

Alpaca Association of Ireland

Alpaca Registry



1) AAI Membership Rules relevant to Alpaca Registry

Membership of the Association is open to all owners of Alpacas which are resident in Ireland, owners of Alpacas living outside Ireland and also to non owners interested in Alpacas.

A member can reside in Ireland or outside the country and register an Alpaca with the AAI as long as the animal is kept in Ireland.

Full Membership provides full benefits to members including access to the Alpaca Pedigree registrar, AAI Shows, Training courses and full voting rights.

Associate Membership provides reduced benefits including access to Training courses and AAI communications. Access to the Pedigree Registry is only available with Full Membership.

2) Introduction to the AA Register

The **AAI Register** was developed to create a record of the individual alpacas in the national herd of Ireland, complying to registry rules that will give security to prospective purchasers by ensuring all AAI Pedigree registered alpacas conform to a minimum standard.

All AAI registered alpacas are micro chipped and ear tagged for dual identification.

The AAI Register contains genealogy and ownership records of AAI registered alpacas.

Future eligibility for alpaca **registration** will be restricted to the cria (progeny) of registered parents or to alpacas which pass a screening examination for physical, phenotype and fibre characteristics or to alpacas imported from abroad already listed on an alpaca registry recognised by the AAI.

It is intended that alpacas that do not meet the minimum **breed standards** will be **listed** as **Non Breeding Alpacas** rather than **registered as Pedigree Alpacas**. This is to ensure that the records of alpacas in Ireland is as extensive as possible.

The purpose of the **Register** is to ensure that animals that meet minimum pedigree standards are traceable so that a national herd can be built to the highest international standards.

The register assists AAI members with information to support their breeding programmes.

Prospective purchasers are recommended to purchase only AAI registered alpacas or alpacas registered on a foreign alpaca registry.

3) Pedigree Registry

The AAI Pedigree Registry was set up to maintain information on Alpacas in Ireland that have been registered with the AAI by current and past Members of the AAI. The registry contains details for each registered animal including the pedigree history which may go back several generations. The registry also records the breeder of the Alpaca, the current owner and further details about the Alpaca including colour, ear tag number and microchip number.

Information contained on the Registry is intended to record key information about the Alpacas themselves and to serve as an input into breeding decisions to develop the national herd.

The AAI Registry has categories for Pedigree Breeding Alpacas and also some categories for Alpacas not suitable for breeding.

The AAI Registry was migrated in 2014 from a national herd database maintained by the AAI members to a system developed for registering pedigree animals provided by Grassroots. The AAI Registry was migrated to a new system in 2019 provided by Chromosoft.

The initial AAI database consisted of:

- **Foundation Alpacas** - animals on the AAI registry as of 31 December 2013

All Foundation Alpacas are classified the same as Pedigree Alpacas.

The AAI Foundation herd is closed and all new Alpacas for inclusion on the registry must meet the following criteria.

Alpacas eligible for inclusion on the Pedigree Registry can be registered under the following categories.

Alpaca Registry Categories:-

- **Pedigree Alpacas**
 - Alpacas where both parents are already registered on the AAI Pedigree Registry
 - and
 - The Alpaca is suitable for breeding
- **Notified Males**
 - males of AAI Registered Pedigree parents when the Alpaca is too young to determine if he is suitable for breeding. Notified males may

be upgraded to full pedigree at a later date if they are suitable for breeding

- ▶ males of Pedigree parents not on the AAI Registry when the Alpaca is too young to determine if he is suitable for breeding. The member requesting the addition to the AAI Registry submits proof of ownership to the AAI by providing a copy of the foreign Alpaca Pedigree Registry notification certificate listing the requesting member as the current owner. Notified males may be upgraded to full pedigree at a later date if they are suitable for breeding

- **Non Breeding / Pet Alpacas**

- ▶ Alpacas not suitable for Breeding (consider castrating males)
- ▶ Pet Females
- ▶ Pet Males
- ▶ Neutered Alpacas
- ▶ Alpacas not eligible for the other categories.

- **Graded partial Pedigree Females**

Partial Pedigree is when the mother is not full pedigree but the father is a full pedigree.

- ▶ Grade C:- 1/2 Pedigree female, female with non pedigree mother and full pedigree father
- ▶ Grade B:- 3/4 Pedigree female, female with 1/2 pedigree mother and full pedigree father
- ▶ Grade A: 7/8 Pedigree female, female with 3/4 pedigree mother and full pedigree father.
- ▶ A Grade A female is considered the same as a Full Pedigree Female

- **Imported Alpacas**

- ▶ Pedigree Alpacas imported into Ireland that are registered as Pedigree on a foreign Alpaca registry recognised by the AAI
and
- ▶ The parents of the Alpaca are not already registered on the AAI registry.

and

- The member requesting the addition to the imported Alpaca to the AAI Registry submits proof of ownership to the AAI by providing a copy of the foreign Alpaca Pedigree Registration certificate listing the requesting member as the current owner.
- Notified Alpacas on a foreign registry are not considered as Pedigree Alpacas by the AAI and may only be included as Pet alpacas

- **Screened Alpacas**

- Pedigree Alpacas where one or both parents are not registered on the AAI Pedigree Registry
- and
- the Alpaca is not already registered on a foreign registry recognised by the AAI
- and
- The DAM is not listed as a Partial Graded Female on the AAI Registry or on any other Alpaca Registry recognised by the AAI.
- and
- The SIRE is not listed as a Notified Male on the AAI Registry or on any other Alpaca Registry recognised by the AAI.
- and
- the Alpaca has Passed the AAI approved Screening Examination (service not yet available in Ireland) and the member requesting the addition provides proof certifying the alpaca passed the screening
- and
- The member requesting the addition to the AAI Registry provides proof of ownership to the AAI.

Note on Imported and Screened Alpacas:- Although an Alpaca may need to follow the AAI rules for imported Alpacas or may need to be screened, once the Alpaca is included on the registry it will be classified under the most appropriate category - Pedigree Alpaca or Notified Male or Graded partial Pedigree Females or Non Breeding / Pet Alpaca.

4) Requirements to be submitted with new Registration requests

- Herd Name
- Herd Prefix
- Alpaca Date of Birth
- Country of Birth
- Male / Female
- Microchip Number
- Ear Tag Number
- Animal name for registration
- Parents registered names *
- Pedigree Breeding or Non Breeding category
- Registration Type (New Pedigree registration, Non Breeding, Notified Male, Upgrade previously Notified Male to Pedigree, or Graded female)
- Colour (AAI recognised list of colours)
- Eye colour
- Payment Method (facility not available on registry in 2019)
- Meet the AAI criteria for Registration Category

* See section 12 'Updating your Herd on the Registry' for further conditions relating to the ownership of the parents and for breeding certification regulations.

5) AAI Recognised Colours

There are 16 colours for Alpaca that are recognised by the AAI for Show purposes.

Colour	Shade
White	Solid
Beige	Solid
Fawn	Light
Fawn	Medium
Fawn	Dark
Brown	Light
Brown	Medium
Brown	Dark
Silver Grey	Light
Silver Grey	Medium
Silver Grey	Dark
Rose Grey	Medium
Rose Grey / Roan	Dark
Black	Bay Black
Black	True Black
Multi-coloured	See notes below

[Multi-colour Notes:-The primary colour for any Multi-colour category cannot be grey](#)

Pattern - when two distinct colours (not grey) are present on the blanket. Pinto - when two distinct colours (not grey) are present on the blanket, one of which is white, the other medium, fawn or darker and extremities of neck and legs are white, Fancy - three or more distinct colour. Appaloosa - for six or more distinct spots on blanket.

6) Schedule of Fees

The following details a list of requests members can submit and a proposed fee structure. The fees were increased in 2019 and may be modified at a later date.

Registry Category	Registry request / Activity	Fee in euro
Pedigree Alpaca	Registration with AAI Certificate	12
Notified Male	Registration with AAI Certificate	5
Non Breeding Alpaca	Registration with AAI Certificate	5
All categories	Transfer of ownership, new AAI Certificate	5
All categories	Replacement AAI Certificate	5
Upgrade Notified Male	Upgrade Notified Male to full Pedigree	10
Graded Partial Pedigree Female	Registration with AAI Certificate	12
Screened Alpaca	Registration with AAI Certificate	12
Pending Assessment	Alpaca awaiting assessment for Pedigree upgrade eligibility	12
Imported Alpaca	Registration with AAI 3 Generation Cert *	30
Imported Alpaca	Registration with AAI 4 Generation Cert *	35
Imported Pet Alpaca	Registration with AAI 3 Generation Cert *	30
All categories	Notification of deceased Alpaca	Free

* *Imported Alpaca 3 generation cert provides known lineage back to Great Grandparents.*

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7) Payment Methods

Members should make payments for new registration requests and changes by:
PayPal transfer to AAI account through the AAI website.

The seller of an Alpaca must make the payment for the transfer of ownership fee.

8) AAI Herd Prefixes and Ear Tags

Each Herd on the AAI registration database is assigned 3 letters. The Herd prefix enables the easy identification of the herd on the database.

New members will be assigned a Herd Prefix. Each Herd Prefix must be unique and can only be used by one Herd. Once assigned the Herd Prefix cannot be changed.

Ear tags from 2014 will be the responsibility of the member and will no longer be issued by AAI.

A unique ear tag number must be assigned to each Alpaca. Currently it is not mandatory for the Alpaca to have the ear tag attached to the ear.

Eartags that have integrated microchips may also be used. To avoid confusion the Alpaca must only carry one microchip either under the skin or integrated into the eartag.

Ear tags should follow a standard AAI format:

AAI + < 3 character herd prefix > a unique number for the Alpaca assigned by your farm. It is recommended that consecutive numbers are used by the farm for the eartags.

Example ear tag numbers:- AAI MER 001, AAI MER 002, AAI MER 2500

9) AAI Alpaca Registration Numbers

AAI registration numbers consist of the letters 'AAI' followed by a series of digits. The AAI registration number is determined by the Registry Manager which may be the AAI Registration Secretary or the registry system provider. The AAI registry number is not assigned by the member requesting the registration.

Female Alpacas are assigned numbers in the range 1000 to 1999

Male Alpacas are assigned numbers in the range 2000 to 2999

An example of a Female registration number is AAI 1705

An example of a Male registration number is AAI 2705

The AAI registration number will be provided after the registration application has been processed and approved.

10) AAI Registry Member Prefix

Each member of the AAI will have a 3 character Member Prefix assigned to them.

The AAI Registry Member Prefix is assigned when you first request access to the Registry. The Member prefix is only assigned once and when provided the member used this prefix for all future registrations.

11) Access to the Registry

Access to the Registry is via a dedicated website maintained by Chromosoft.

<https://aai.chromosoft.eu>

Members will need a Username and Password to gain access to view the registry details. The initial access details will be provided to new members either directly by e-mail or by the Registry Secretary.

Guidelines on how to use the Registry website are detailed in a separate document.

Access to the AAI Alpaca Registry details is limited to members of the AAI.

Members need to maintain their membership of the AAI to retain their access to the registry.

All registry queries must be sent to the AAI Registry Secretary or the AAI Committee.

Direct contact with Chromosoft is forbidden. The service agreement with Chromosoft does not include direct support for Members.

12) Updating your herd on the Registry

Members must maintain their own Herd details on the website including new registration applications, change of ownership details and notifications to update the registry for deceased alpacas.

Members may register Alpacas on the registry provided:-

- The Alpaca to be registered was born in Ireland
- AND
- The Dam is already on the registry with your farm listed as the owner.
 - The Sire is already on the registry with your farm listed as the owner.
 - You certify that the Sire of the Alpaca you are registering is indeed the Sire of that Alpaca and also certify that the Sire has covered the Dam of the Alpaca being registered.
 - The Sire certification must also provide the date period during which the Dam was covered.

OR

- The Dam is already on the registry with your farm listed as the owner.
- The Sire is already on the registry with *another* farm listed as the owner.
- The owner of the Sire of the Alpaca you are registering has certified that the Sire is indeed the Sire of the Alpaca and certifies that the Sire has covered the Dam of the Alpaca being registered.
- The Sire certification must also provide the date period during which the Dam was covered.
- The certification may be provided via the online registry feature provided for this purpose or by a service certificate completed and signed by the Sire owner.

The registry system can be used to enter details of new registrations for the following categories.

- [Pedigree Alpacas \(born and bred in Ireland\)](#)
- [Notified Males](#)
- [Non Breeding / Pet Alpacas](#)

The Alpaca registration request must comply with all the AAI Registration rules. If all the AAI rules are not complied with the request will be put on hold until it is to assessed and approved by the AAI Registry Secretary.

The following new registrations request types must first be sent to the AAI Registry Secretary for assessment and approval before attempting to update the registry.

- Imported Alpacas
- Screened Alpacas
- Graded Partial Pedigree Alpacas

Registration of Cria born in Ireland to imported females that were bred abroad must follow the Sire Certification rules detailed above.

13) Alpaca Keepers

An Alpaca Keeper is defined as a person who does not own the Alpaca but tends to and takes care of the Alpacas on a daily basis and is responsible for their wellbeing and welfare. The AAI Registry plans to provide a registration service to Alpaca Keepers at a future date.

The Alpaca Keeper role may be used when the Alpacas are not kept on the farm of the registered Owner of the Alpacas but are kept and taken daily care of on another farm.

The Alpaca Keeper and the Alpacas must reside in Ireland but the Owner may reside outside of Ireland.

To use the AAI Registry services as an Alpaca Keeper, both the Alpaca Owner and the Alpaca Keeper must be members of the AAI. The Alpaca Owner must delegate the registry responsibilities to the Alpaca Keeper role only on agreement with the AAI and confirm the arrangement by providing a notification to the AAI Registration Secretary. The role of Alpaca Keeper can be assigned after the delegation arrangement is acknowledged and accepted by the AAI.

14) Alpaca Association of Ireland Certificates

Certificates are generated by the AAI Registry system for for each newly registered Alpaca and each Alpaca following a change of ownership.

Once a new registration or change of ownership request has been processed a PDF copy of the certificate will be created and will be available to the owner to print from the registry. The certificate should be retained by the owner.

15) Change of Ownership

An AAI member selling an Alpaca to a new owner must complete the transfer of ownership request for the Alpaca to be transferred to the new owner on the AAI Registry.

The member selling is also requested to recommend AAI membership to the new owner.

New owners must ensure that the Alpacas they are purchasing from AAI members are transferred by the seller to their own name as the new owner. When the transfer has been successfully processed the new owner will receive a certificate for the Alpaca showing them as the new owner. It is very important that the transfer of ownership takes place to ensure future registrations of progeny of the Alpaca can be completed successfully.

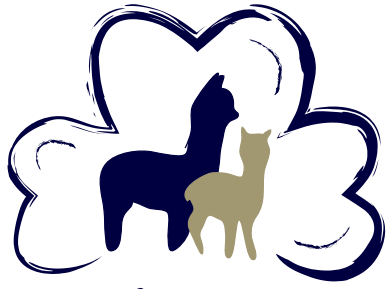
Alpacas purchased in Ireland that are not already on the AAI registry cannot be added to the registry immediately. As the AAI registry has no record of the alpaca it must be screened by an approved AAI assessor and classified as meeting the standard of a pedigree Alpaca before the Alpaca can be added to the registry as a Pedigree Alpaca. It will also be necessary to provide to the AAI a proof of ownership confirmation certified by the previous owner before the Alpaca can be registered in your name.

New Owners importing Alpacas from abroad must also ensure the Seller performs a change of Ownership on the foreign registry and that a registration certificate in the new owner's name is provided. The AAI must be provided with a copy of the certificate showing you as the owner before a registration request can be accepted to include the Alpaca on the AAI registry. When the foreign registration is recognised by the AAI, the imported Alpaca will be included on the AAI registry at the equivalent standard to the foreign registration. Any Alpaca not meeting the pedigree standard on the original foreign registration or on a registry not recognised by the AAI cannot be listed on the AAI registry as pedigree without first being screened by an approved AAI assessor and classified as meeting the standard of a pedigree Alpaca. An AAI recognised Alpaca screening service is not yet available in Ireland.

AAI Website address: <http://alpaca.ie/>

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