

Northern Ireland Pet Travel Scheme

From 5 June 2025 this scheme permits non-commercial movement of pet dogs, cats and ferrets and assistance dogs between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, providing that they are **not** travelling onwards to Ireland or the EU. For full details, see <https://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad/travelling-to-northern-ireland>

- **is only for travel directly between Great Britain and Northern Island.** If you are travelling onwards to Ireland or the EU you must apply for an Animal Health Certificate.
- **is free of charge**
- valid for the **lifetime** of the pet
- can be used for **repeat** trips to Northern Ireland
- applies to **pets and assistance dogs**
- applies to **non-commercial travel only**
- you will need a separate pet travel document for each pet
- you **cannot** take more than 5 pets unless for training or attending an event
- does **not** require the signature of an Official Veterinarian (OV)
- does **not** require an up-to-date rabies vaccination
- does **not** require tapeworm treatment for dogs

Eligibility:

- The pet owner must live at an address in England, Scotland or Wales.
- The pet owner must be over 16 years old.
- The travelling pet or assistance dog must be microchipped.

Travelling by ferry or plane?

See the Government guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad/travelling-to-northern-ireland>

To apply for the Northern Ireland Pet Travel Document (PTD), go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-northern-ireland-pet-travel-document>

Need help and support?

Animal and Plant Health Agency, Tel: 03000 200 301

If you are travelling via Ireland or the EU or you are travelling onwards to Ireland or the EU you **must apply** for an **Animal Health Certificate**! For guidance, see: <https://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad/getting-an-animal-health-certificate>

If you're exporting dogs, cats, or ferrets for commercial purposes, such as a change of ownership, to Northern Ireland, go to <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/guidance-bringing-commercial-transport-dogs-cats-and-ferrets-ni-gb>