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# **JMB Official Measurement of Horses**

## **Arranging a Measurement**

All official height measurements must be carried out at a JMB registered measuring pad. Our pad is situated at our premises near Great Harwood (See later for directions). The pad is indoors and away from any distractions so horses can relax fully prior to measurement. All measurements are carried out by prior arrangement. Please call 01254 888600 to book.



#### <u>Fees</u>

The JMB (Joint Measurement Board) now ask for measurements to be pre paid. This can be paid by card via the JMB website (<a href="www.jmbonline.co.uk">www.jmbonline.co.uk</a>) in advance of your appointment, the charge when paying online is £87. If you pay online, you MUST bring proof of payment with you to the measuring appointment (in the form of a printed receipt, email or screenshot). If you would like your documents to be returned by registered post, an additional £10 charge is made by the JMB, so they will need payment of £97 in total. If you are unable to pre pay online then you can still bring a cheque to the measurement appointment made payable to The Joint Measurement Board ltd, the charge if paying via cheque is £90 (again with additional charges if returned via recorded delivery). All horses have to be microchipped before a JMB height certificate can be issued, so if your horse is not already chipped, we will insert one after the measurement at a cost of £24.00 (payable directly to Aldington Equine Vets Ltd).

#### Microchipping and Identification

You must bring your horses passport and any JMB height certificate already issued. We must confirm your horse's identification against the documentation and scan the microchip. If your horse is not already chipped (or if the chip is undetectable), we will need to insert a microchip immediately after measuring at additional cost. Horses which have not been measured previously require an identification sketch to be completed prior to measurement. This is included in the standard charge.

### **Measuring Procedure**

JMB regulations state that the horse must be well handled and must be measured in a head collar only. Horses receiving medication are not allowed to be measured. The shoes must have been removed and the feet trimmed. Measurements may have to be postponed in the case of horses that refuse to cooperate. There will still be a charge for time spent if this is the case. We are not allowed to measure horses that we measured the previous year, so please check where the last measurement was done if you are uncertain. Please read the information on JMB's website on "Preparing Your Horse or Pony for Measurement" (www.thejmbonline.co.uk), click on "Measurements" tab and scroll down).

It is important to note that we are required to record the *lowest truly relaxed height*. Even if your horse measures low enough to enter your chosen class, if he / she is not fully relaxed (or has not had his feet properly trimmed), the JMB will not be able to certify the measurement.

### **Issue of Certificates**

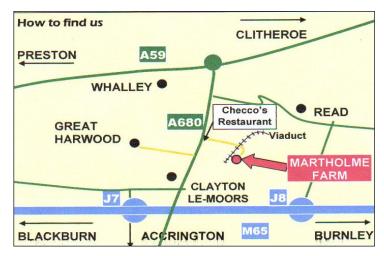
If you already have a JMB Height Certificate, you must bring it with you along with the passport. Once the measurement is done, we will forward the Height Certificate to the JMB for updating. Some passports contain JMB pages where the height can be recorded. If your horse's passport contains JMB pages which already show a height measurement, this replaces the separate Height Certificate and you will need to send the passport to JMB yourself as soon as possible after the measurement (The passport regulations prohibit us from sending it for you). In the case of horses which have not been measured before, we need to complete the horse's identification on a form and send it to the JMB who then issue a Height Certificate which includes the identification markings.

<u>Annual Height Certificates</u> are issued for horses of 4, 5 or 6 years of age and for horses which have not been measured before. These are valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of the measurement.

<u>Full Height Certificates</u> are issued for horses of 7 years or older which have held an annual certificate previously. These are normally valid for the life of the horse but an official re-measurement can be carried out in the event of any dispute over the horse's height.

Gold Certificates can be issued to horses of 7 years or older who do not already hold a Full Certificate. Two vets and a JMB steward attend the measurement and their decision is final and cannot be disputed. These measurements need to be arranged by the JMB directly who with advise on costs.

# **Location of our Measuring Pad**



We are conveniently located on the A680 near Great Harwood, around five minutes from both the A59 and M65. There is plenty of parking and access for horseboxes.

Our Post Code is BB6 7UJ. Your sat nav may show this location as half way down Martholme Lane. Please continue to the bottom or the lane and under the railway viaduct to find our clinic. Please report to reception before unloading your horse.

# Please don't forget to bring...

- ◆ Proof of previous online payment (Printed receipt, email or screenshot) OR a cheque made out to JMB Ltd for £100 (or £90 if you do not wish your documents to be returned by registered post).
- ♦ Payment for Aldington Equine Vets for £24.00 (cash / cheque / card) if your horse is not already microchipped.
- ♦ Your horse's passport.
- ♦ Your current JMB height certificate if your horse has been measured before.

For further information, visit www.jmbonline.co.uk or call our office.