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## What is a FEI Passport/FEI Recognition Card?

As described in [Article 137 of the FEI General Regulations](#), FEI registered horses need a FEI document to compete in all FEI Events outside of their country of residence and all higher level events. Please see Article 137 for full details.

A **FEI Recognition Card** is an official FEI horse document that accompanies and supports the national passport of the horse.



The horse description and diagram is located in the national passport.

The national passport needs to be recognised by the FEI for it to be possible to issue a FEI Recognition Card. Please click here for a full list of [all national documents approved by the FEI](#).

To approve a national document, it must fulfil certain criteria, please view [“How to get a national passport approved by the FEI”](#) for further information.

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According to Art. 137.4.1, all countries within the European Union can **ONLY** issue new FEI Recognition Cards based on the approved National Passport.

**Please Note:** If a horse has a national passport that is approved by the FEI then you must issue a FEI Recognition Card for this horse.

You cannot issue a FEI Passport, as each horse may only have one official identification document.

A **FEI Passport** is an official FEI horse document that contains the horse description and diagram and can be issued outside of the European Union if the horse does not have a national passport approved by the FEI.



**Please Note:** If a horse based outside of the European Union has a national passport that is approved by the FEI, you must issue a FEI Recognition Card.

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