

# PICs CHEAT SHEET

Property identification codes (PICs) have been expanded to all properties with one or more horses or other livestock, or 100 or more poultry, from 1 September 2012. This has been publicised and we're already getting a number of public enquiries.

Please refer any enquiries to the questions and answers, PIC application form and other information on the LHPA website [www.lhpa.org.au](http://www.lhpa.org.au) and follow the links. You may wish to print and send this information to the person if they request it.



Livestock Health and Pest Authorities deliver the frontline livestock health service in NSW. Working hand in hand with landholders we are committed to safeguarding agricultural production through our services in the following areas:



#### Livestock health

District vets and rangers working to keep NSW properties free of disease.



#### Controlling pests

Local LHPAs coordinate programs to help control pests on your land.



#### Moving stock

Information on what you need to do before moving stock off your property.



#### Stock identification

Advice on NLIS, Property Identification Codes and other forms of stock ID.



#### Travelling stock reserves (TSRs)

Information about how TSRs are managed and how they can be used.



#### About the LHPA

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## Property Identification Codes

In NSW it is already a requirement for owners of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs to have a PIC when trading or moving these livestock. From 1 September 2012, anyone who keeps livestock in NSW will be required to have a PIC for the land on which the livestock are kept. The expanded requirements also include deer, bison, camels, equines (i.e., horses and donkeys), 100 or more poultry birds or 10 or more emus or ostriches.

### About PICs

A PIC is a unique eight character number assigned to properties with livestock. The PIC system is used by Livestock Health and Pest Authorities to properties with livestock. The PIC system is used for the identification of livestock for disease and chemical residue purposes.

It contains the following information:

- The first letter is 'N' for New South Wales.
- The second letter is a check digit that allows you to confirm that the PIC is valid and has been correctly entered.
- The next two numbers are for the Livestock Health and Pest district.
- The final four numbers make up your property number.

This code also enables the property occupiers to purchase identification devices, identify the property for movement recording and enrol in industry quality assurance programs.

### Obtaining a PIC

You can obtain a PIC by:

- [clicking here and submitting your registration form online](#)
- [downloading an application form and lodging with your local Livestock Health and Pest Authority](#), or
- [contacting your local Livestock Health and Pest Authority](#).

Click on this link for general FAQs

Click on this link for horse specific general FAQs

Click here for the online registration form

Want to know more?

- [Frequently asked questions - generic](#)
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- [Media Release](#)
- [Property Identification Codes - new requirements for NSW landholders brochure \(367KB pdf\)](#)
- [Property Identification Codes - new requirements for horseowners brochure \(229KB pdf\)](#)
- For more information about the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) and PICs, including policy and legislation information, please visit the [NSW Department of Primary Industries website](#).

If anyone has a more complex question or issue they wish to discuss, please suggest in the first instance that they contact their relevant industry association (eg NSW Farmers Association, Equestrian Federation) as most of these bodies support PICs.

If they don't know who to contact or still wish to speak with a Department officer, they may contact one of the following staff:

- Horse enquiries: Belinda Walker, Technical Specialist Animal Biosecurity: 02 6741 8363 after 15 August 2012, in the meantime Lisa Davison (see below).
- Poultry enquiries: George Arzey, Technical Specialist Poultry: 02 4640 6402
- Pig enquiries: Amanda Lee, Technical Specialist Pigs: 02 4640 6308
- Cattle enquiries: Graham Bailey, Cattle Health Coordinator: 02 6391 3455
- Sheep enquiries: Samantha Allan, Sheep Health Coordinator: 02 6763 1103
- Goat enquiries: Diane Ryan, Goat Health Coordinator: 02 4640 6378
- Application procedures and costs: Local LHPA office or state council 6391 3242
- Legislation and general enquiries: Lisa Davison, Senior Policy Officer Biosecurity Traceability Systems: 02 63913212