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An ITC is required when a Player signs for a Club in this Association having last played with a Club in another Association. This is regardless of the player's nationality. Article 19 of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players states as follows:

### **Protection of minors**

1. International transfers of players are only permitted if the player is over the age of 18.

2. The following three exceptions to this rule apply:

a) The player's parents move to the country in which the new club is located for reasons not linked to football.

b) The transfer takes place within the territory of the European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) and the player is aged between 16 and 18. In this case, the new club must fulfil the following minimum obligations:

i. It shall provide the player with an adequate football education and/or training in line with the highest national standards.

ii. It shall guarantee the player an academic and/or school and/or vocational education and/or training, in addition to his football education and/or training, which will allow the player to pursue a career other than football should he cease playing professional football.

iii. It shall make all necessary arrangements to ensure that the player is looked after in the best possible way (optimum living standards with a host family or in club accommodation, appointment of a mentor at the club, etc.).

iv. It shall, on registration of such a player, provide the relevant association with proof that it is complying with the aforementioned obligations.

c) The player lives no further than 50km from a national border and the club with which the player wishes to be registered in the neighbouring association is also within 50km of that border. The maximum distance between the player's domicile and the club's headquarters shall be 100km. In such cases, the player must continue to live at home and the two associations concerned must give their explicit consent.

3. The conditions of this article shall also apply to any player who has never previously been registered with a club and is not a national of the country in which he wishes to be registered for the first time.



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**4.** Every international transfer according to paragraph 2 and every first registration according to paragraph 3 is subject to the approval of the subcommittee appointed by the Players' Status Committee for that purpose. The application for approval shall be submitted by the association that wishes to register the player. The former association shall be given the opportunity to submit its position. The sub-committee's approval shall be obtained prior to any request from an association for an International Transfer Certificate and/or a first registration. Any violations of this provision will be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code. In addition to the association that failed to apply to the sub-committee, sanctions may also be imposed on the former association for issuing an International Transfer Certificate without the approval of the sub-committee, as well as on as well as on the clubs that reached an agreement for the transfer of a minor.

**5.** The procedures for applying to the sub-committee for a first registration and an international transfer of a minor are contained in Annexe 2 of these regulations.

Such applications must be made through the FIFA TMS system. Please contact [itc@fai.ie](mailto:itc@fai.ie) to be advised of the documentation required (in PDF format only) to make such an application.

In order to apply for an ITC, the following procedures must be followed:

- The Player has signed a Registration Form and his new Club has lodged it with its League.
- The Club applies to the FAI via email on [itc@fai.ie](mailto:itc@fai.ie) giving the Player's Name, Date of Birth and Last Club. The inclusion of the location and League name can also be included if deemed to add clarity to the application. The Club will immediately receive an automated email response acknowledging receipt of your Club's application.



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Should additional information or clarification be required, your Club will be contacted. When the ITC arrives in, your Club will be sent an electronic copy of it. Should our request for an ITC go unanswered or not challenged for a period of 30 calendar days, then the FAI will issue a Provisional Certificate for the Player. This Certificate becomes Permanent if it is not successfully challenged by the Player's former Association within 12 months of it being issued.

Please note that if a Provisional Certificate is successfully challenged, and this has not happened in at least the last ten years, then the Player must stop playing until a new ITC is applied for and received. However, the Player and/or Club are not sanctioned for the period in which the Player played on the strength of the Provisional Certificate.

Finally, it is important to note that a Player requiring an ITC cannot play in a competitive fixture until the ITC is received and the registration completed by the relevant League.

The FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players can be found at the following link:

[http://www.fifa.com/mm/document/affederation/administration/01/95/83/85//regulationsstatusandtransfer\\_e.pdf](http://www.fifa.com/mm/document/affederation/administration/01/95/83/85//regulationsstatusandtransfer_e.pdf) If you have any queries, please contact [itc@fai.ie](mailto:itc@fai.ie)