

# HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR ABC SCORE

## ASSURANCE BASED CREDIT (ABC) POINTS

**only one line from each category that is applicable to consigned sheep, then add for total score**

### CATEGORY A: Prevalence Area

(s) of origin - the **lowest** Category A credits of **any** property on which **any** sheep in the consignment have been run during their lives.

	Possible Credits	Credits for this consignment
Prevalence Area and the flock is not suspected/known to be infected	4	
Medium Prevalence Area and the flock is not suspected/known to be infected	2	
High Prevalence Area and the flock is not suspected/known to be infected	0	
Prevalence Area and the flock is suspected or known to be infected	0	

### CATEGORY B: OJD Testing

Flock is:

	Possible Credits	Credits for this consignment
SheepMAP and has had 3 negative sample tests	4	
SheepMAP and has had 2 negative sample tests	3	
SheepMAP and has had 1 negative sample tests	2	
Not on the SheepMAP but has had a negative PFC 350 test in the last 12 months	2	
Not on the SheepMAP but is eligible for Abattoir 500 status	2	
Not on the SheepMAP but is eligible for Abattoir 150 status	1	
Low level infected flock	1	
None of the above	0	

### CATEGORY C: OJD Vaccination

	Possible Credits	Credits for this consignment
Flock is a second generation approved vaccinate flock	4	
Consigning sheep are approved vaccinates and were born when the flock were approved vaccinates	3	
Whole flock are approved vaccinates	2	
Consigning sheep are approved vaccinates	1	
None of the above	0	

### CATEGORY D: Consignment Sheep – Risk Assessment

Consigning sheep are:

	Possible Credits	Credits for this consignment
Removed from a flock infected or suspected to be infected but are certified risk by a SheepMAP approved veterinarian	1	
None of the above	0	

## TOTAL ABC SCORE FOR THIS CONSIGNMENT OF SHEEP

(CATEGORY A + B + C + D) =

Maximum ABC score is 10

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Approved Vaccinate** – a sheep that is

- vaccinated with an approved OJD vaccine by 16 weeks of age; or
- vaccinated with an approved OJD vaccine after 16 weeks of age where, in the written opinion of a SheepMAP approved veterinarian, vaccination occurred when there was a low risk of prior exposure to OJD and is identified as an approved Vaccinate by an NLIS 'V' tag.

**Abattoir 500 status** – at least 500 sheep, over 2 years of age, have been submitted to an abattoir in the past 24 months, in 1 or more lots, and have been examined and all found negative for OJD. The sheep must have been on the property for at least 2 years.

**Abattoir 150 status** – at least 150 sheep, over 2 years of age, have been submitted to an abattoir in the past 12 months, in 1 or more lots, and have been examined and all found negative for OJD. The sheep must have been on the property for at least 2 years.

**Certified low risk sheep** – sheep which are sourced from a flock that is infected or suspected to be infected with OJD, and which are certified in writing as low-risk by a SheepMAP approved veterinarian on the basis of:

- a risk assessment, and
- an approved Property Disease Management Program (PDMP) that includes profiling and strategic culling, being implemented in the flock. Other strategies such as vaccination of sheep which are unlikely to have been heavily exposed, may also be appropriate.

**Infected flocks** – flocks are no longer regarded as infected when either: (1) the whole flock consists of approved vaccinates and has undertaken a PFC 350 test, with negative results, at a minimum of 2 years after the last detected infected animal has been removed; OR (2) the whole flock is a second generation approved vaccinate flock which has undertaken a PFC 350 test, with negative results; OR (3) a destocking/ decontamination program approved by the CVO of the jurisdiction, has been completed.

**Prevalence area** – There are three Prevalence Areas: Low, Medium and High. These have been agreed nationally and are reviewed annually. Details are available from Animal Health Australia or [www.ojd.com.au](http://www.ojd.com.au)

**PFC 350 test** – a test of 350 representative sheep over 2 years of age (or all sheep over 2 years of age in smaller flocks) by Pooled Faecal Culture in pools of up to 50 sheep.

**Sample Test** – a test of a sample of a flock, in accordance with the Sheep Market Assurance Program (SheepMAP) guidelines, and which is undertaken within the flock's SheepMAP program. The number of Sample Tests is the actual number of negative Sample Tests that contributed to the flock's SheepMAP status.

**Second generation Approved Vaccinate flock** – A flock comprising entirely Approved Vaccinates (except terminal 'T-tag' lambs) which were born when the whole flock (except terminal 'T-tag' lambs) were Approved Vaccinates.

**SheepMAP** – the Australian Johne's Disease Market Assurance Program for Sheep coordinated by Animal Health Australia.

**SheepMAP approved veterinarian** – you can search for SheepMAP vets in your area at <http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/programs/jd/maps.cfm>

**Suspected to be infected flock** – a flock is suspected to be infected with OJD if the owner has reasonable grounds to believe that it has been exposed to OJD infection or that OJD may exist in the flock, based on:

- trace back or trace forward contact with an infected flock;
- contact with OJD contaminated land or facilities;
- a positive Johne's disease screening test;
- the flock neighbours an infected flock;
- the flock has introduced sheep with an ABC score of 0;
- clinical signs of OJD; or
- advice from the relevant state agricultural department.

AND the flock has not met the requirements for resolution of suspicion.

**Terminal 'T' tag lambs** – lambs which are to be slaughtered before they cut their first permanent teeth and are identified by an NLIS (sheep) 'T' tag.

**Tested low level Infected flock** – an infected flock which has a history supporting a low level of infection, an approved Property Disease Management Program in place, and the most recent flock profile demonstrating a detection rate of not more than 1 of 7 pools by Pooled Faecal Culture within the previous 2 years. Sheep mobs that contributed to the positive pool are not eligible for this point.

Although vendors of non-slaughter sheep are encouraged to complete all sections of the Sheep Market Assurance Statement, legislative requirements vary between the states. For further information, please contact your local agricultural department or visit: [www.ojd.com.au](http://www.ojd.com.au)