

# Moving horses into Western Australia?

## Liver fluke import conditions for horses will change from 1 December 2025

Liver fluke occurs in horses and other livestock in parts of Australia but is not present in Western Australia (WA). WA's liver fluke import conditions are designed to reduce the risk of liver fluke entering WA and to protect our livestock industries.

#### **Treatment requirements from 1 December 2025**

- Horses of WA origin, which have been absent from WA for 2 weeks or less and resided only in the liver fluke test exempt area of Australia, require no treatment (or testing).
- Horses of WA origin, which have been absent from WA for 12 weeks or less and which spent any time in the liver fluke test area of Australia require a treatment (but are not required to be tested).
- All other horses entering WA, regardless of the location of their property of origin or destination, must be treated for liver fluke at the Entry Inspection Point or within 48 hours before presenting to the WA border checkpoint.
- Treatment of liver fluke must be with triclabendazole at a dose rate of 12mg/kg body weight (APVMA permit 13882) and be administered, or directly supervised, by a registered veterinarian or an authorised government inspector.
- From 1 December 2025, horses entering WA will no longer be required to undergo post-entry liver fluke treatment.

#### **Testing requirements from 1 December 2025**

### ONLY for horses moving into WA that have resided in the Liver Fluke Test Area of Australia

- Horses of WA origin, which have been absent from WA for 12 weeks or less and which spent any time in the Liver Fluke Test Area of Australia are not required to be tested (but require a treatment at the Entry Inspection Point or within 48 hours before presenting to the WA border checkpoint)
- All other horses entering WA that have resided in the liver fluke test area must be sampled and tested for liver fluke, during the 14 days before presentation to the WA border checkpoint.
- Two faecal samples (>10 grams each) must be collected from each horse.
- Samples must be labelled and submitted to a laboratory approved by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for a Faecal Egg Sedimentation Test (FEST) (See the QR code for a list of approved laboratories.)
- Negative liver fluke results must be provided to the Entry Inspection Point before presentation of the horse to the WA border checkpoint.
- From 1 December 2025, horses entering WA will no longer be required to undergo post-entry liver fluke testing.

#### More information

 For details of importing requirements including approved laboratories for liver fluke testing, visit <a href="https://www.dpird.wa.gov.au/businesses/livestock-farming/importing-livestock-into-wa">https://www.dpird.wa.gov.au/businesses/livestock-farming/importing-livestock-into-wa</a> or scan the below QR code



- Health certification for movement of horses into WA, factsheets and handouts, visit 'Forms for importing livestock and livestock products'
- Contact livestockbiosecurity@dpird.wa.gov.au

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