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NEXDOC

Halal Certification changes – FAQs

Purpose

This document explains the key changes to Halal certification under the NEXDOC system, including the introduction of QR-coded certificates, the removal of blue security paper, and the transition to plain paper certificates.

Q1: When will meat and meat products transition onto NEXDOC?

Monday 15 June 2026 will be the first day exporters will use NEXDOC to lodge their export documents.

Q2: Why is the Australian Government updating its export certification system?

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is upgrading its certification system, ensuring it is streamlined and adaptable to meet future needs. The new system is called the Next Export Documentation (NEXDOC) System, and it includes enhanced certification features.

Q3: What changes are there to the certification?

The new certificates contain unique Quick Response (QR) codes. The QR codes provide consignment-specific information that border officials can use to confirm the authenticity of a certificate in real-time.

This feature means that the blue security paper will no longer be required, and all NEXDOC issued certificates will be issued on plain paper.

To verify the QR code, border officials scan the code through their smart phone camera. More detailed instructions are included in the appendices.

There are no other changes to the format or wording of the certificates.

Q4: What do Approved Islamic Organisations need to do to prepare?

There is no change to halal certification operations for Approved Islamic Organisations (AIOs). The lodgement, endorsement and signing procedures for halal certification will remain the same.

There are minimal actions required. To ensure a smooth transition, Approved Islamic Organisations should:

- Monitor transition dates: Keep an eye on official timelines and any key milestones announced by the department in relation to NEXDOC transition.
- [Subscribe](#) to Meat notices: sign up for updates to stay informed about any transition requirements on certification.

Q5: When will NEXDOC be implemented?

NEXDOC is being released incrementally by commodity. Currently Dairy, Eggs, Fish, Wool, Skins, Hides, Other Goods, Inedible Meat and some Honey product certification is being issued through NEXDOC. The next release into NEXDOC is Meat on Monday 15 June 2026.

Q6: Have importing countries been notified of the changes?

The department works closely with importing countries ahead of the release of NEXDOC certificates. Depending on the structure of the release, this can include direct correspondence to the importing countries including copies of the NEXDOC certificates as well as World Trade Organisation notifications.

The department is also working with importing countries on transition requirements for certification issued in the previous system EXDOC. Advice on this will be issued via [Meat notices - DAFF](#).

Q7: How can you help?

Despite the department's best efforts, some border officials may not be aware of the transition to NEXDOC certificates. You can assist by working with your importer to make them aware of the NEXDOC certificates using points from this FAQ guide and the published [Meat notices - DAFF](#).

*Changes to certification are included in **Appendix A**.*


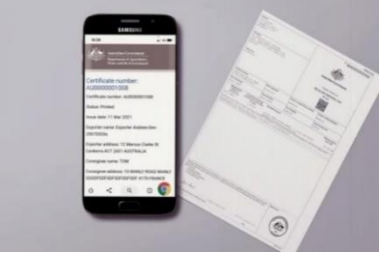
*The process for border officials verifying QR codes is included in **Appendix B**.*

Appendix A – sample NEXDOC Halal Certificate

Australian Government		بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ (شهادة بالذبح على الطريقة الإسلامية) (Certificate of Slaughter in accordance with Islamic rites)		ORIGINAL Certificate number AU0000814954 	
Original health certificate number AU0000814947		Abattoir / Works NO. 75 AMEND WOOL, SKINS & HIDES TEST ESTABLISHMENT PLEASE DO NOT AMEND			
Ship / Voyage or airline / Flight CONTI CHIVALRY/MASDIR/SEAFRIGHT/SX104					
Port / Airport AD DAMNAM					
Age of animals LESS THAN 1 YEAR					
Marks	No. and kind of packages	Description of meat	Use by date	Quantity	
SNP81115:36	1 CARTONS	FROZEN LAMB LIVER	30-DEC-2027	100.000 KGM	
Slaughter Dates 1-MAR-2025 TO 2-MAR-2025					
Import Permit No(s) 123456 03-OCT-2020					
					
I hereby certify that the slaughter and production of the meat / meat products described herein has been carried out in accordance with the Australian Government Authorised Halal Program and under the supervision of an Approved Islamic Organisation.				Government Seal	
Dated of Issue 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026					
Place of Issue BANDA BANDA, AUSTRALIA		in the State of NEW SOUTH WALES			
 Authorised Officer Under the Export Control Act for the Australian Government					
The meat is derived from animals examined by ante-mortem (up to 12 hours before slaughter) and post-mortem veterinary inspection, and found to be wholesome, free from disease and suitable in every way for human consumption.					
The Islamic Organisation certifies that the consignment of meat detailed above is from animals slaughtered by Muslim slaughtermen, authorised by the Organisation, using a knife and according to Islamic rites. The meat of animals slaughtered is Halal and therefore suitable for consumption by Muslims in any part of the world. Adequate precautions have been taken to prevent mixing with non-Halal meat.					
<p>المنظمة الإسلامية تشهد بأن شحنة اللحوم المذكورة تفاصيلها أعلاه تأتي من حيوانات مذبوحة على يد قصابين مسلمين، ومخولين من قبل المنظمة، باستخدام سكين وبحسب الشريعة الإسلامية. إن لحوم الحيوانات المذبوحة هي حلال وبالتالي صالحة للاستهلاك من قبل المسلمين في جميع أنحاء العالم. وقد تم اتخاذ كافة التدابير الاحتياطية الملائمة لمنع اختلاطها باللحوم الأخرى غير الحلال.</p>					
Name of Approved Islamic Organisation			Islamic Organisation Seal		
Signature of Representative			Date		

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Appendix B – Process for border officials verifying QR codes

Verifying certificates using the QR code	
<p>Step 1. Certificate presented at port and official wishes to validate authenticity.</p> <p>Step 2. Official can use smart phone camera to scan code.</p>	
<p>Step 3. Important certificate information is displayed and can be matched to document.</p>	
<p>Step 4. The web address will confirm the certificate’s authenticity.</p> <p>https://api.agriculture.gov.au/</p>	