

Moving pigs into and within NSW

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Introduction

All pigs, including pet pigs must meet NSW movement requirements.

Following amendments to the Biosecurity Regulation 2017 in November 2019, there are no longer restrictions on the movement of pigs into New South Wales from Queensland and from any part of Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Moving pigs into NSW

Pigs moving into NSW from any other state must meet the state of origin's NLIS requirements until entering NSW, and NSW requirements once here.

Moving pigs within NSW

PigPass NVD

Pigs moving to a saleyard, another property or an abattoir require a PigPass National Vendor Declaration (NVD) to accompany them.

Obtain a property identification code (PIC) from Local Land Services (LLS) and register

with the PigPass database to obtain a PigPass NVD.

The PigPass NVD must be given to the person receiving the pigs. This may be a livestock agent, new owner of the pigs at a property, or an abattoir operator. The sender or vendor of the pigs and the receiver or buyer of the pigs must keep a copy of the PigPass NVD for 3 years.

A permit obtained from LLS is also an approved movement document which may accompany pigs in certain circumstances, it must be kept for 3 years.

Branding

Pigs moving to a saleyard, another property or an abattoir must be branded with a swine brand if they weigh more than 25kg and are changing ownership.

Brands are:

- Carbon ink
- Applied to one or both shoulders
- Based on the Property Identification Code (PIC) of the property the pigs were last on
- In the correct format – characters 20mm high in 2 even rows

If your property does not have its own swine brand, contact LLS to discuss purchasing a brand for your property or the use of their LLS crown brand in certain circumstances.

NLIS accredited ear tags

NLIS accredited ear tags for pigs are either yellow or orange and are printed with a property's unique PIC, the NLIS logo and 'P' inside a circle.

These ear tags are used to permanently identify pigs less than 25 kg liveweight and may be used as an option for identifying pigs greater than 25 kg if a brand is unavailable.

Breeder tags are yellow and are only to be attached to pigs where its property of birth matches the PIC printed on the ear tag. A pig may only have one breeder tag.

Post-breeder tags are orange and are used on pigs that were either born on a different property or whose property of birth is unknown. The PIC on the tag must be the same as the PIC for the property on which the pigs are to be tagged.

More than one post breeder device may be attached to a pig, i.e. a different tag is attached each time the pig moves from a different property.

PigPass database

From 1 February 2018 all pig movements to or from farms, backyards, saleyards, showgrounds and abattoirs in NSW must be recorded in the PigPass database. It is the responsibility of the person receiving the pigs to record the movement in the

PigPass database within 2 days. To do this you will need to register with PigPass. Pig movement data will be transferred immediately into the NLIS database.

Feral Pigs

It is illegal to transport or keep live feral pigs in NSW.

Sick Pigs

You should not transport sick pigs. Contact your private veterinarian or LLS for advice.

Animal Welfare

You must follow the [Land Transport of Livestock Standards](#) when transporting pigs.

Keeping pigs in NSW

Property Identification codes (PIC)

Anyone who keeps one or more pigs must have a PIC for the land on which the pigs are kept. Contact your LLS to obtain a PIC if you don't have one.

What the community or neighbours think

You must talk to your council before buying a pig as they may not let you keep them on your property. Pigs cannot be kept on suburban blocks.

You should also discuss owning a pig with your neighbours before buying one.

More information

[Local Lands Services](#): ring 1300 795 299, or <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/>

PigPass database: ring 1800 001 458, email

helpdesk@pigpass.com.au or

<https://pigpass.australianpork.com.au>

NSW Department of Primary Industries:

Biosecurity and Food Safety branch at

biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au

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