



Basketball Australia
Foreign Players Application Form
Other Visas – Updated July 2014

Basketball Australia support is subject to the completion of all questions, signature affixed, submission of the appropriate fees, and International Letter of Clearance (where applicable complete Section B), a signed approval letter from your State/Territory Association and plus Contract, Visa, Passport.

Please contact Basketball Australia if you require assistance.

CHECK LIST required for any Visa that is not a (subclass 401) visa

Requirements for Foreign Players other than (subclass 401) Sports Visas	Tick
Copy of Signed Player/Coach Contract	
Copy of Players Passport	
Copy of Current Visa	
State Approval Letter	
International Clearance Application or Domestic Clearance	
Foreign Player Licence through FIBA Oceania Once Application is approved BA will send confirmation to FIBA Oceania to issue FPL	Send FPL Application direct to FIBA Oceania

Please complete one form per Foreign Player / Coach

SECTION A

Applicant Name		
Residential Address in Australia		
Country of Citizenship / Passport		
Passport Number		
Passport Expiry Date		
Date of Birth		
Club last played for		
Country last played in		
Played/Coached in Australia before?	Yes	No
Destination Club		
Name of Club Contact		
Phone:	Email:	
Competition / League		
Names of current Foreign Players/Coaches with Club	Male	
	Female	
Penalties of up to \$5,000 will be imposed on Clubs who Sponsor more than 2 male and 2 female Foreign Players		



SECTION B: INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES

Requirements

- Any player who last played in a foreign country must obtain an international clearance from the National Federation of the country in which he/she last played before he/she is eligible to play in any competition in Australia.
- A club clearance is not an international clearance.
- This requirement applies to both foreign players and Australian players
- These are international laws and not at the discretion of any body in Australia.

A CLUB CLEARANCE NEVER CONSTITUTES AN INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE.

1. IN GENERAL

International Clearances are between Federations. Basketball Australia, on request by the player and Australian club, will contact the National Federation in which the player was last based and ask for an international clearance from that Federation.

The National Federation is under **no obligation** to supply an international clearance **for 7 working days**, as the National Federation must first consult the club to seek a club clearance. If no response is received from the Federation after 7 working days, Basketball Australia will request assistance from FIBA. A number of National Federations now impose a Fee to process a LOC. Any request for payment will be forwarded to the applicant and once notification of payment is received the LOC will be approved.

International Clearances are unconditional (with the exception of clearances between National Federations and the WNBA). The only acceptable reason for which a National Federation may refuse a request for an international clearance is the existence of a current valid contract between a player and a club under that Federation's control.

If the player has a FIBA Players Agent their name, nationality and FIBA Agent number must be provided with your clearance request.

2. NBA, NBDL & WNBA PLAYERS

International clearances for players entering or leaving the NBA, NBDL or WNBA must pass through Basketball Australia, FIBA and the NBA, NBDL or WNBA (not USA Basketball)

NB: for WNBA only - A National Federation may grant, with the club's agreement, a conditional clearance, to play in the WNBA, for a player contractually bound to that club for a further season. Any player receiving a conditional clearance in this manner must return to the club to complete her contract and cannot receive a clearance to play for any other club. Similarly a player with an ongoing contract to play in the WNBA may be conditionally cleared by the WNBA to a national Federation with the proviso that the player must be cleared back to the WNBA to complete her contract with the WNBA club.

3. SPORT VISA

BA cannot support an application for a basketball sport visa without a valid international clearance.

4. INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES FROM AUSTRALIA

International clearances for players leaving Australia to play under the control of another Federation will only be provided by Basketball Australia once both the club and State/Territory Association have advised in writing that the player has completed his/her contract with the club.

The only valid reason for refusal of an international clearance is that the player is still covered by a valid contract.



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All international clearances are unconditional (except for players going to the WNBA). A player who has signed a contract for a future period of time in the country from which they are seeking a clearance is bound by the laws of that country with regard to fulfilment of the contract. A Federation can only prevent a clearance for players currently under their control.

NB: Players leaving Australia to play in a competition (even for only two weeks) in another country where the players do not compete as a team from Australia, are required to receive an outgoing international clearance and following their commitment to be cleared back to Australia. Clubs need to be aware of their visa sponsorship provisions in permitting players to compete in the above type of competition.

5. MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE (NBL)

International Clearances into and out of Australia remain the same. This means that should a player depart from Australia to play for the New Zealand based club, they must attain an international clearance to allow them to be registered in New Zealand. Alternately, if a player leaves the New Zealand based club and returns to Australia to play, then the player must attain an international clearance from New Zealand to allow them to be registered in Australia. Just a clearance from one NBL club to another NBL club is not sufficient when moving from Australia to New Zealand or vice versa.

The responsibility to obtain an international clearance, like all other registration requirements, rests with the player and his/ her club.



Basketball Australia International Clearance Request
\$50 (Clearance fee)

Club	
Club Contact	
Telephone	
Players name	
Date of Birth	
Nationality / Citizenship	
Club Last Played For	
Country Last Played In	
Year Last Played in That Country	
Players Agent	
Players Agent Nationality	
FIBA licence Number	
All FIBA Agents are listed on the FIBA Website	
http://www.fiba.com/pages/eng/fc/expe/fibaAgen/agenSear/p/openNodeIDs/5307/selectedNodeID/5307/sear.html	

This form must be emailed (with payment details) to:

transfers@basketball.net.au



Payment Details Form

Payment type: Payment by Credit Card is the preferred method of payment. If paying by Bank Cheque please make cheque payable to Basketball Australia

Players Name																				
Club																				
Amount to be paid		BA Application \$350						International Clearance \$50												
TOTAL TO BE PAID		\$																		
Payment by (tick one box)		Mastercard						Visa												
Credit Card Number																				
Expiry Date						CCV														
Cardholders Name																				
Signature of Cardholder																				
Club Representative Contact Details (email & phone)																				



Club to complete and sign Section “A” and fax to State/Territory Association

<u>Section A</u>		
Date		
To		General Manager
Of		State / Territory Association
From		Club
The		Club requests your endorsement to sponsor
Foreign Player / Coach		
In the		League / Competition
Signed		Club Representative

State / Territory Association to complete and sign Section B
and return to Basketball Australia

<u>Section B</u>		
Date		
To	CEO Basketball Australia	
I		General Manager
Of the		State/Territory Association
Confirm that		Player / Coach
Who is being sponsored by		
Is eligible to be registered in this State / Territory to play / coach		
Signed		