

Horse property registration

Obtaining a Property Identification Code (PIC)

Frequently asked questions

What is a PIC?

PIC stands for Property Identification Code. Previous terms used to describe a PIC included “tail tag” number or property number. It is a legal requirement that all properties in Queensland with horses are registered with Biosecurity Queensland and obtain a PIC. A PIC identifies a property, not an owner.

How is a PIC used by Biosecurity Queensland?

Biosecurity Queensland maintains a register of all properties in Queensland that have livestock on them. This includes horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry.

In the event of an emergency animal disease incident, a PIC can assist with disease control through tracing animals and enable a rapid response.

Who has to register?

All properties where at least one horse is kept have to register for a PIC. It is the responsibility of the owner to register the property. This can include the legal owner, lessee or agistee.

What details are required to register a PIC?

The essential details to register a PIC include:

- Name of property owner
- Contact details of the owner of the property
- Livestock residing on the property
- Address of property
- Real property description / lot on plan

Although it is the property owner that registers for a PIC, you can also be registered with Biosecurity Queensland as owning a horse on that property.

Is there a cost?

There is no cost to register your property and obtain a PIC.

Do I have to register my horse property?

Yes. It is a legal requirement that all properties with at least one horse on them have a PIC. It is an offence not to register your property with Biosecurity Queensland.

How do I register?

There are three easy options:

1. Contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23
2. Visit www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au
3. Go to your local Biosecurity Queensland office

Who sees my information?

Information relating to property registrations is for biosecurity purposes only and under privacy provisions will not be released to other parties.

What happens if I move properties?

The primary reason for a PIC is to identify a property where livestock are kept. If you move from a property, the PIC will remain with the property. You will have to register your new property and receive a new PIC (if it is not already registered).

Do I need a PIC if I agist my horses?

The property owner may have already registered the property where you agist your horses. You should check with them prior to agisting horses, as the PIC is required for movement documentation. If the property owner is unsure of the PIC or you are not able to contact them, you can contact Biosecurity Queensland to see if the property is already registered with a PIC. If not, it will need to be registered and advice can be provided on how to do that.