



DOCUMENTS & RESOURCES

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PLAYER TRANSFERS

Domestic clearances and development levies

No player may move from one club to another club anywhere in New Zealand after July 31 of each year and play in the current season.

Applications for moving from one affiliated body to another must be made on the league's approved clearance form (Inter-District Transfer: [click here](#)) signed by the applicant and consented by his club and confirmed by the affiliated body controlling such club.

Such form must then be forwarded to the league for its consideration and approval. Failing the application being dealt with by the affiliated body concerned within fourteen (14) days, the league will grant the clearance to the player.

All clearances of players from one affiliated Body to another or re-instatements, shall be subject to the approval of the league on receipt of an application for the clearance of a player.

The affiliated body of which such applicant was last a registered player may:

- (1) issue a free clearance; or
- (2) refuse a clearance for any reasonable cause subject to notification within fourteen (14) days; or
- (3) require the payment of any development levy as set from time to time by the league; or
- (4) be subject to a special dispensation by the league

International clearances and development levies

All players wishing to play overseas must make an application for clearance on the appropriate form ([Form 60: click here](#)) issued by the League.

No player may make application to play in Australia after June 30 in each year.

In considering the granting of a clearance to a player, the league shall consider the interests of the player, the league and the game of rugby league in New Zealand, and any other facts which it deems relevant to the granting of a clearance, including any development levy payable.

International development levies are set from time to time by the International Rugby League Federation (IRLF).

Development levies may apply to players making application to the league for clearance to play overseas.

Any player, where a development levy is payable for that player, shall not be granted a clearance to play overseas until the first payment of the development levy is received by the league.

Development levies collected by the league for players who have been cleared by the league to play overseas, shall be distributed to the club and affiliated body the player was last registered with in New Zealand prior to playing overseas.

Acceptance of overseas players

Any player who has played under the jurisdiction of a rugby football league in an overseas country must obtain a clearance from his original club and the national controlling body before being permitted to register and play for any club in New Zealand.

It shall be the responsibility of every club to ensure their own players have, where necessary, presented to the league the appropriate clearance.