



FIFA Minor ITC

Guide to request the International Transfer Certificate (ITC) in view of registering any foreign minor player through FIFA Transfer Matching System (TMS)

Pursuant to FIFA Regulations, the international clearance process applies to any non-Maltese minor player, aged 12 to 17 years (Minor) seeking to register to play football in Malta at any level, irrespective of whether they were registered to play football in their previous country or not. This FIFA principle is intended to protect players under the age of 18 from potential exploitation.

Such FIFA Regulations also apply to any Maltese Minors who are returning to Malta after having played abroad. Any such Minor seeking to register to play football will need to complete an application for such Minor's International Transfer Clearance (ITC).

The Malta FA is required to confirm that there is no record of registration of the player in their former country of residence. The most common occurrence is of Minors whose parents move to Malta for reasons not linked to football. Other situations include exchange students or a child in possession of a refugee or protection visa.

The Malta FA processes the application to FIFA on behalf of that Minor. However, the Malta FA has no bearing on the outcome of such an application, which is decided upon by a Single Judge on behalf of FIFA's Players' Status Department.

You need to bear in mind that such applications can be very time consuming and would require significant supporting documentation. Furthermore, it is not unusual for FIFA to request further supporting documentation once the initial application is lodged.

To avoid delays, please ensure that:

(a) Member Clubs should submit by hand the Minor ITC Application Form and supporting documents, as well as the registration fee of €100 to the Malta FA. Should the application be successful, the club will be credited with a refund of €75.

(b) The supporting documents provided are in accordance with the relevant enclosed checklists. All documentation should be submitted in English. Documents in other languages should be translated accordingly prior to submission.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Where to submit Minor ITC applications?

For more information on the ITC process, please contact registrations@mfa.com.mt or 2338600

2. How long will the ITC process take?

The length of time it will take for a player to obtain FIFA's permission to register varies depending on which application process applies and on any request for documentation involved.

Factors, which may increase the time it takes to receive your ITC, include:

- any preliminary time required to complete and submit your Minor ITC Application through your Club;
- not providing all necessary supporting documentation for a Minor ITC Application;
- providing incorrect or incomplete information about your playing history during the registration process;
- not providing your Club with a copy of your passport or ID where requested;
- Malta FA processing time during peak registration periods.

3. Is there anything I can do to expedite the process?

Players must ensure they have provided accurate information to their Club and Malta FA about their overseas playing history.

We encourage parents and Clubs to carefully review the guidelines and explanatory notes to ensure that all supporting documentation is received in the first instance.

4. Why is so much documentation required in a Minor ITC Application?

The level of documentation required for a Minor ITC Application is set by FIFA. The Malta FA is responsible for ensuring the FIFA Regulations are correctly applied within Malta, and that all Minors seeking their ITC meet FIFA's documentation standards.

FIFA have the ability to audit applications made to the Malta FA for Minor ITCs, requiring an assessment of all of the supporting documentation submitted to the Malta FA.

5. Where can I find more information on ITCs?

A current version of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players can be found on the FIFA website at the following URL (Refer to Article 19 and Annex 2): <https://www.fifa.com/about-fifa/who-we-are/official-documents/#fifa-laws-regulations>

Further information regarding the application of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players to minor players can be made available upon request to registrations@mfa.com.mt

6. I am concerned about my personal information. Does Malta FA have a privacy policy?

A current version of Malta FA's Privacy Policy can be found at: <https://www.mfa.com.mt/en/privacy-policy.htm>