



# SEADOWN

VETERINARY GROUP

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## JMB Measurement

At Seadown we are able to offer an Official Joint Measurement Board service, as our measuring pad has been inspected by a Steward or Secretary of The Joint Measurement Board Ltd and registered by the Stewards.



Animals may be measured at any time of the year.

The animal must have all four shoes removed and the feet must be correctly prepared and balanced as for shoeing with the wall taken down level with the bearing edge of the sole.

The measurement is taken at the highest point of the withers.

The animal must be fully relaxed, with its front legs perpendicular, front feet level and hind feet no more than 6 inches apart. Its eyes should be level with the withers.

The individual should have a passport, and be microchipped. If a microchip is not present one will be implanted at the time of measurement.



## Measurement Certificates

### 1. Annual Certificates

- Animals cannot be measured until they are four years old. N.B. Age is taken from the 1st January on each year.
- Every animal regardless of its age has to have at least one Annual certificate before it can have a Full certificate.
- Annual Certificates are issued for horses and ponies of four, five and six years of age, or any animal aged seven years or over which is presented for its first measurement unless a Gold Certificate is requested.
- All Annual Certificates expire on the 31st December in the year of measurement.
- The Official Measurer for the second or third Annual Certificates must be different from the Official Measurer who did the last measurement but can be from the same practice.
- Annual Certificates cannot be issued to any animal eligible for a Full Certificate.
- Animals cannot be measured for a second or third Annual or a Full certificate until the previous certificate which must not previously have been declared invalid has expired, i.e. after 31st December following the last measurement, except in the case of re-measurements.
- Annual Certificates issued to horses/ponies of four, five and six years are immune to objection but for the avoidance of doubt horses and ponies with annual certificates can be re-measured under certain rules.

### 2. Full (Life) Certificates

Full Certificates will be issued to horses and ponies seven years and over, provided that they have held an Annual Certificate which must not previously have been declared invalid. The Official Measurer for a Full Certificate must be from a different practice from that to which the Official Measurer who performed the last Annual Measurement belonged.

### 3. Gold Certificates

Gold Certificates will be issued to animals aged seven years or older and who do not already hold a Full certificate whether or not they have held an Annual certificate. Any previously held Annual certificate must not have been declared invalid.

For further information please go to the Joint Measurement Board Website  
[www.thejmbonline.co.uk](http://www.thejmbonline.co.uk)

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