

Frequently asked questions on the new FEI measuring system for ponies.

When does the new FEI measurement system take into effect?

01 January 2020.

Is there a transition period?

Yes, this is planned until 31 December 2022 and is only for ponies that were registered with the FEI or have a FEI passport from 2019 or earlier. Within this transition period these ponies can start at international competitions without being remeasured.

Which ponies need to be measured?

All ponies registered in the FEI database from 01-01-2020 (FEI registration/FEI passport) must be measured in accordance with the new FEI rules before their first international competition.

Ponies that were registered with the FEI in 2019 or earlier or have an FEI passport but require a new FEI registration may start in international competition, as long as they are remeasured in accordance with the new FEI rules within the transition period, (until the end of 2022) if they wish to compete internationally in 2023.

What if my pony was registered with the FEI in 2019 or earlier? Does this pony need to be remeasured to compete internationally in 2020?

No, all ponies that are registered with the FEI and/or hold a FEI passport from 2019 or earlier have until 31 December 2022 to have their ponies remeasured. It is strongly advised to take part in a new measuring session so that you can compete in international competitions after the transition period.

For how long does a pony need to be measured?

All ponies must be measured annually until the age of eight, after which they will receive a Lifetime Certificate from the FEI. With a Lifetime Certificate no more measurements will be necessary.

The minimum age for a pony to compete at an FEI event is 5 years old. Does a 5-year old pony need to be measured in order to compete at a CAI1* event?

Yes, it will need to be measured and will receive a temporary certificate valid for 15 months if it measures in.

When a 7-year-old pony is measured in in November, does he need to be measured again in his 8th year of life, or will he receive a Lifetime Certificate automatically after the 15 month interim certificate has expired, as the pony will be 9 years old?

The pony must be remeasured when he is 8 years old or older in order to receive a Lifetime Certificate.

Do I need to apply for a Lifetime Certificate myself, or will I receive one automatically?

Every year the FEI will send the national federations a list of ponies and their accompanying certificates. The FEI has not yet released information on how these certificates will be delivered.

When does a pony receive a Lifetime Certificate, and will they no longer require to be measured?

Ponies that have been measured by two FEI veterinarians during international competition in 2017, 2018 or 2019 receive a Lifetime Certificate, no matter their age. Ponies older than 8 years of age measured during a FEI measuring session will also receive a Lifetime Certificate. Ponies with a Lifetime Certificate no longer require to be measured.

If my pony is 6 or 7 years old and is measured at an international competition, will it then receive a Lifetime Certificate?

No, these ponies will receive a FEI Interim Measuring Certificate that is valid for 15 months. These ponies must be remeasured annually during a FEI measuring session until they have reached the age of 8.

How tall may a pony measure during a FEI measuring session? (Official measurement)

For FEI registration, a pony may measure 148cm high without shoes on and with shoes on they may measure 149cm high.

Will the measuring veterinarians also take the minimum heights into account? How do the Veterinarians know it is a Driving Pony?

No, they will not take the minimum height into account, as it will be the responsibility of the National Federation when entering the ponies in a competition. The exact height of the pony will be stated on their FEI profile. The Federation must not enter ponies who do not meet the height requirements.

If a pony driver purchases a new pony during the season and there are no FEI Measuring Sessions planned in his home country or adjacent countries, does this mean that the driver cannot compete with that pony? This is understandable for combinations of Athletes and ponies in e.g. Dressage and Jumping, but in Driving it is very common to change ponies during the season. Is there a solution for this situation?

An owner can request an exceptional measuring session anytime during the year to their National Federation, this National Federation will then contact the FEI and they will send 2 measuring veterinarians.

Who performs the measurement during a FEI measurement session?

The measurement sessions will be organized and executed by the National Federations. Two FEI Measuring Veterinarians will be sent by the FEI to perform the measurements. The veterinarians performing the measurements may not be of the same nationality of the owner of the ponies. The name of the veterinarians performing the measuring will be held strictly confidential. The two FEI Measuring Veterinarians will always be of two different nationalities.

How can a TD, Veterinary Delegate or other FEI official check if a pony is measured in at a CAI1* or 2* event where home drivers can compete with a national equestrian passport?

A pony does not need an FEI passport or recognition card in order to be measured at a measuring session. The measuring vets can also stick the certificate on the identification page of the national passport. The officials can check the national passport at a CAI1* or 2* to see if there is a measuring certificate or not.