No symbol</b>	NA	NA	No more than 7
<b>B1</b>	NA	No more than 5	NA
<b>A1 or D</b>	NA	No more than 1	NA
<b>A1 and D</b>	NA	No more than 3	NA
<b>C or M or T or N11 or L3(0) only</b>	No more than 1	NA	NA
<b>L3(1) only</b>	No more than 2	NA	NA
<b>K or N only excluding N11</b>	No more than 3	NA	NA
<b>L1 or L2 or L4 or R only</b>	No more than 7 but depends on number of tenders with symbol	NA	NA
<b>L1 or L2 or L3 and RQ or SM</b>	No more than 7 but depends on number of tenders with symbol	NA	NA
<b>Multiple symbols, one of which is L1 or L2 or L4 or R but non RQ or SM</b>	No more than 7 but depends on number of tenders with symbol	NA	NA
<b>Multiple symbols none of which are L1 or L2 or L4 or R</b>	No more than 3	NA	NA

### **Can I receive a rebate for installation costs?**

Yes, up to a maximum of \$220 for installation costs but conditions apply.

### **Can I install the vessel tracking unit myself and seek a rebate for the installation?**

No. While you can choose to have the equipment installed as you see fit for particular units, you will only be able to claim a rebate for the installation costs if professionally installed.

### **Can I be rebated for any of the monthly data plan costs?**

No.

### **How long will it take to receive the rebate?**

This will depend on the number of applications at the time. Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) has indicated that it should not take longer than 15 days to process an application. Online applications can help speed up processing times.

### **How can I apply?**

It is recommended that you apply online using the QRIDA online portal. For online applications, the QRIDA portal can be accessed here: <https://applyonline.qrida.qld.gov.au/login>

Using the online portal will allow your application to be received instantly meaning that applications can be assessed sooner. Paper applications are also accepted. The paper application form can be found on the QRIDA website.

### **What documentation will I need to provide to support my application?**

In addition to a completed application, applicants must provide QRIDA with:

- Fishing licence authority number(s);
- Evidence of the purchase of approved vessel tracking unit(s) including:
  - Tax invoices showing full details of the unit(s) and (if claimed) installation costs;
  - Evidence of payment for these invoices in the form of a bank statement, bank receipt or official receipt from the supplier; and
- Serial number of the vessel tracking unit(s) (the number registered within FishNet SECURE).

### **Can I make a claim if my licence is suspended?**

No.

### **I am the temporary holder of the licence, can I make a claim?**

No, only the permanent holder of a licence can make a claim.

### **Will I need to register the approved unit once it is installed?**

Yes. To be eligible for the rebate, all vessel tracking units must be registered on FishNet SECURE. FishNet SECURE can be accessed via the following link: <https://fishnet.fisheries.qld.gov.au/Content/Public/Secure.aspx>  
Note: Registering a vessel tracking unit on FishNet SECURE will link the unit to the fishing boat and fishing boat licence. It will not activate the unit with a satellite provider (e.g. Pivotel).

### **How will the rebate be paid?**

Upon approval of an application, QRIDA will deposit the eligible amount into your nominated bank account.

### **My application was declined, what can I do?**

If you would like to discuss an application or appeal a decision, you can call QRIDA on Freecall 1800 623 946 or visit [www.qrida.qld.gov.au/about-qrida/service-commitment/appealing-a-decision](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/about-qrida/service-commitment/appealing-a-decision)

### **Who should I contact if I have questions about the status of my rebate?**

Please contact QRIDA

[www.qrida.qld.gov.au](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au)

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