**GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT**



**Village Cricket Pitch**

The government's Points Based Managed Migration system means that cricket clubs will need to obtain a sponsor licence from the UK Borders Agency in order to bring cricketers and coaches from outside the EU into the country.

As part of this process, clubs must obtain from the ECB a Governing Body Endorsement **BOTH** for their sponsor licence and for individual players and coaches.

Following Home Office approval of ECB's Governing Body Endorsement requirement process, the guidance document, together with application pack to be used when applying for these endorsements are found at the foot of this page.

For further information on the Points Based Managed Migration System, please see the Home Office website.

* Annexes 2, 5 and 6 are for use for County Cricket Boards Endorsement applications.
* Annexes 3, 7 and 8 are for use for (Non First Class Endorsement applications.
* Annex 9 is for use in all relevant applications.

Please note that the ECB cannot provide advice or guidance on immigration routes, processes or an individual’s status. You will need to contact a registered immigration advisor who is OISC registered or by calling either of the numbers listed in Useful Contacts.

Applications for the 2019 season can be submitted from 1 September 2018. All endorsements for players and player-coaches will be issued with an effective from date of 1 September 2018, to a maximum of 30 September 2019 or to length of contract, whichever date is sooner.

**For clubs going through this process for the first time please click**[**here for a Step by Step Guide**](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/6dbe172f-fc55-4326-8fe8-594be7a836b6/Step_by_step_guide_licence_certificates_of_sponsorship.pdf)**(PDF).**

**Please ensure you read and follow the application guidance on your Annex application form.**

**Current processing times for endorsement applications are as follows:**

* **Sponsor Licence endorsements – 7-10 working days from receipt of complete application**
* **Migrant endorsements – 7-10 working days from receipt of complete application**

**Documents**

* [Governing body criteria including county boards 2019](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/95e0a6bd-5038-4749-9421-731e8319c9bb/ECB_2019_GBE_requirements.pdf) (PDF)
* Non UK Residents Vetting Form - 2018
* [Annex 1](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/c41b66e7-f566-44f4-bb96-7c8c7b59c70c/Annex_1.pdf) (PDF)
* [Annex 2](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/4904ac37-18d1-4f0b-af1d-d73ab911d6f6/Annex_2.pdf) (PDF)
* [Annex 3](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/6bb7fe4c-8bae-4f34-96f9-655001417e13/Annex_3.pdf) (PDF)
* [Annex 4](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/4207f81e-895a-4903-9525-2a0f464e8656/Annex_4.pdf) (PDF)
* [Annex 5](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/3fccd543-a290-47f0-8598-a3baccfb8c33/Annex_5.pdf) (PDF)
* [Annex 6](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/06b194f6-8ca5-49a8-a8d7-4f749440c2c3/Annex_6.pdf) (PDF)
* [Annex 7](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/47e9e7fd-5415-4b5e-8702-d41b9be2129a/Annex_7.pdf) (PDF)
* [Annex 8](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/bb7b609e-85db-41b2-90d5-1ccb9f2ac9c4/Annex_8.pdf) (PDF)
* [Annex 9](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/20aee898-c8c4-4633-8e12-ae88e86e4abf/Annex_9.pdf) (PDF)

**Additional information**

[Additional Information For Cricket Clubs](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/b3e551e0-7af9-4610-bec2-d83b42fd0a6a/Additional_information_2019.pdf) (PDF)
[ECB Health and Safety Pack](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/30/d9232ad1-ecc7-4bd9-93fd-85f4833a993d/ECB_Coaches-_Safety_Pack_2017.pdf) (PDF)
[Safeguarding Young Children Matrix](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/fe65b753-0b4d-4de3-88af-66b7f3d61038/Safeguarding_matrix.pdf) (PDF)
[Home Office Visa Overview](https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2018/08/31/37111d04-b7aa-4bd6-b67a-329e11edc744/Home_Office_visa_overview_2018.pdf) (PDF)

Applications made under COACH ONLY will only permit a person to coach for the club and not to play.

**Useful contacts**

* ECB Governing Body Endorsements: managedmigration@ecb.co.uk
* Immigration Enquiry Bureau / Sponsor & Employer Enquiries: 0300 123 4699 or BusinessHelpdesk@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

The ECB is not registered to give advice on immigration. Information on aspects of immigration policy and law can be found on the [Home Office website](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration).

Clubs are advised to allow sufficient time for entry clearance to be granted. The time needed to obtain entry clearance may vary depending upon where the player is applying. Service standards for each post are set out on the [Home Office website](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office).

This site also contains a guide to Visa processing times for specific overseas posts.