

Buying/Selling Horses? – Legal requirement to notify Change of Ownership to Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO)

When buying / acquiring ownership:

- You must receive the passport from the seller at the time of purchase.
- You must complete the "buyer" parts of this form and ensure the seller has also completed their sections.
- You must forward this form and the passport with the appropriate fee to the PIO within 30 days of taking ownership.

Records/Penalties:

- Both parties must keep a copy of this transfer of ownership declaration - photocopying or photo will suffice.
- DAFM authorised officers will carry out inspections and have powers to inspect records and documents.
- Failure to register the transfer of ownership within the time limit is now a serious offence in Ireland and attracts heavy penalties.
- Giving false, misleading or incomplete information is also a legal offence.

Registered Premises :

- It is a legal requirement under the Control on Places where Horses are kept Regulations (SI 113 of 2014) that all premises where equine are kept must be registered with the Department of Agriculture. Accordingly, you should ensure that your equine is being kept on a registered premises. If your holding is not already registered as an Equine Premises, you should apply immediately to DAFM for an Equine Premises Number.