

Costs of Travelling Horses to Europe post-Brexit

Costs are based on an average scenario as an example only – some costs are variable

Pre-Brexit requirements	Cost	Comment	Post-Brexit requirements	Cost	Comment
Health papers signed	£70.00	Quick visit by normal yard vet – simple form	Export Health Certificate completion	£200.00*	Increased time – 33 page form, must be completed by an OV and paperwork continually rejected.
			Equine blood tests	£100.00	90 days before travel (additional test required if horse is a stallion)
Shipper fees	£95.00	Optional	Shipper fees	£250.00*	More paperwork, more involved, more work and required as the changes are implemented. Cost varies depending on level of service provided.
Ferry	£450.00	Return	<u>Ferry</u> Attendance/dossier Border Control Point charges Vet tax Onward certificates	£450.00* £114.00 £140.00 £28.00 £25.00	Return At weekends, these costs are double and 2.5 times on holidays. Fees are per horse
Or Eurotunnel	£950.00	Return	<u>Or Eurotunnel</u> Surcharge (inc. BCP charges) Attendance/dossier Vet tax Onward certificates	£950.00 £325.00 £114.00 £28.00 £25.00	Return Fees are per horse
			Carnet	£800.00*	Per year – optional previously but now deemed a requirement to help expedite customs checks. Cost is highly variable.

DEFRA lorry check	£380.00	annual	DEFRA lorry check	£380.00	annual
			EU lorry check (travel, check and fees – Ireland or Belgium only at present)	£1500.00	Plus could require lorry modifications to meet standards. Checks have to be done every five years for lorries under two years, those over two every three years.
UK Type 2 Transporter Authorisation Certificate	free	Every five years	UK Type 2 Transport Certificate	free	
			EU Type 2 Transport Certificate	£170.00	Lasts ten years
Total by ferry	£995.00		Total by ferry	£4157.00	318% increase
Total by Eurotunnel	£1495.00		Total by Eurotunnel	£4842.00	224% increase

* - these costs are variable/estimates, examples are based on average costs.

- Costs based on a 12T horsebox and one horse travelling.

References:

Thank you to rider [Sarah Lewis](#) for sharing her experiences via her website blog and providing examples of costs.

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