



Cat Licence Deadline and Fosterer Pilot: Two August Checks

Description

Every pet cat must be microchipped and licensed by 31 August 2026. The fosterer pilot is a separate application from 3 August: approved fosterers can keep up to six cats in eligible HDB flats or 10 in private premises, counting both pet and foster cats, with sterilisation and assessment requirements.

This guide is for a Singapore cat owner or experienced fosterer preparing for the end of the licensing transition. It resolves how to complete pet-cat licensing before 31 August and decide whether the separate fosterer pilot applies from 3 August while keeping the controlling source and the reader’s own evidence separate.

Choose the branch that matches your situation

Situation	Practical next step
You own pet cats	Microchip and license each one through PALS before 31 August
You already keep cats above normal limits from before September 2024	License every existing cat during transition to preserve the stated arrangement
You actively foster and meet the prerequisites	Review the pilot and apply from 3 August
You merely want more permanent pets	Do not describe them as foster cats; the pilot requires genuine fostering and assessment

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Finish ordinary licensing first

The framework makes microchipping and licensing mandatory for pet cats. The transition ends on 31 August. AVS says all licences are free during transition; sterilised cats can receive a free one-time licence with lifetime validity. [NParks cat-licensing reminder](#).

Use the existing-cat transition correctly

Households that already owned more cats than the normal limit before 1 September 2024 may keep them beyond the transition if those cats are licensed by 31 August 2026. New cats do not inherit that status. [NParks cat-licensing reminder](#).

Treat fostering as a separate scheme

The two-year pilot starts on 3 August and recognises responsible fosterers. Eligible homes include 3-room or larger HDB sold flats and private premises. Experience, resources, microchips, sterilisation and recent compliance history are assessed. [AVS fosterer-pilot guide](#).

Count every cat in the household

The six-cat HDB and ten-cat private limits include pet and foster cats together. Approved fosterers must sterilise all cats in the household, subject to the stated kitten and medical rules. Do not count only animals currently available for adoption. [AVS fosterer-pilot guide](#).

Plan for assessment and address control

AVS, HDB where applicable and Cat Welfare Society assess applications, including home visits. Approval is address-specific and can take up to eight weeks. A move or non-compliance can change the status. [AVS fosterer-pilot guide](#).

Build a per-cat register

Record name, microchip, sterilisation evidence, licence number, ownership or foster status, intake date and intended adopter. Reconcile the register to PALS before 31 August and again before a fosterer application. [NParks cat-licensing reminder](#).

Know the pilot's practical limit

Approved fosterers cannot exceed six total cats in an eligible HDB flat; appeals beyond the HDB limit are not considered. Private-premises appeals above ten may be considered case by case. Do not intake first and seek permission later. [AVS fosterer-pilot guide](#).

A worked decision example

An HDB fosterer has two pet cats and three foster cats. All five are microchipped and sterilised. The household licenses them before 31 August, checks the 3-room-or-larger eligibility and applies from 3 August with a five-cat register. The example does not predict approval.

You actively foster and meet the prerequisites: Review the pilot and apply from 3 August. **You merely want more permanent pets:** Do not describe them as foster cats; the pilot requires genuine fostering and assessment.

Put the decision into a working file

1. Microchip every pet cat
2. Complete licences before 31 August
3. Record sterilisation evidence
4. Count pet and foster cats together
5. Check home, experience and compliance prerequisites
6. Apply from 3 August and prepare for a home visit

Work through the list in order and attach a date, owner and proof to every completed item. If a live service, professional decision or authority response differs from this general guide, retain that response and follow the controlling requirement.

Mistakes that weaken the result

- Assuming a microchip is a licence
- Licensing only cats within the normal limit
- Calling permanent pets foster cats
- Counting foster cats separately from pets
- Taking in more cats before approval

These errors usually arise when a deadline, definition, payment route or live condition is assumed instead of checked. Stop before the consequential step if the evidence does not match the selected branch.

Before acting, reopen NParks cat-licensing reminder and AVS fosterer-pilot guide, confirm that the relevant date, definition and service status still match the case, and save the outcome beside the supporting record. If the facts fall between two branches, use the authority's contact channel or an appropriately qualified adviser instead of forcing a convenient answer. The checklist earns its keep by creating an audit trail: what was checked, which source controlled, who decided, when the next deadline falls and what evidence proves completion. Recheck immediately before any payment, filing, booking or other irreversible commitment.

Continue with the adjacent task

Once this decision is recorded, [compare a cat-focused local outing](#). Then [audit another household protection decision](#). Each link solves a separate next-step question rather than repeating Singapore cat

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Questions readers ask about Singapore cat licence deadline August 2026 fosterer pilot

When does the transition end?

31 August 2026. [NParks cat-licensing reminder](#).

What are the pilot limits?

Up to six cats in eligible HDB flats and up to 10 in private premises, including pet and foster cats. [AVS fosterer-pilot guide](#).

When can fosterers apply?

From 3 August 2026. [NParks cat-licensing reminder](#).

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