

# Vessel Tracking Rebate Scheme Guidelines

## 1. About the Program

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).

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 30 June 2027.

## 2. Eligibility

2.1 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 30 June 2027;
- (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 30 June 2027;
- (d) not have a licence which is suspended or held by way of temporary transfer; and
- (e) have registered the unit on FishNet.

## 3. Available 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. How to apply

- 4.1 Applications must be made via QRIDA's online application portal (<https://applyonline.qrida.qld.gov.au/login>), or on the approved application form.
- 4.2 Applications must include evidence of the purchase and/or installation of approved vessel tracking unit(s) including:
  - (a) tax invoice(s) showing full details of the unit(s) purchased and installed; and
  - (b) evidence of payment for tax invoice(s) such as official receipts or bank statements showing the payment.
- 4.3 The program will close to applications on 30 June 2027 or when available funds have been allocated.
- 4.4 QRIDA can only approve and fund applications subject to the availability of Australian Government funding for this program. The Queensland Government is unable to fund applications after available Australian Government funds have been exhausted.
- 4.5 Penalties apply for providing false and misleading information.

## 5. Scheme conditions

- 5.1 Applications must be received by 30 June 2027.
- 5.2 The payment of rebates is subject to the availability of funding.
- 5.3 QRIDA may request further relevant information to determine an application
- 5.4 Penalties apply for providing false and misleading information in accordance with the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

## 6. Conflict of interest

- 6.1 A conflict of interest may arise due to a business dealing with QRIDA, if your private interests' conflict with your obligations under the scheme. Conflicts of interest could affect your eligibility for conditional approval. A conflict of interest can be:
  - real (or actual);
  - apparent (or perceived); or
  - potential.
- 6.2 We will ask you to declare, as part of your application, any business dealings that may be considered an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest or that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest. If you later identify that there is an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest or that one might arise in relation to your application, you must inform us in writing immediately.

## 7. Fraudulent applications

- 7.1. QRIDA takes fraud and corruption seriously. Suspected fraud will be assessed and investigated, which may require involvement of external parties such as Queensland Police Service (QPS) or Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).
- 7.2. By signing the application form, you acknowledge the information provided in the application form is true and accurate.
- 7.3. The provision of false and misleading information and documents is an offence and penalties may be applied under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.
- 7.4. QRIDA responds to fraud by:
  - a) inquiries and review of applications and funding that are suspicious

- b) referral to law enforcement agencies such as QPS or CCC of suspected fraud
- c) pursue the recovery of funds provided under a fraudulent application.

### 8. Your privacy

- 8.1 QRIDA's Privacy Policy, available at: [www.qrida.qld.gov.au/privacy](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/privacy), sets out general information on how QRIDA collects, uses and discloses individuals' personal information.
- 8.2 The application portal for this scheme contains specific information on how personal information will be collected, used, and disclosed.

### 9. More information

If you would like more information about this scheme, contact us on 1800 623 946 or email [contact\\_us@qrida.qld.gov.au](mailto:contact_us@qrida.qld.gov.au).

### 10. 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 Primary Industries website at: <https://www.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 (General) Regulation 2019*.

**Commercial fishing boat licence\*** means a commercial fishing boat licence issued under the *Fisheries Act 1994*.

\*as of amendments to the *Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019*, a Commercial Fishing Boat Licence is taken to be a Primary Commercial Fishing licence subject to the same terms and conditions that applied to the licence immediately before the 1 January 2021.

**Commercial harvest fishery licence\*** means a commercial harvest fishery licence issued under the *Fisheries Act 1994*, including a commercial harvest fishery licence taken to be a *primary commercial fishing licence* under the *Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019*.

\*as of amendments to the *Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019*, a Commercial Fishing Boat Licence is taken to be a Primary Commercial Fishing licence subject to the same terms and conditions that applied to the licence immediately before the 1 January 2021.

**FishNet** is the online register of fishing authorities maintained by the Department of Primary Industries available at <http://fishnet.fisheries.qld.gov.au/Content/FishNet Secure/>

**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.

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, A2 or D	3	3
Commercial Harvest Fishery Licence (Class 2)	One symbol, B1	5	5
Commercial Harvest Fishery Licence (Class 3)	Multiple symbols, 1 of which is 'A1', 'A2' or 'D'	3	3
Commercial Harvest Fishery Licence (Class 4)	One symbol, J1	6	6
Commercial Fishing Boat Licence (Class 1)	One symbol only being C1, C2, C3, L3 (0), M1, M2, N11, T1, T2, 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, N3, N10, N12, N13	3	3
Commercial Fishing Boat Licence (Class 4)	Symbol L1, L2, L4, L8 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, L3 or L8 and the symbol 'RQ' or 'SM' is also written		
	Multiple symbols and one is L1, L2, L4, L8 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, L8 or R are written	3	3