

International Clearance request for a player under the age of 18 – Minor Application for an Exchange Student



International clearance is required for any player from the age of 10 and upwards who is seeking to register for a Club in England and has previously been registered for a Club abroad (including the other Home Associations), or who is a foreign national seeking to register for the first time in this country. Applications for players under the age of 18 must be applied for in accordance with FIFA Article 19.

FIFA states individuals under the age of 18 (classed as a minor by FIFA) wishing to register for a football club in England may do so provided that ***“the player is an exchange student undertaking an academic programme abroad”***. In order to make an application via the exchange student exception, your club must be able to submit official headed documentation to confirm the following:

- 1) The player is joining an English academic institution to undertake an educational course, and where it cannot be established beyond any doubt that the player moved to England for reasons not linked to football
- 2) The player will be returning to his home country upon the completion of the academic course being undertaken

If either of the above criteria cannot be met, then an application under this exception cannot be considered

Details of Player:	Details of the Club making the Application:	Mandatory Documents if points 1) & 2) are satisfied:
Full Name _____ _____	How did the club become aware of the player? _____	1. Proof of birth
Date of Birth _____	_____	2. Proof of identity and nationality of player & parents
Place of Birth _____	_____	3. Documentation of Exchange Programme
Nationality _____	When did the club first make contact with the player? _____	4. Registration form for exchange programme
Current Address _____ _____	_____	5. Confirmation of players return
Country coming from _____	_____	6. Documentation of academic education
Previous registered Club _____	Name of Club _____	7. Confirmation of player’s participation from academic institute in home country
Date first registered _____	League in which Club plays _____	8. Documentation of accommodation/care
Date of last match _____	_____	9. Status of new club and duration of registration
Date arrived in England _____	Club Secretary _____	10. Status of player with former club
Reasons for coming to England _____ _____ _____	Email _____ Contact Number _____	11. Authorisation of host parents 12. Parental Authorisation 13. Minor exchange student application form
<i>(see guidance for full description on each point)</i>		