

All players moving from one country to another for a valid reason have the right to participate in basketball competitions subject to the Rules of FIBA, FIBA Oceania and the National Basketball Federation.

FIBA Oceania is responsible for the registration and control of all foreign players who participate in Oceania and will issue the appropriate licences.

A Foreign Player is a male or female who wishes to play in the first division competition (NBL, WBC) or second division competition (CBL) and who does not have New Zealand nationality. All such players must hold a Foreign Player Licence (FPL) to allow them to participate in the aforementioned competitions.

A FPL is valid for one (1) year/season, but a new licence is required if the player changes clubs in the same country or changes to a club in another country during the same year/season. A player MAY play in two (2) countries within Oceania during the same year, subject to these regulations, but in no case can the player be registered by two (2) National Federations at the same time.

If within Oceania, a player passing from one Federation to another is the subject of a dispute that cannot be resolved by the National Federations concerned, it will be resolved by FIBA Oceania. When such an occasion arises all relevant documentation must be submitted to FIBA Oceania by the National Federations concerned.

All foreign players in Oceania must be in receipt of a FPL issued by FIBA Oceania before participating in any first or second division competition. The only exceptions are young foreign born players who have been granted a Special Licence by FIBA Oceania. Registrations must be undertaken annually by all players.

Process and Requirements

Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ) must receive the following documentation to verify your FPL application. Once verified, the application is sent to FIBA Oceania for processing and subject to their approval:

1. FPL application form.
2. Proof of nationality (passport identity page).
3. Documentation:
 - a) Letter of Clearance or Clearance from Federation where player last played. OR
 - b) A letter of confirmation if the player played with your Club in the previous season, and did not play overseas in the off-season. OR
 - c) Self-declaration form if the player has come directly from an Academic Institution (letter of clearance will ALSO be required from the National Federation of the Academic Institution and country of origin).
4. Current jpg photo of the player.
5. Bank receipt of payment.
6. Work permit/visa (BBNZ acknowledges that this takes time and while we will provide an approval form to FIBA Oceania we still expected to receive these documents once obtained).

Payment

To ensure your application is processed on time, please deposit the FPL fee (\$440 AUD for men and \$220 AUD for women) into the FIBA Oceania account using the players name as the reference. Attach the receipt of payment to the application making sure the following is shown:

- Date deposited
- Total deposited
- Reference used

FIBA Oceania Account Details

- Bank: ANZ
- Bank Address: 10-12/30 Hibberson St, Gungahlin, ACT 2912, Australia
- Account Name: FIBA Oceania
- BSB and Account Number: 012-936 2177-23648
- Swift Code: ANZBAU3M

Duration

Please allow five (5) working days from receipt of the verified application sent to the FIBA Oceania Office.