



# HORSE BIOSECURITY FACT SHEET

## General Biosecurity Obligations for Horses

As a horse owner you need to take an active role in managing biosecurity risks under your control. You are not expected to know about all biosecurity risks, but you are expected to know about those associated with your day-to-day work and your leisure activities

The general biosecurity obligation means you will need to ensure your activities do not spread a pest, disease or contaminant.

## Registration Requirements if you keep Horses

Registration provides Biosecurity Queensland with important information for traceability purposes in the case of a disease outbreak or contamination.

If you have not already registered and keep at least one horse, you are a registrable biosecurity entity and must register with Biosecurity Queensland. You must register even if you don't own the land that you keep your horse on (agistee).

When you register, you will be allocated a property identification code (PIC). This PIC corresponds to the land where you keep your horse. PICs are not owned by the landowner they are allocated to the land.

## Registration Period & How to Register

Registration will be valid for three years from the date of registration. If, after that three year period you are still wanting to keep your horses, you will need to renew your registration.

If you do not renew your registration prior to expiry, your PIC(s) may be cancelled.

To register as a biosecurity entity and to be allocated a PIC, you can either:

- Contact your local Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Regional Office for an application form
- Call the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Customer Service Centre on 13 25 23.

## Movement Records

From 1 July 2016, every time a horse (or other designated animal) moves off a property, a movement record must be created.

The new legislation recognises the need for more flexible methods of recording animal movements. It allows for a range of methods (including electronic records) to be used as a valid record as long as it captures the following details:

- Name of person completing the record
- Where the horse/s are being moved from
- Where the horse/s are being moved to and the name and address of the person receiving the horse/s
- Date of movement
- Description of horse

If you receive a horse onto your property, you must either create a movement record or take a copy of the existing movement record that includes those details. You are receiving a horse if a horse is being delivered to your care, this includes if a horse stays at your place overnight or you are a vet.

If you are moving a horse and there is no receiver, only one movement record needs to be created. For movements including taking a horse for a ride down the road, to the beach or to the neighbours for the day simply record where you rode to and your return address.

## Where to Record a Movement

Movement records can be created in any format providing it captures the above specified information, including:

- diary or logbook entries
- notepad or exercise book
- email
- text message
- Excel spreadsheet
- **movement record** (template only - this is template for all animals and some information may not be required for horse movements)
- **horse health declaration.**

If you are moving a horse across the tick line you must have the movement record in your possession.

## Movement Records at Events

Biosecurity Horse Health Declarations are required when attending a event. These Horse Health Declarations can be completed in hard copy or electronically online and they MUST include the following details:

- name of person completing the record
- place (PIC) from which the animal is being moved
- place (PIC) where the horse/s is being moved to and the address of the person receiving the horse/s
- the date of the event
- date horse/s left/arrived at the event
- species and breed of horse/s being moved
- description of the horse's (i.e. distinguishing marks)
- any other information required by regulation (i.e. HGP status, restricted animal material feeding)

Organisers of these horse events are required keep records of each horse that has attended their event. All Horse Health Declarations are to be collected at such events.

## How long should I Keep my Horse Movement Record?

These records can be kept in any format as long as they can be produced if requested (by an inspector) and must be kept for two years. Horse health declarations used as an entry condition may meet this requirement as long as all the necessary details are recorded. These declarations could be copied as competitors enter the grounds and kept by the organiser.

**Any questions regarding Biosecurity in Queensland can be directed to (07) 3891 6611 or email [enquiries@equestrianqld.com.au](mailto:enquiries@equestrianqld.com.au)**