

National Equine Passports: Approval Criteria

According to Article 137.1 of the FEI General Regulations, the FEI permits the horse's national passport to be used as an identification document provided that it is inserted inside an FEI Recognition Card.

The national passport must be approved by the FEI Veterinary Department prior to being used as a national identification document. A list of passports that have already been approved can be found [here](#).

If your horse's passport is not included on this list, the passport issuing organisation must send a blank copy of the passport to passport@fei.org. If the passport meets the criteria listed below, it will be added to the list of approved passports.

1. General Points

- the passport pages must be securely bound and numbered
- the name, address and stamp of the passport's issuing organisation (PIO) must be clearly marked on the passport
- the passport's date of issue must be clearly stated
- each passport should have a unique passport number
- each horse should be allocated a Universal Equine Life Number (UELN)
- the horse's name at birth should be clearly indicated in the passport

2. Horse ownership

Provision must be made for recording:

- the owners name and address
- acknowledgment of the owner's details by the passport issuing organisation e.g. by an official stamp

3. Identification control of the horse

Provision must be made for recording:

- date, place and country in which the identification took place
- purpose of identification control
- name, signature and stamp of the veterinarian checking the horse's identity

4. Horse Description

4.1: Diagram

The diagram must include the following views for the recording of whorls, acquired marks and white areas of the horse:

- left and right sides of the horse
- face
- muzzle
- underside of neck
- rear view of the forelegs
- rear view of the hindlegs

4.2: Written Description

A section must be included to enable the veterinarian to write a description that accounts for markings noted on the diagram.

4.3: Additional Horse Details

A section(s) must be available for recording the horse's

- microchip number
- brand
- date of birth
- sex
- colour

4.4 Validation

The veterinarian completing the diagram and description must validate the information. A validation section must include provision for recording:

- veterinarian's name, signature and stamp
- location of validation
- date of validation

In instances where passport diagrams have been completed by veterinarians using electronic means e.g. tablets, the following criteria apply:

- the name of the veterinarian and date on which the diagram was completed must be recorded in the passport
- an authentication stamp must accompany the diagram. The authentication stamp must be dated and can be the stamp of the PIO or veterinarian completing the diagram.

5. Medication control

The passport must have space for the following information concerning medication controls to be entered:

- date and place of the event
- sample type
- name, signature and stamp of the veterinarian taking the samples

6. Vaccination Record

6.1 Section layout

- Separate pages must be available for the recording of influenza vaccines and vaccines other than influenza

6.2 Recording of information

Provision must be made in the vaccinations section of the passport to record the following information:

- date, place and country in which the horse was vaccinated
- name and batch number of the vaccine
- name, signature and stamp of the veterinarian administering the vaccine

7. Laboratory Health Tests

The passport must have space for the following information concerning laboratory health tests to be entered:

- date on which the test took place
- infectious diseases tested for
- type of test
- test result
- official laboratory
- veterinarian's name, signature and stamp