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/ MINOR PLAYER APPLICATION GUIDE



Protection of minors – “Minor player application guide”

Administrative procedure governing applications for first registration and international transfer of minors

According to art. 19 par. 1 of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (hereinafter: *the Regulations*), as a principle, a player may not be transferred internationally unless he/she is over the age of 18.

Nevertheless, there are certain exceptions to this rule, as outlined in art. 19 par. 2 of the Regulations as well as the 5-year-rule (cf. art. 19 par. 3 and 4 of the Regulations) and the relevant jurisprudence (cf. below), which are considered to be exhaustive.

The same principles also apply to any minor player who has never previously been registered with a club and is not a national of the country in which he/she wishes to be registered for the first time (cf. art. 19 par. 3 of the Regulations).

In accordance with art. 19 par. 4 of the Regulations, every international transfer according to paragraph 2 and every first registration according to paragraph 3, as well as every first registration of a foreign minor player who has lived continuously for at least the last five years in the country in which he wishes to be registered, is subject to the approval of the subcommittee appointed by the Players’ Status Committee for that purpose (hereinafter: *the subcommittee*). The application for approval shall be submitted by the association that wishes to register the player.

The following “Minor player application guide” outlines the pertinent documents to be included in the application depending on the various individual circumstances surrounding the international move of a minor player. If a document is not available in one of the four official languages of FIFA, the association shall also submit either a translation of the document in one of the four official languages of FIFA, or an official confirmation of the association concerned that summarises the pertinent facts of each document in one of the four official languages of FIFA.

The “Minor player application guide” also describes the specific instances where the limited exemption from the general obligation to refer applications for approval to the subcommittee in the sense of art. 19 par. 4 of the Regulations (cf. FIFA Circular no. 1209 and FIFA Circular no. 1576) may, if granted, be used by an association to register minor players for purely amateur clubs, i.e. clubs without a professional team and without a legal, financial or de facto link to a professional club.

As regards the aforementioned existing jurisprudence, to this day, the competent deciding bodies only on limited occasions and with extreme reservation have granted exceptions outside of those contained in art. 19 of the Regulations for very specific groups of minor players. In particular, the subcommittee has occasionally accepted applications, under very strict conditions, in which: 1) the minor player moving to another country without his/her parents due to humanitarian reasons could not be expected to return to his/her country of



origin given that his/her life or freedom would be threatened on account of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion (unaccompanied refugee player); or 2) the minor player's academic and/or school education was clearly the primary reason for the temporary international move without his/her parents and the maximum duration of the minor player's registration for the club concerned did not exceed one year until he/she turned 18 or until the end of the exchange programme (exchange student player).

The practical application of the relevant provisions of the Regulations on the protection of minors by the relevant deciding body on a case-by-case basis and within the aforementioned exhaustive scope, i.e. exceptions as per art. 19 par. 2 of the Regulations, 5-year-rule and jurisprudence on unaccompanied refugee players and exchange student players, is of the utmost importance in enabling FIFA to prevent the discrimination and unfair treatment of the (foreign) minor players. At the same time, only a strict and coherent application of the pertinent provisions, again within the above-described scope, can ensure the achievement of the objective sought, i.e. the protection of minor players.

Consequently, all applications for approval of the first registration or international transfer of a (foreign) minor player must clearly indicate in detail the specific circumstances concerning the situation of the respective minor player, and must also contain pertinent documentation that supports the request.

Finally, please note that this information is of a general nature and thus, it is without prejudice whatsoever. Whereas the FIFA administration is responsible for the investigation of the facts of each case, only the competent bodies of FIFA, *in casu*, the subcommittee, can render a decision based on the specific circumstances of each application. Therefore, the "Minor player application guide" is meant merely to serve as guidelines for the administrative application process, but it cannot prejudice any decision taken by the subcommittee.

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Minor player application guide

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Exception:

Art. 19 par. 2 a) of the Regulations

"The parents of the player moved for reasons not linked to football"

Documents to be submitted

Circumstances

			Employment contract of the player ¹ and Work permit of the player ¹	Employment contract of the player's parent(s)	Work permit of the player's parent(s)	Other documents corroborating the reason invoked	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Proof of identity and nationality of the player's parent(s) ³	Proof of residence of the player's parent(s) ⁴	Request for approval of first registration or international transfer	Proof of Distance: 50 km rule ⁵	Possibility of registration via the limited exemption	
1. International move of both of the player's biological parents	The player follows his parents that are moving to the new country due to employment	The player's parents' new country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
		The player's parents' new country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	The player follows his parents that are moving to the new country for another reason not linked to football	The player's parents' new country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
		The player's parents' new country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

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2. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.

3. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.

4. The proof of residence must have been recently issued and indicate the residence start date in the new country.

5. The distance between the player's domicile and the club's headquarters, measured in terms of the "route travelled", must not be more than 100km. Moreover, the distance between the player's domicile / club's headquarters and the closest common border, measured in terms of the "route as the crow flies" (straight point-to-point distance), must not be more than 50km.

Exception:
Art. 19 par. 2 a) of the Regulations
"The parents of the player moved for reasons not linked to football"

Documents to be submitted

Circumstances				Employment contract of the player ¹ and Work permit of the player ¹	Employment contract of the player's parent(s)	Work permit of the player's parent(s)	Other documents corroborating the reason invoked	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Proof of identity and nationality of the player's parent(s) ³	Proof of residence of the player's parent(s) ⁴	Request for approval of first registration or international transfer	Documentation corroborating that the player's parent moving to or residing in the new country holds custody of the player ⁵	Death certificate of the player's parent(s)	Proof of Distance: 50 km rule ⁶	Possibility of registration via the limited exemption		
				Employment contract of the player ¹ and Work permit of the player ¹	Employment contract of the player's parent(s)	Work permit of the player's parent(s)	Other documents corroborating the reason invoked	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Proof of identity and nationality of the player's parent(s) ³	Proof of residence of the player's parent(s) ⁴	Request for approval of first registration or international transfer	Documentation corroborating that the player's parent moving to or residing in the new country holds custody of the player ⁵	Death certificate of the player's parent(s)	Proof of Distance: 50 km rule ⁶	Possibility of registration via the limited exemption		
2. International move of one of the player's biological parents	Parent not moving still alive	The player follows his custody-holding parent that is moving to the new country due to employment	The player's parent's new country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
			The player's parent's new country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
		The player follows his custody-holding parent that is moving to the new country for another reason not linked to football	The player's parent's new country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
			The player's parent's new country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
	Parent not moving deceased	The player follows his living parent that is moving to the new country due to employment	The player's parent's new country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
			The player's parent's new country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
		The player follows his living parent that is moving to the new country for another reason not linked to football	The player's parent's new country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
			The player's parent's new country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

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2. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.

3. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.

4. The proof of residence must have been recently issued and indicate the residence start date in the new country.

5. Such as Divorce decree (where applicable) or Authorisation of the player's non-moving parent allowing the player to reside in the new country with the parent.

6. The distance between the player's domicile and the club's headquarters, measured in terms of the "route travelled", must not be more than 100km. Moreover, the distance between the player's domicile / club's headquarters and the closest common border, measured in terms of the "route as the crow flies" (straight point-to-point distance), must not be more than 50km.

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"The parents of the player moved for reasons not linked to football"

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				Employment contract of the player ¹ and Work permit of the player ¹	Employment contract of the player's parent(s)	Work permit of the player's parent(s)	Other documents corroborating the reason invoked	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Proof of identity and nationality of the player's parent(s) ³	Proof of residence of the player's parent(s) ⁴	Request for approval of first registration or international transfer	Documentation corroborating that the player's parent moving to the new country / residing in the new country holds custody for the player ⁵	Proof of Distance: 50 km rule ⁶	Statement of the new association explaining the specific circumstances ⁷	Possibility of registration via the limited exemption	
3. International move of <u>none</u> of the player's biological parents	Both player's parents are still alive	The player resided with one parent and now moves internationally to a new country to join the other parent holding his custody	The player's custody-holding parent resides in the new country	The player's parent's country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
			The player's custody-holding parent resides in the new country due to employment	The player's parent's country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
			The player's custody-holding parent resides in the new country for another reason not linked to football	The player's parent's country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
			The player's custody-holding parent resides in the new country for another reason not linked to football	The player's parent's country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
			The player's custody-holding parent always resided in the country where the player now moves	The player's parent's country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
			The player's custody-holding parent always resided in the country where the player now moves	The player's parent's country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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2. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.

3. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.

4. The proof of residence must have been recently issued and indicate the residence start date in the new country.

5. Such as Divorce decree (where applicable) or Authorisation of the player's non-moving parent allowing the player to reside in the new country with the parent.

6. The distance between the player's domicile and the club's headquarters, measured in terms of the "route travelled", must not be more than 100km. Moreover, the distance between the player's domicile / club's headquarters and the closest common border, measured in terms of the "route as the crow flies" (straight point-to-point distance), must not be more than 50km.

7. To be uploaded in place of the documents normally provided under the categories "Employment contract - player's parent(s) / other documents corroborating the reason invoked" and "Work permit – player's parents".

Exception: Art. 19 par. 2 a) of the Regulations

"The parents of the player moved for reasons not linked to football"

			Documents to be submitted												Possibility of registration via the limited exemption		
			Employment contract of the player ¹ and Work permit of the player ¹	Employment contract of the player's parent(s)*	Work permit of the player's parent(s)*	Other documents corroborating the reason invoked*	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Proof of identity and nationality of the player's parent(s) ³	Proof of residence - player's parent(s) ⁴	Request for approval of first registration or international transfer	Proof of Distance: 50 km rule ⁵	Statement of the new association explaining the specific circumstances ⁶	Decision of the relevant national authority taking away the parental authority from the player's parents and appointing a third person as the player's legal guardian			
Circumstances																	
3. International move of <u>none</u> of the player's biological parents		The player has always resided with his parent(s) in his home country or the player is returning to his home country to live with his parent(s)	The player was registered for a club in a neighbouring country on the basis of art. 19 par. 2 c) whilst remaining a resident of his home country	(✓)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
			The player was registered for a club abroad on the basis of art. 19 par. 2 b) and resided in that country without his parent(s)	(✓)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
			The player was registered for a club abroad as an "exchange student" and resided in that country without his parent(s)	(✓)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
	Both player's parents are still alive	Parental authority taken away from the player's parents and awarded to a third person (legal guardian) by national authority	The player follows his appointed legal guardian who moves to the new country due to employment	The player's legal guardian's new country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
			The player's legal guardian's new country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
		Parental authority taken away from the player's parents and awarded to a third person (legal guardian) by national authority	The player follows his appointed legal guardian who moves to the new country for another reason not linked to football	The player's legal guardian's new country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
				The player's legal guardian's new country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
				The player joins his appointed legal guardian who already resides in the new country	(✓)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓

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2. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.
3. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.
4. The proof of residence must have been recently issued and indicate the residence start date in the new country.
5. The distance between the player's domicile and the club's headquarters, measured in terms of the "route travelled", must not be more than 100km. Moreover, the distance between the player's domicile / club's headquarters and the closest common border, measured in terms of the "route as the crow flies" (straight point-to-point distance), must not be more than 50km.
6. To be uploaded in place of the documents normally provided under the categories "Employment contract - player's parent(s) / other documents corroborating the reason invoked" and "Work permit – player's parents".

*Or documentation related to the player's legal guardian if applicable



Exception:

Art. 19 par. 2 a) of the Regulations

"The parents of the player moved for reasons not linked to football"

Circumstances				Documents to be submitted													Possibility of registration via the limited exemption			
				Employment contract of the player ¹ and Work permit of the player ¹	Employment contract of the player's parent(s)*	Work permit of the player's parent(s)*	Other documents corroborating the reason invoked*	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Proof of identity and nationality of the player's parent(s) ³	Proof of residence of the player's parent(s) ⁴	Request for approval of first registration or international transfer	Death certificate of the player's parent(s)	Proof of Distance: 50 km rule ⁵	Statement of the new association explaining the specific circumstances ⁶	Decision from the relevant national authority appointing a third person as the player's legal guardian following the death of his parents				
3. International move of <u>none</u> of the player's biological parents	Both player's parents deceased	Parental authority awarded to a third person (legal guardian) by national authority	The player follows his appointed legal guardian that is moving to the new country due to employment	The player's legal guardian's new country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
				The player's legal guardian's new country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
				The player follows his appointed legal guardian that is moving to the new country for another reason not linked to football	The player's legal guardian's new country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
				The player's legal guardian's new country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
				The player moves internationally to join his legal guardian who already resides in the new country	The player's legal guardian's country of residence is the country where the player intends to be registered	(✓)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
				The player's legal guardian's country of residence is a neighbouring country of the one where the player intends to be registered, and the circumstances of art. 19 par. 2 c) apply	(✓)					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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2. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.

3. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.

4. The proof of residence must have been recently issued and indicate the residence start date in the new country.

5. The distance between the player's domicile and the club's headquarters, measured in terms of the "route travelled", must not be more than 100km. Moreover, the distance between the player's domicile / club's headquarters and the closest common border, measured in terms of the "route as the crow flies" (straight point-to-point distance), must not be more than 50km.

6. To be uploaded in place of the documents normally provided under the categories "Employment contract - player's parent(s) / other documents corroborating the reason invoked" and "Work permit – player's parents".

*Or documentation related to the player's legal guardian if applicable



Exception:

Art. 19 par. 2 a) of the Regulations*

"The player is moving for humanitarian reasons with his parents"

<div style="text-align: center;">  Exception: Art. 19 par. 2 a) of the Regulations* <i>"The player is moving for humanitarian reasons with his parents"</i> </div>	Documents to be submitted								Possibility of registration via the limited exemption
	Employment contract of the player ¹ and Work permit of the player ¹	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Proof of identity and nationality of the player's parent(s) ³	Proof of refugee status of the player's parents ⁴	Proof of residence of the player's parent(s) ⁵	Status of new club ⁶	Request for approval of first registration or international transfer	
Circumstances	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
The player is moving internationally to the new country with his parent(s) who cannot be expected to return to his/their country of origin given that his/their life or freedom would be threatened on account of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.									

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2. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.

3. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.

4. A copy of the decision taken by the relevant national authority that grants the player's parent(s) the status of refugee(s) or "protected person(s)", or alternatively, an official confirmation from the relevant national authority that the player's parent(s) have been admitted to the procedure for being granted the right of asylum, as well as a copy of his/their temporary residence permit in the host country.

5. The proof of residence must have been recently issued and indicate the residence start date in the new country.

6. A declaration issued by the football association of the minor player's host country indicating whether the club for which the player wishes to be registered is professional or purely amateur (club without a professional team and without legal, financial or de facto links to a professional club).

*The reason "The minor player is moving for humanitarian reasons accompanied by his/her parents" is not an additional jurisprudential exception to the exceptions contained in the Regulations, but rather a situation that would, in principle, fall under art. 19 para. 2 a) of the Regulations. However, applications based on the reason "The minor player is moving for humanitarian reasons accompanied by his/her parents" require to be dealt with separately to ensure an appropriate protection of the minor player and his family.



Exception:

Art. 19 par. 2 b) of the Regulations

"The player is over 16 and is moving within the territory of the EU/EEA"

			Documents to be submitted							Possibility of registration via the limited exemption	
			Employment contract of the player ¹	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Documentation of academic education ⁴	Documentation of accommodation/care ⁵	Documentation of football education ⁶	Parental Authorisation		Request for approval of first registration or international transfer
Circumstances											
Player is aged between 16 and 18	The player moves from a country outside the territory of the EU/EEA to an EU/EEA country	The player holds the nationality of an EU/EEA member state	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	The player moves from one EU/EEA country to another country within the territory of the EU/EEA	The player does not hold the nationality of an EU/EEA member state and has been previously registered for a club within the territory of the EU/EEA in accordance with the Regulations	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
		The player holds the nationality of an EU/EEA member state	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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2. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.

3. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.

4. The documentation of academic education must include a signed and stamped statement issued by the relevant academic provider that confirms the player's enrolment, the qualification the player will receive upon completion of the course, the player's expected date of graduation, and a signed weekly academic schedule of the player that clearly indicates the days on which each class meets and the duration of each class.

5. Such as a signed and stamped confirmation issued by the club wishing to register the player that verifies that the club will provide the player with accommodation and indicates the address of said accommodation as well as the name of the person responsible for the player.

6. The proof of adequate football education and/or training in line with the highest national standard requires the submission of the following documentation and information:

- for male players, the club's training category (cf. art. 4 par. 1 and 2 of Annexe 4 of the Regulations); for female players, a statement from the association concerned confirming that the applicant club is deemed to be in "*line with the highest national standards*" of women's football education in that country;

- the player's weekly football training schedule (including the day and duration of each training session);

- a statement of the club wishing to register the player that specifies the team of the club that the player will be joining.

Exception:

Art. 19 par. 2 c) of the Regulations

"Both player and club are within 50km of their common borders and the distance between the two is less than 100km"

Circumstances				Documents to be submitted										Possibility of registration via the limited exemption			
				Employment contract of the player ¹	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Proof of residence of the player ⁴	Proof of Distance: 50 km rule ⁵	Proof of consent of releasing association	Request for approval of first registration or international transfer	Employment contract of the player's parent(s)	Work permit of the player's parent(s)	Other documents corroborating the reasons invoked		Proof of residence of the player's parent(s) ⁴		
The distance between the player's domicile and the club's headquarters is not more than 100km	The distance from the player's domicile to the closest common border of the neighbouring association is not more than 50 km	The player resides with both biological parents	The player's parents are not moving internationally	The player's parents always resided at their current address	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
				The player's parents have been residing at their current address for a considerable period of time	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
				The player's parents have recently moved within their country of residence to their current address due to employment	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
				The player's parents have recently moved within their country of residence to their current address for another reason not linked to football	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
	The distance from the closest common border of the neighbouring association to the club's headquarters is not more than 50 km	The player resides with a custody-holding parent	The player's parent is not moving internationally	The player's parent always resided at the current address	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
				The player's parent has been residing at the current address for a considerable period of time	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
				The player's parent has recently moved within the country of residence to the current address due to employment	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
				The player's parent has recently moved within the country of residence to the current address for another reason not linked to football	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			

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2. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.
3. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.
4. The proof of residence must have been recently issued and indicate the residence start date at the current address.
5. The distance between the player's domicile and the club's headquarters, measured in terms of the "route travelled", must not be more than 100km. Moreover, the distance between the player's domicile / club's headquarters and the closest common border, measured in terms of the "route as the crow flies" (straight point-to-point distance), must not be more than 50km.



Five-year-rule:

Art. 19 par. 3 and 4 of the Regulations

"Player is registering for the first time and has lived continuously for the last five years in the country of intended registration prior to this request"

Documents to be submitted

Circumstances	Documents to be submitted					Possibility of registration via the limited exemption
	Employment contract of the player ¹	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Proof of residence of the player ⁴	Request for approval of first registration	
Player has lived <u>continuously for the last five years</u> in the country of intended registration prior to the request	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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2. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.
3. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.
4. The proof of residence must have been recently issued and indicate the player's residence start date at the current address. Alternatively, the association can submit the player's school records duly signed and recently issued by the relevant academic institution, provided that said records clearly indicate that the player has been enrolled over the last 5 years at said institution.



Exception: Exchange student

"The player is an exchange student undertaking an academic programme abroad"

Circumstances		Documents to be submitted												Possibility of registration via the limited exemption	
		Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ¹	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player's parent(s) ²	Documentation of exchange programme ³	Registration form for exchange programme ⁴	Confirmation of player's return ⁵	Documentation of academic education ⁶	Confirmation of player's participation from academic institute in home country ⁷	Documentation of accommodation/care ⁸	Status of new club and duration of registration ⁹	Authorisation of host parents ¹⁰	Parental authorisation ¹¹		Request for approval of first registration or international transfer
The player's new club is of purely amateur status (club without a professional team and without legal, financial or de facto links to a professional club)	The duration of the player's academic study abroad program and the duration of the player's envisaged registration is less than a year	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	The duration of the player's academic study abroad program is longer than a year, but the player is turning 18 in less than a year	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	The duration of the player's academic study abroad program is longer than a year, but there is less than a year of the program remaining	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

1. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.
2. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.
3. Official information about the exchange programme (name, purpose, funding, duration, etc.) provided by the organisers of the exchange programme.
4. A copy of the registration form for the relevant exchange programme signed by the minor player and/or his parents.
5. A confirmation, issued and signed by the organisers of the exchange programme or the minor player's parents, that the minor player will return to his home country upon completion of the programme.
6. A confirmation, issued and signed by the minor player's academic institute (school/college) in his host country, that indicates the dates of the envisaged duration of the relevant studies and includes a detailed timetable of the player's classes.
7. A confirmation of the player's participation in the relevant exchange programme, issued by the minor player's academic institute in his home country.
8. Specific details concerning the supervision and accommodation of the minor player during the exchange programme that include, in particular, the exact name and address of the player's host parents.
9. A declaration issued by the football association of the minor player's host country indicating whether the club for which the player wishes to be registered is professional or purely amateur (club without professional team and without legal, financial or de facto links to a professional club), as well as the exact start and end dates of the envisaged registration of the player.
10. A declaration of consent issued by the minor player's host parents giving their consent to the player's registration for the club of the host country's football association.
11. A declaration of consent issued by the minor player's own parents giving their consent to the player's registration for the club of the host country's football association.



Exception: Unaccompanied refugee player

"The player is moving for humanitarian reasons without his parents"

FIFA Exception: Unaccompanied refugee player <i>"The player is moving for humanitarian reasons without his parents"</i>	Documents to be submitted										Possibility of registration via the limited exemption
	Employment contract of the player ¹ and Work permit of the player ¹	Proof of birth (birth certificate) of the player ²	Proof of identity and nationality of the player ³	Proof of refugee status of the player ⁴	Proof of custody ⁵	Authorisation of custody holder ⁶	Parental situation ⁷	Status of new club ⁸	Status of player with former club ⁹	Request for approval of first registration or international transfer	
Circumstances											
The player is moving internationally to the new country without his parents and cannot be expected to return to his country of origin given that his life or freedom would be threatened on account of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	(✓)	✓	

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2. The proof of birth must contain the player's birth date and filiation.
3. Such as government-issued ID card or passport.
4. A copy of the decision taken by the relevant national authority that grants the player the status of refugee or "protected person", or alternatively, an official confirmation from the relevant national authority that the minor player has been admitted to the procedure for being granted the right of asylum, as well as a copy of his temporary residence permit in the host country.
5. A copy of the decision of the competent national authority regarding the current legal custody of the minor player.
6. A declaration of consent issued by the party that holds the minor player's custody giving their consent to the player's registration for the club of the host country's football association.
7. A declaration regarding the current situation and whereabouts of the player's parents biological that is provided by the minor player, or the association of the player's host country, or any other competent authority.
8. A declaration issued by the football association of the minor player's host country indicating whether the club for which the player wishes to be registered is professional or purely amateur (club without a professional team and without legal, financial or de facto links to a professional club).
9. A declaration issued by the minor player indicating whether he has ever been registered for a club in his home country (or any other country) and, if so, whether the player was previously registered as an amateur or a professional; this documentation is required only in the case of an international transfer