California requires a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), issued within 30 days before entry, and evidence of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test performed at a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-approved laboratory within 12 months before the date of entry. These requirements apply to horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, burros, and zebras. (FAC 9641.5). California also accepts the six-month extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (eECVI) in lieu of the standard 30-day CVI.

**Note:**
- An EIA test “pending” result does not meet the entry requirement.
- The CVI must list the date of the EIA test, name of laboratory that performed the test, laboratory accession number, and the test result.

**EIA Test Exemption**
Nursing foals less than 6 months of age being moved with an EIA test negative dam.

See CDFA’s Fact Sheet “Equine - Official Identification Options” for detailed information on options for official ID for equids.

**Note:** If you have horses used for livestock husbandry or for other ranch-related activities, please call the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Animal Health Branch (AHB) permit line at (916) 900-5052 to inquire about a Working Horse Permit.

**Animal Health and Food Safety Services**
Animal Health Branch
Headquarters - (916) 900-5002
Redding District - (530) 225-2140
Modesto District - (209) 491-9350
Tulare District - (559) 685-3500
Ontario District - (909) 947-4462

For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit: www.cdfa.ca.gov/ah

If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please print and present a hard copy to the Inspector at the Border Protection Station.

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following: [Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#) or [Animal Health Entry Requirement Interactive Website](#)