

Frequently Asked Questions – Microchipping

How should a microchip be implanted?

The microchip should be implanted by a veterinarian using an aseptic technique. The veterinarian must be approved by your National Federation. It should be inserted into the nuchal ligament on the left side at the mid-point between the poll and withers.

What kind of microchip must be used in my FEI horse?

The microchip must comply with ISO 11784 and 11785.

Which FEI horses need to be microchipped?

All horses that are registering with the FEI for the first time after 1 January 2013 must be microchipped. Horses that have been registered before this date do not need to be microchipped, but it is advised.

I need to register a change regarding my horse's microchip. What do I do? The FEI acknowledges that some microchips may no longer be found, some may no longer work and a second microchip needs to be implanted. Horses that have already been registered with the FEI and are being microchipped for the first time must also follow the instructions below.

If your horse has an FEI Passport, a veterinarian must verify the changes you wish to undertake. The veterinarian must be approved by your National Federation. The veterinarian must complete the 'Microchip changes' form found on the FEI website. The PR must then send the form and the FEI Passport to their National Federation who will inform the FEI.

If your horse has a national passport, you must contact the issuing organisation for information on how to register changes since there are variations in requirements. In addition to satisfying their requirements, the veterinarian must complete the 'Microchip changes' form found on the FEI website. The PR must then send the form to their National Federation who will inform the FEI.