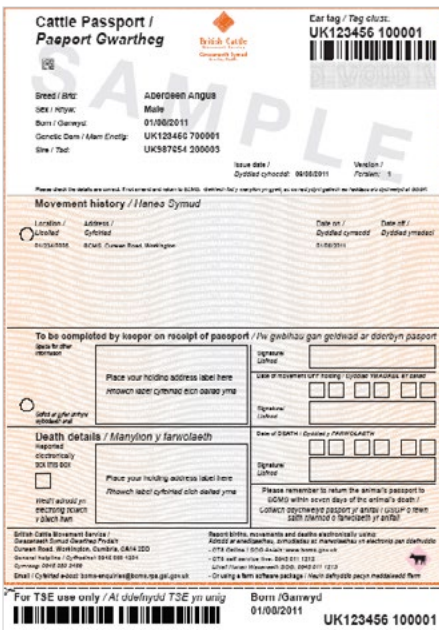




British Cattle
Movement Service

Tips to receive your passport quicker



Dam

The dam must:

- be registered on the Cattle Tracing System as female
- be alive at the time of calving
- have a valid calving interval

Under normal circumstances the genetic dam will be the natural mother of the calf.

In the case of embryo transfer the genetic dam will be the animal from where the embryo originated, and should be stated as Embryo Trans on your application. The surrogate dam is the animal that gave birth to the calf and the ear-tag number should be entered. This is the only circumstance where the surrogate dam details should be completed.

Ear tag

You must double tag your calf before applying for a cattle passport. If you have any issues please contact BCMS to discuss.

Breed

You need to go along the bloodline of the sire to determine the breed. The [official breed code list](#) is available on GOV.UK

Commonly confused breed codes

Use BRB or BRBX for British Blue or British Blue Cross. The Belgian Blue breed code is no longer used.

State LIM or LIMX for Limousin or Limousin Cross.

Shorthorn should be stated as one of:

- Dairy Shorthorn (DS),
- Beef Shorthorn (BSH)
- Whitebred Shorthorn (WS)

Add 'X' to the breed code if it is a cross-bred animal.

Sire

You can enter the ear-tag number if you have the information. If you only have a name and wish this to appear on the passport, please enter no more than 14 letters.

Important

Deadline to apply for a cattle passport

You must register the calf within 27 days of birth. Applications received after this time will be refused.

Cattle Tracing System (CTS) Online

CTS Online is the easiest way to apply for cattle passports. Your information is checked before you submit it to reduce the risk of errors. To register for this free service email bcmsenquiries@rpa.gov.uk

Submitting your application form

Paper forms should be sent to:
British Cattle Movement Service
PO Box 301
SHEFFIELD
S95 1AB

If you do not want to receive paper application forms please let us know.

Self Service Line

You can also apply for a cattle passport using our Self Service Line, an automated phone line open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 0345 011 1212, or 0345 011 1213 for the Welsh language line.

Errors on application forms

Any error must be corrected before the passport is produced. After this, the passport will need to be returned. If you realise immediately that a mistake has been made, call us to ensure this is dealt with promptly.

Passport not received

You should receive your passport within 14 days of applying. If you haven't, contact BCMS as soon as possible. If BCMS are not notified within 6 weeks of the passport being issued, a £20 replacement fee will be charged. Please check your passport as soon as you receive it to make sure all the animal details are correct. If any details are incorrect, please return it for amendment.