

APSPH REL Fact Sheets

HOW LONG WILL MY LICENCE LAST?

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018
Guidance notes for conditions for hiring out horses July 2018

The new look licences include a new rating system. Your inspection will follow the guidance notes* and also a low-risk/high-risk system followed by the inspectors. There are now a set of compulsory MINIMUM STANDARDS and HIGHER STANDARDS (in blue text) that must be met and OPTIONAL HIGHER STANDARDS (OHS in red text).

Licences can be anything from 1 to 3 years long depending on how many of the OHS conditions you meet and how you are rated on the low/high risk system.

AN example of the minimum and higher standards:

Condition

5.7 All the animals must be easily accessible to staff and for inspection.

There must be sufficient light for the staff to work effectively and observe the animals.

Guidance

Where practicable this should be natural light, but artificial light must be available. Artificial lights must be turned off to provide a period of darkness overnight.

Higher standard

There must be a separate secure, clean and well-lit veterinary inspection area that enables safe access to allow inspection of a horse.

To read the full regulations and guidance notes click on the links below:

[*Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018*](#)

[**The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018 Guidance notes for conditions for hiring out horses July 2018, pg3-4*](#)

YEARLY VETERINARY INSPECTIONS WILL
REMAIN A COMPULSORY REGULATION.

Even though you may be given a licence for up to 3 years, you will still be required to have an annual veterinary inspection for the horses listed on the licence. You will also need to report any MAJOR changes, such as horses sold or bought.



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