



New Passports

A horse should only have one passport, you will need to do everything to check that it has not previously been issued with a passport, before applying for a new one.

This form must be completed by both the owner and a veterinarian and returned to the HPA for endorsement, until this has been done this is not a valid document. Under EU legislation all equines must hold a DEFRA approved passport and (as of 1st July 2009) all horses **must be micro-chipped** when they are first identified.

It is illegal to transport horses without a passport.

All ponies, including any with visiting players or teams, must be accompanied by a valid Equine Passport at all times. This includes when they are taken to play at any club or in any tournament. To be valid for polo, the passport must:

- Be issued by an approved EU Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO). The HPA is a PIO.
- Contain an 'Administration of Medicinal Products' section (formerly Section IX, now Section II).
- Be registered with the HPA in the name of the correct owner.
- In the case of passports not issued by the HPA, the passport must be registered/over-stamped by the HPA.
- When a pony changes hands, it must be re-registered accordingly within 30 days.

Owners are advised to carry out an independent Coggins test if they have recently imported a pony from overseas or Europe. Although the threat of EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia) has reduced enough for the HPA to lift the requirement to provide a negative Coggins test along side passport applications for imported ponies it is still highly recommended best practice.

Processing Time

Upon receipt of the change of ownership application, the HPA will transfer the ownership within 10 working days. Please be aware that incorrect paperwork can cause delays.