



Guidance notes for Australia's additional health and residency certificate (Appendix B) for horses

- The additional health and residency certificate (Appendix B) must be completed when a horse has resided in an approved country (or countries)¹ other than the exporting country during the 60 days before export to Australia.
- Australia's import policy for horses requires a residency period of at least 60 continuous days in an approved country (or countries) prior to being exported to Australia.
- The 60 day residency period can be completed in multiple approved countries if an additional health and residency certificate (Appendix B) is provided from each of these countries.
- Multiple date ranges (periods) may be entered on a certificate for each horse for a single country. For example, if a horse was resident in that country from 1 April to 4 April 2024 and 15 April to 20 April 2024.
- The additional health and residency certificate (Appendix B) is designed to facilitate trade as horses frequently move between approved countries.
- The additional health and residency certificate (Appendix B) consists of an owner declaration followed by Official Veterinary certification. The Official Veterinary certification relates to the premises and country status for relevant diseases during the period the horse was residing in that country.
- The certificate contains premises and country disease freedom statements and may be completed by the Official Veterinarian:
after the horse has left the approved country
OR
on the day of export from the approved country
OR
on the last working day before export from the approved country.
- Each page of the additional health and residency certificate (Appendix B) must be signed, stamped and dated by the Official Veterinarian.
- Any clauses that do not apply must be deleted or struck through.
- Any hand-written deletions in Part 2 must be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.
- Any details that are corrected by striking through must be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.
- Electronic and/or digitally signed additional health and residency certificates (Appendix Bs) will not be accepted.
- Official veterinarians do not need to physically inspect the horse or the premises.
- The additional health and residency certificate (Appendix B) must be attached to the health certificate issued by the final approved country that is exporting the horse directly to Australia. The final country exporting the horse to Australia does not need to provide an additional health and residency certificate,

¹ Approved countries are: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Japan, Italy, Luxembourg, Macau, the Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Portugal, Republic of Iceland, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States.



as the agreed veterinary health certificate covers Australia's import requirements for any horse from that country.

- Australia does not require additional evidence for the attestations provided in additional health and residency certificates. However, Official Veterinarians in the country providing the additional health and residency certificate may request evidence to support the owner declaration section, in accordance with their country's certification systems.
- Australia does not impose any movement restrictions on horses in an approved country during the 60 days prior to export, other than during the 14 day pre-export quarantine (PEQ) period (or 21 day PEQ period for the United Arab Emirates) that occurs immediately before transport to Australia.
- Official Veterinarians are welcome to contact the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry directly with questions or concerns about completing additional health and residency (Appendix B) certification for a specific consignment. The contact email address is horses@aff.gov.au, which is monitored daily.