



# Guidance Notes for completing birth notification forms

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**The monthly activity reports confirms the information on every pig that you birth notify including its unique birth number. When the report arrives check to see that all the birth notes that you have sent are on the report, in case some have been lost in the post, and that all the details are correct. You should then be able to discard the COPY section of the birth note forms and file the monthly report as your permanent record.**

**There are two types of paper birth note forms. Basic and Advanced. The advanced form allows you to record more information which can be used in breeding programmes. Examples of both forms are included. Please ensure that you birth notify all your pedigree litters as they form an important part of the sire and dams breeding record. All pigs in the litter should be birth notified**

<b>Breed Code</b>	<b>The two letter code for the breed e.g. WE = Welsh</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
<b>Breeders HDL</b>	<b>Your own three letter HDL. This is your unique identifier in the system</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
<b>Breeders Name</b>	<b>The name on your membership account</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Date of birth of the litter</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
<b>NS / AI</b>	<b>Natural Service or Artificial Insemination (NS or AI)</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
Service Date	If AI give service date. If NS give service date. BPA rules require you to keep a service date register.	Required for analysis of rebreeding interval
Parity No.	The litter number. Is this the first litter or the fifth litter?	Required for analysis of numbers born
<b>Sire name</b>	<b>The pedigree name. Prefix, Line name and numeral</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
<b>Sire registration No. or ID</b>	<b>The registration number or Primary ID / Ear No. from the pedigree certificate.</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
<b>Dam name</b>	<b>The pedigree name. Prefix, Line name and numeral</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
<b>Dam registration No. or ID</b>	<b>The registration number or Primary ID /Ear No. from the pedigree certificate</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
Weaning Date	The date on which the litter was weaned	Required for analysis of rebreeding interval
Weighing date	The date on which the litter was weighed	Required for analysis of dams mothering ability
Total Litter Weight	This is the total weight of the piglets reared by this sow. If any pigs were cross-fostered onto the sow they will be included in this weight. If any pigs were cross-fostered off this sow they will appear in the litter weight of the sow that reared them. A birth note might have 14 piglets for notification but the weight of 10 pigs weaned. Alternatively it might have 6 piglets for notification but the weight of 10 pigs weaned.	Required for analysis of dams mothering ability
<b>Born Alive</b>	<b>The number of pigs born alive</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
<b>Born Dead</b>	<b>The number of pigs born dead</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
<b>Weaned</b>	<b>The number of pigs weaned that were born to the sow. Do not include piglets that were fostered onto this sow.</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
Notified	The number notified should be the same as the number weaned. If there is a difference please give an explanation.	Only required if the number notified is less than the number weaned
Notes	Any other information such as the reason for a lower number notified than weaned	
<b>Signature / Date</b>	<b>The breeder must sign and date the form</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
<b>ID 1</b>	<b>The Primary ID or Ear Number is the tattoo or notch unless you have specifically informed us in writing that you are using tags as the primary ID</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
ID 2	The secondary ID allows an additional ID to be recorded on the system and will in most cases be a tag	Only required if available
<b>M/F</b>	<b>The sex of the piglet</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>
Teats	The number of teats	Required for analysis of dams mothering ability
Birth wt	Individual birth weight (if known)	Required for analysis of dams mothering ability