

To complement information already available on CA websites, PIOs must provide accurate and up to date information outlining all the legal responsibilities of horse owners in relation to passports including (but not limited to) requirements to:

**A:** ensure completed passport applications are received by a PIO in England or Wales within 6 months of birth or by (in England) 30 November or (in Wales) 31 December in year of birth, whichever is the later, and by a PIO in Northern Ireland within six months of birth;

**B:** hand over the passport at the time of transferring ownership of the horse to another person;

**C:** notify the PIO of any change of ownership (including dealers) within 30 days of the change by submitting the physical passport for update;

**D:** keep the following passport details in the passport up to date and correct at all times: ownership; eligibility for slaughter for human consumption; microchip code; status as registered or breeding and production;

**E:** submit the passport to a PIO within 30 days for updating if any passport details have changed;

**F:** submit the passport (or photocopy of relevant Section) to a PIO within 14 days of a veterinary surgeon completing and signing Part II of Section II of the passport;

**G:** return the passport to a PIO within 30 days of death or loss of the horse if registered with a PIO in England or Wales, or “as soon as is reasonably practicable” if registered with a PIO in NI.

**H:** ensure that horses born before 1 July 2009 which do not have a microchip implanted previously in accordance with Commission Regulation 504/2008 are microchipped. (Legally required for horses registered with PIOs in England since 1 October 2020, and for horses registered with PIOs in Wales since 12 February 2021. Not currently required for horses registered with PIOs in NI).