

Department Circular for Registration of
Animal Breeding Centers under the
Animal Disease Act No.59 of 1992.

- All animal breeding centers should be registered at Department of Animal Production & Health (DAPH) under the Animal Disease Act No.59 of 1992. (cattle, buffalo, goat, sheep, horse and pig breeding centers - at Animal Breeding division & dog, cat, aquatic animals, poultry and other domestic animals - at Veterinary Regulatory Affairs division).
- With the recommendation from the range Veterinary Surgeon, from the relevant Veterinary Surgeon of the Animal Breeding Division and with the recommendation from the Animal Breeding Specialist, Application for New Registrations/ Annual Renewal of Registration of Animal Breeding Centers should be submit to the Director General, DAPH for final approval.
- Registration certificate will be issued by the Director General, DAPH for the period of one year & registration process is subjected to an annual fee.
- Relevant vaccination schedules and health testing given by the Animal Health Division, DAPH should be fulfilled at the time of submitting the application for registration.
- Guideline for registration of Animal Breeding Centers should be followed by the person who is willing to establish the animal breeding center.
- Animal breeding center should be located away from the human habitat and from other animal farms with adequate distances to prevent the health risk and environmental related issues.
- Adequate housing and other infrastructure facilities should be available at the animal breeding center.
- Animal identification system with proper data recording system (records of breeding, births, weight at different ages etc.) should be available in the animal breeding center especially for the prevention of inbreeding and for adopting different feeding schedules for animal groups.
- The breeder should maintain the KPI for animal breeding center.
- There should be adequate balanced feed and ad libitum water supply available under the guidance of the range Veterinary Surgeon's supervision.
- Feed and water samples should be certified periodically from the Veterinary Research Institute (VRI) for quality assurance in order to maintain healthy breeding stock.
- Animal Welfare Act and its regulations should be practiced strictly at the animal breeding center.
- Employees of animal breeding center should thoroughly aware the handling of the animals, transmission of diseases including zoonotic diseases.
- Human movements should be strictly minimized except special occasions & no animal movement should be permitted other than the animals purposely brought to the center (Proper quarantine procedure should be practiced before introducing new animals to the available breeding stock).
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be used by the staff to minimize the occupational health hazards.
- Established proper biosecurity system including active wheel dip at the entrance of the animal breeding center and at the entrance of each and every animal house should be available.
- Animal issuing data should be documented in order to identify the distribution of the genetic merits of each animal type in the field.
- Male and female breedable animals cull and replacement should be done periodically under the supervision of range Veterinary Surgeon.
- Established proper waste disposal system should be available at the animal breeding center.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Certificate should be obtained before establish the animal breeding center.

