

Frequently Asked Questions – FEI Passports and Recognition Cards

I am going to start competing my horse in FEI events. Do I need an FEI document?

If you are competing in an FEI CIM event in the same country in which your horse resides, you may compete with your national passport and must have FEI registration. A list of CIM events can be found in the FEI General Regulations, Appendix E.

If you are competing in an FEI CIM event in another country or any event that is not listed as a CIM, then an FEI document (an FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card) is required and can be issued by your National Federation.

How do I obtain an FEI document for my horse?

Your National Federation will issue either an FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card for your horse. If your horse has a national passport that has been approved by the FEI then they will issue an FEI Recognition Card. If your horse does not have a national passport or its passport is not approved by the FEI, your National Federation will issue an FEI Passport. Further information can be found in the FEI General Regulations, Article 137.

FEI Passports must be completed by a veterinarian approved by your National Federation. Your National Federation will validate FEI Passports and FEI Recognition Cards and forward all necessary information to the FEI.

FEI Passports and/or FEI Recognition Cards are only issued to sports horses that are due to compete in FEI events. They are not issued to foals or non-sports horses.

I've lost my horse's FEI document. How do I obtain a replacement?

You must contact your National Federation who will issue a duplicate document.

Duplicate FEI Passports must be completed by a veterinarian approved by your National Federation. Your National Federation will validate the passport and forward all necessary information to the FEI.

Duplicate FEI Recognition Cards will be issued by your National Federation when a duplicate national passport has been created. Your National Federation will validate the FEI Recognition Card and forward all necessary information to the FEI.

I have found an old FEI Document for my Horse, which I thought was lost, and now my Horse has two FEI Documents. What should I do?

You must send both documents to your National Federation. The original FEI documents will be re-registered and will be the valid identification document.

I have bought a horse which has an FEI Passport/FEI Recognition Card. What should I do?

You must send the FEI document to your National Federation. They will certify the change of ownership and forward the information to the FEI.

Can I make a change to the description in my horse's passport?

Changes to your horse's FEI Passport may be made e.g. if your horse changes colour with age or acquires a freeze mark.



If your horse has an FEI Passport, a veterinarian must make the changes you wish to undertake to the horse's passport and sign, stamp and date the modification. The veterinarian making the changes must be approved by your National Federation. The PR must then send the passport to their National Federation who will inform the FEI.

If your horse has a national passport, you must contact the issuing organisation. In addition to satisfying their requirements, the PR must then send the passport to their National Federation who will inform the FEI.