



HERITAGE STOCK HORSE (effective from 1st June 2021)

Heritage Stock Horse is a Registered Australian Stock Horse that has descended from the same breeds as horses ridden by the Australian Light Horse in WWI that resided in Australia prior to 1945.

HERITAGE STOCK HORSE (HSH) – is a Stud Book Australian Stock Horse and a **STOCK HORSE (SH)** – is a Special Merit, Exceptional Horses, First and Second Cross Australian Stock Horse. The breed criteria for Heritage Stock Horse and Stock Horse is defined below and eligible horses must satisfy all requirements.

The bloodlines must be a minimum of 7/8 (87.5%) Heritage Stock Horse bloodlines (HSH) being Australian Stock Horses, Australian-born Station Horses, Thoroughbreds – born in any country and/or limited Approved Breeds as defined below (87.5% may be insufficient, horse must satisfy ALL breed requirements):

The horse being assessed is not an Australian Stud Book (Thoroughbred); and must not be equivalent to or exceed 50% Thoroughbred (TB) lineage, being one parent (1st generation) or two grandparents (2nd generation) being Thoroughbred registered on any international Thoroughbred Online Stud Book. Further generations are not assessed for Thoroughbred registration.

The bloodlines are restricted to a maximum of 1/4 (25%) of **Approved Breeds (AB)** being a breed that existed in Australia before 1945 (For example: breeds may include: Arabian, Barb, Welsh Mountain Pony, Timor Pony, Cleveland Bay, Spanish Horse and the like) and is limited to breeds that can be identified through registration or an unregistered ancestor where an Approved Breed is the suggested lineage (ie, Pony sire, Arab mare and the like). Maximum being one 2nd generation ancestor, two 3rd generation ancestors, four 4th generation ancestors and the like. In the case of an unregistered ancestor where an Approved Breed is the suggested lineage and not confirmed through registration, the following applies:

If the unregistered ancestor is estimated to be born prior to 1960, the ancestor will be deemed to be 100% Australian-born Station Horse.

If the unregistered ancestor is estimated to be born between 1960 and 1970, the ancestor will be deemed to be 50% Australian-born Station Horse and 50% Approved Breed.

If the unregistered ancestor is estimated to be born after 1970, the ancestor will be deemed to be 100% Approved Breed.

Where foaling dates are unknown, a generation interval will be deemed to be 10 years.

In relation to **Unknown Ancestry or Breed (UB)**, the following applies:

ASHS Foundation Sires and Mares (with unknown parentage) recognised by the Society as Australian-bred will be deemed to be 100% Australian-born Station Horse.

If an unknown ancestor is estimated to be born prior to 1960, the unknown ancestor will be deemed to be 100% Australian-born Station Horse.

Any breeding line where an unknown ancestor is estimated to be born between 1960 and 1970 the unknown ancestor will be deemed to be 50% Australian-born Station Horse and 50% Unknown Breed.

Any breeding line where an unknown ancestor is estimated to be born after 1970 the unknown ancestor will be deemed to be 100% Unknown Breed.

If additional information beyond ASHS records is identified and such information satisfies the requirements for Heritage Stock Horse, the horse may be accepted (ie, other Breed's Online Stud Book, stud records and the like).

Where foaling dates are unknown, a generation interval will be deemed to be 10 years.

The horse's pedigree must not exceed a maximum of **1/8 (12.5%) Combined Ancestor Bloodlines** as defined below and not exceeding the following individual levels:

1/16 (6.25%) **Modern Breeds (MB)** introduced to Australia after 1945 (For example: breeds may include: Warmblood, Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa, Andalusian, Lipizzaner, Morgan, Friesian, Connemara and the like). Maximum being one 4th generation ancestor, two 5th generation ancestors.

1/8 (12.5%) **Unknown Breed (UB)** as defined in rule 19.1.2. Maximum being one 3rd generation ancestor, two 4th generation ancestors, four 5th generation ancestors and the like.

Any horse with less than 1% in any category will be considered 0% for that category. Any horse with more than 99% will be considered 100% for that category.

APPLICATION – as follows:

Application for Heritage Stock Horse assessment is only available for Registered Australian Stock Horses, including Stud Book, First and Second Cross horses.

Any member may apply to have a horse assessed as a Heritage Stock Horse by submitting an Application for Heritage Stock Horse Assessment to the Society together with the prescribed fee. No refund if not eligible.

All assessments will include Heritage Stock Horse classification of three generations of Registered Australian Stock Horse ancestors appearing in the pedigree.

Discounts apply for bulk assessments being lodged at one time as follows: 10% - 5 to 9 individual horses, 15% - 10 to 14 individual horses, 20% - 15 to 19 individual horses and 25% - 20 or more individual horses.

ELIGIBLE – From 1st June 2021, all new assessments for horses who meet the criteria for Heritage Stock Horse or Stock Horse will be identified as follows:

Stud Book Registered Australian Stock Horses approved as eligible for **HERITAGE STOCK HORSE** will be identified through the horse's name with the suffix - HSH.

Special Merit, Exceptional Circumstances, First or Second Cross Registered Australian Stock Horses approved as eligible for **STOCK HORSE** will be identified through the horse's name with the suffix - SH

Registered Australian Stock Horses with both sire and dam recognised as Heritage Stock Horses, or a full sibling Approved HSH (provide sibling's Registered ASH name), are eligible for Heritage Stock Horse status without assessment of further generations.

The horse's registration details will be updated on the Online Stud Book.

The Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Stud Book Committee will assess any horses for Heritage Stock Horse status where eligibility is unclear.

NOT ELIGIBLE – All Registered Australian Stock Horses NOT eligible for Heritage Stock Horse or Stock Horse will be identified through the horse's name with a suffix as follows:

TB	100% Thoroughbred
ABP	100% Approved Breeds existing in Australia before 1945
AB	50-100% Approved Breeds existing in Australia before 1945
MBP	100% Modern Breeds introduced to Australia after 1945
MB	50-100% Modern Breeds introduced to Australia after 1945
UBP	100% Unknown breeding foaled after 1960
UB	50-100% Unknown breeding foaled after 1960
LH	Limited Heritage (not eligible under any other code)

Limited Heritage (not eligible for Heritage Stock Horse or Stock Horse), includes horses of the following bloodlines:

- Equivalent to or exceeds 1/2 (50%) registered Thoroughbred bloodlines within two generations.
- Exceeds the maximum of 1/4 (25%) Approved Breed bloodlines.
- Exceeds the maximum of 1/8 (12.5%) Unknown Breed bloodlines.
- Exceeds the maximum of 1/16 (6.25%) Modern Breed bloodlines.
- Exceeds the maximum of 1/8 (12.5%) Combined Modern and Unknown Breed Bloodlines.

Any member not satisfied with a Heritage Stock Horse classification may request a review. In reviewing the horse, the classification will be reassessed and a written explanation provided on eligibility. The review fee must be paid, in advance, by the member requesting the review. After obtaining a written review, should a member be able to provide adequate information on ancestors, the classification may be changed. If additional information beyond ASHS records is identified and such information satisfies the requirements for Heritage Stock Horse, the horse may be accepted.