

Equine Identification (Wales) Regulations 2019:

Microchip deadline

FAQs

I have never owned a horse, pony or donkey, why have I received a letter?

Your address has, at one time, been registered with the Central Equine Database. A previous occupant was a registered keeper. If you wish to remove your address from the database, please visit info@equineregister.co.uk

I no longer own a horse, pony or donkey / they have died, how do I update my details?

Please contact the Central Equine Database info@equineregister.co.uk to update your details. You may need to ensure the passport details are also correct by contacting your local Passport Issuing Organisation.

Who do I inform that my horse, pony or donkey has been sold / changed ownership?

The **new** keeper should register their details with the Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO) after buying the animal. To confirm that this has happened you can contact your Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO).

My horse, pony or donkey already has a microchip and passport, do I need to do anything?

Please make sure the microchip details have been registered. You can use the National Equine Chip Checker to update your details. You may also need to ensure the microchip details are on the passport by contacting your local Passport Issuing Organisation.

I don't currently have horses, ponies or donkeys but I will buy more in the future. Do I need to do anything now?

Please familiarise yourself with the latest Horse Keeper Guidance 2020 on the Welsh Government website gov.wales/horses-guidance-keepers-2020.

My animals are elderly / retired do they need a microchip?

Yes, it is a legal requirement that by the 12 February 2021 all horses/ponies and donkeys regardless of age, are microchipped.

My horse, pony or donkey is wild / hard to catch what can I do?

Your vet may be able to give practical advice to help you arrange the microchipping of your animal.

My horse, pony or donkey has a freemark, does it need a microchip aswell?

Yes, it will need a microchip by the 12 February 2021.

What happens if I don't microchip my animal?

The Regulations require all horses, donkeys and ponies to be microchipped, if you choose not to you will be at risk of prosecution by your local authority.

Is the microchipping free?

No, you will need to contact your vet to arrange the microchip and they will confirm the price.

What do I do with my passport?

After microchipping please contact your PIO who will advise you what to do. They will either ask for you to return the passport to add the microchip number or they will ask for the microchip number and update the records their end.

