



# Equine Entry Requirements

*These requirements apply to horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, burros, and zebras.*

California requires a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** within 30 days before entry into the state ([FAC 9641.5](#)).

- California also accepts the six (6) month [Extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection \(EECVI\)](#) in lieu of the standard 30-day CVI.
- If you have horses used for livestock husbandry or for other ranch-related activities, please call the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) **Animal Health Branch (AHB) permit line at (916) 900-5052** to inquire about a Working Horse Permit, which is used in lieu of a CVI.

California requires evidence of negative **Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test** performed at a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-approved laboratory within 12 months before entry into the state ([FAC 9641.5](#)).

## Note:

- An EIA test “pending” result does not meet the entry requirement.
- The CVI must list the date of the EIA test, name of laboratory that performed the test, laboratory accession number, and the test result.

### EIA Test Exemption

Nursing foals less than six (6) months of age being moved with an EIA test negative dam.



If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please have the information readily available on your device or print and present a hard copy to the Inspector at the Border Protection Station.



## Official Methods of Equine Identification Include:

- A description to identify the individual equine including, but not limited to, name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings, **and** unique permanent forms of identification (e.g. brands, tattoos, scars, cowlicks, blemishes, or iris scans),
- Digital photographs sufficient to identify the individual equine (pictures of both sides, front, and back), and/or
- Microchips:
  - \* USDA-compliant 134.2 kHz microchips, or
  - \* All 125 kHz and 128 kHz microchips implanted prior to March 2014.

See CDFA's Fact Sheet "[Equine - Official Identification Options](#)" for detailed information on options for official ID for equids.

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following: [Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#) or [Animal Health Entry Requirement Interactive Website](#)

### Animal Health and Food Safety Services Animal Health Branch

Headquarters - (916) 900-5002  
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