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Frequently Asked Questions – New Helmet Standards 2029

When do the new helmet guidelines come into effect for HRC AV riders?

1st January 2029

What helmet can I use between now and the 1st January 2029?

You may ride in any helmet that meets the current Australian standards, but if you are looking to purchase a new helmet, please make sure it complies with the standards that will come into effect from 1st January 2029.

What are the new standards?

Please see table attached. Ensure your helmet meets **two** of the new standards and carries at least **one** of the quality testing marks.

Are the HRC AV helmet standards the same as the EA helmet standards?

Yes, however EA & FEI have a different timeline for rolling out the new standards. The new helmet standards for HRC AV events come into effect on 1st January 2029.

Do the new guidelines apply to all helmets?

Tagging is only required for the jumping disciplines and Nav Riding however members must ensure that they ride in a compliant helmet that meets current Australian standards regardless of if it is tagged or not. It is the rider's responsibility. If you're unsure please contact your local helmet tagger <https://hrcav.com.au/helmet-tagging/> or the HRC AV office.

Which HRC AV disciplines will need their helmet to be tagged?

Horse trials, Show jumping, Navigation, Combined Training.

What colour will the HRC AV tags be?

Green.

Do taggers need to request the new tags, or will they be sent some automatically?

Taggers will be sent green helmet tags automatically.

When will HRCav taggers get the new helmet tags?

Within the next 3 weeks.

What date can taggers begin tagging under the new guidelines from?

New tagging can begin as soon as tags arrive if the helmet in question meets the new standards that will be effective from 1st Jan 2029.

Where can I get my helmet tagged?

Please contact your local helmet tagger, to arrange your helmet to be tagged. A list can be found at <https://hrcav.com.au/helmet-tagging/>

Is there a cost to tag a helmet?

No these will be provided free of charge.

Will HRCav accept an EA tag?

Yes, if the helmet meets the current approved Australian safety standards.

Will EA accept a HRCav tag for competitions?

Unfortunately, No.

Does this mean I need x 2 tags on my helmet for both EA and HRCav?

No because HRCav accept EA tagged helmets.