

Queensland Government Vessel Tracking Rebate Scheme

1. Objective

The *Queensland Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017 – 2027* requires vessel tracking on all commercial fishing boats by 2020 to assist in the management of Queensland fisheries.

The objective of the Queensland Government Vessel Tracking Rebate Scheme is to help commercial fishers with the costs of purchasing and/or installing *approved vessel tracking units* on their commercial fishing boat(s).

2. Nature of assistance

2.1 The assistance is a purchase and/or installation rebate to offset the costs of purchasing and/or installing *approved vessel tracking units* required on all commercial fishing boats by the end of 2020.

3. Amount of assistance

3.1 The purchase rebate amount is:

- a) for a Category A *approved vessel tracking unit* – the purchase cost up to a maximum of \$300; and
- b) for a Category B *approved vessel tracking unit* – the purchase cost up to a maximum of \$750.

3.2 The installation rebate is for the cost of a *professional installation* of an *approved vessel tracking unit* up to a maximum of \$220.

3.3 A purchase rebate or installation rebate can only be paid once in relation to each unit and once in relation to each eligible boat.

3.4 The maximum number of rebates available per licence is as per Schedule one.

4. Eligibility criteria

4.1 To be eligible for assistance an applicant must:

- a) own a *commercial fishing boat licence, commercial harvest fishing licence* or a *charter fishing licence*;
- b) have purchased a new *approved vessel tracking unit* after 1 June 2018 and before 31 December 2020;
- c) for an installation rebate, installed the *approved vessel tracking unit* on boats authorised for use under a *commercial fishing boat licence, commercial harvest fishery licence* or *charter fishing licence* after 1 June 2018 and before 31 December 2020;
- d) not have a licence which is suspended or held by way of temporary transfer; and
- e) have registered the unit on *FishNet*.

5. How to apply

- 5.1 Applications must be made via QRIDA's online application portal (<https://applyonline.grida.qld.gov.au/login>), or on the approved application form.
- 5.2 Applications must include evidence of the purchase and/or installation of *approved vessel tracking unit(s)* including:
- tax invoice(s) showing full details of the unit(s) purchased and installed; and
 - evidence of payment for tax invoice(s) such as *official receipts* or bank statements showing the payment.

6. Conditions

- 6.1 The scheme will open to applications on 30 August 2018.
- 6.2 Applications must be received by 31 December 2020.
- 6.3 The payment of rebates is subject to the availability of funding.
- 6.4 QRIDA may request further relevant information to determine an application.
- 6.5 Penalties apply for providing false and misleading information in accordance with the *rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

7. Definitions

Approved vessel tracking units are those Category A and B units approved under the Vessel Tracking Installation and Maintenance Standard available on the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries website at: <https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/vessel-tracking/resource/c82988cd-e1ee-4f36-a05d-badb543d340d>.

Charter fishing licence means a charter fishing licence issued under the *Fisheries Regulation 2008*.

Commercial fishing boat licence means a commercial fishing boat licence issued under the *Fisheries Regulation 2008*.

Commercial harvest fishery licence means a commercial harvest fishery licence issued under the *Fisheries Regulation 2008*

FishNet is the online register of fishing authorities maintained by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries available at <https://fishnet.fisheries.qld.gov.au/Content/Public/Secure.aspx>

Official receipt means a receipt including the name and address and ABN of the entity that issued the receipt and a full description of the approved vessel tracking unit purchased and/or installed.

Professional installation is an installation performed professionally by a supplier or another person which has been paid for by the applicant.

8. Schedule One

Eligible licence types	Eligible fishery symbol combinations that must be written on the licence	Maximum number of rebates	
		Purchase	Installation
Charter Fishing Licence	N/A	7	7
Commercial Harvest Fishery Licence (Class 1)	One symbol, either A1 or D	1	1
Commercial Harvest Fishery Licence (Class 2)	One symbol, B1	5	5
Commercial Harvest Fishery Licence (Class 3)	Multiple symbols, 1 of which is 'A1' or 'D'	1	1
Commercial Fishing Boat Licence (Class 1)	One symbol only being C1, C2, C3, L3 (0), M1, M2, N11, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9	1	1
Commercial Fishing Boat Licence (Class 2)	L3 (1) and no other symbol	2	2
Commercial Fishing Boat Licence (Class 3)	One symbol only being K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8, N1, N2, N3, N4, N10, N12, N13	3	3
Commercial Fishing Boat Licence (Class 4)	Symbol L1, L2, L4 or R and no other symbol	Of the symbols written on the licence, the one which authorises the highest number of eligible tender boats under the licence + one (up to a maximum of 7)	Of the symbols written on the licence, the one which authorises the highest number of eligible tender boats under the licence + one (up to a maximum of 7)
	At least one of the symbols L1, L2 or L3 and the symbol 'RQ' or 'SM' is also written		
	Multiple symbols and one is L1, L2, L4 or R but excluding those on which SM or RQ are written		
Commercial Fishing Boat Licence (Class 5)	Multiple symbols but excluding those on which L1, L2, L4 or R are written	3	3