

JMB HEIGHT MEASUREMENT



The joint measurement board (JMB) was established in 1934 to run the UK's national scheme for the measurement of the height of horses and ponies for the purpose of description and classification of such horses and ponies for competition.

Seadown Veterinary Group has an official measuring pad and a certified Official Measurer, enabling us to offer a height measurement service at the clinic.

Key features of the scheme

- All horses and ponies must have at least one Annual Certificate before they can have a full certificate (Life height). Full certificates can only be issued to animals of 7 years and over.
- Annual Certificates are issued to animals aged 4,5 and 6 years old, or to any animal 7 or over which is being measured for the first time.
- Measurements can be done at any time of the year but annual certificates will expire on 31st December following the last measurement.
- Measurements can be carried out by Official Measurers only.
- Measurements are carried out on registered measuring pads with shoes removed and the horse or pony presented with a headcollar on.
- Consecutive measurements must be carried out by different Official Measurers.
- The measurer for a Full Certificate must be from a different veterinary practice from the measurer of the last Annual Certificate.

- In 2017 the JMB went paperless. No JMB certificates are now issued or updated. All measurements are now recorded and updated on the JMB searchable database.
- Before deciding to submit your horse or pony for measurement please ensure you have read the 'rules' section on the JMB website (link below) including Appendix 2 'Preparing the horse or pony for measurement'.
- Owners are required to apply and pay for measurements in advance using an online form. The fee for 2018 is £89. The measurer requires proof, on paper or digitally, that the measurement has been paid for. They also require the eight character transaction code on the receipt.
- Once you have applied and paid for the measurement you can book an appointment with an official measurer
- Following measurement the result will appear on the database within 3 working days of the measuring vet completing their online form. There is no fast-track option.
- The animals passport must be available for inspection at the time of measurement so please ensure it accompanies the animal on the day. Also all animals being measured must have a microchip inserted. This can be done at the time of measurement if required.
- For full information about the Joint Measurement Board including rules and its panel of Official Measurers please visit the JMB WEBSITE.



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