

Recreational Game Migrant Governing Body Endorsement (GBE) Application: **COACH-PLAYER**

DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE A CURRENT HOME OFFICE SPONSOR LICENCE?

If not, please submit Annex 3 with supporting evidence and £24 processing fee via BACS as per guidance in the 'Documents' list on our website. **Your club cannot be granted a Migrant GBE without this.**

If your club has a current Home Office Sponsor Licence, please ensure that you have the **LATEST VERSION** of all forms, **read the following guidance carefully and complete Annex 7 in full.**

ANNEX 7: COACH-PLAYER

STEP 1: MIGRANT & SPONSOR CLUB DETAILS

Complete the Migrant and sponsor club details at the top of Annex 7 including the Sponsor Licence GBE number (format: **CRIC01/_/_/____**)

PLEASE NOTE: handwritten information will increase processing times.

STEP 2: ELIGIBILITY DECLARATION

It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that they have conducted all of the necessary checks, confirming that the migrant does not have any current or pending suspensions or periods of ineligibility.

Failing to complete this box invalidates your application and it will be returned as incomplete.

STEP 3: ADDITIONAL MANDATORY CRITERIA

Every club wishing to sponsor a migrant, needs to provide evidence that they currently meet the sponsor licence endorsement criteria, even if they already hold a valid ECB Sponsor Licence Governing Body Endorsement.

Please provide an image (with current date visible) of the club's **fully compliant dashboard** on the **Safe Hands Management System**.

To be fully compliant:

ALL ROLE INVITATIONS MUST BE ACCEPTED

ALL DBSs MUST BE COMPLETED

ALL QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE VALID

Please also provide evidence of **either:**

Clubmark valid for 2025/ECB Accredited Club. Please provide a copy of the certificate or ECB email confirming award.
OR

ECB Premier League-top 2 division participation. Please provide a letter from league secretary confirming the club's participation in the 2026 league competition. **An image of the league table will not be accepted.**

STEP 4: MATCHES

Tick the playing criteria that has been met and provide a link to the matches or complete dates & details on Annex 9.

Please note that you cannot combine the criteria:

The migrant has played a minimum of 5 First Class and/or ODI and/or International T20 and/or Test and/or U19 World Cup Matches in past 24 months.

OR
The migrant has played a minimum of twenty T20s in an ICC Full member country in past 24 months.

The following is guidance on the ICC Full Member eligible domestic T20 competitions:

Afghanistan	Afghanistan Premier League
Australia	The Big Bash
Bangladesh	Dhaka Premier Division Twenty20 Cricket League (local players) Bangladesh Premier League

England & Wales	Validity Blast
India	Indian Premier League
Ireland	IP20 (Inter-Provincial Series)
New Zealand	Super Smash
Pakistan	National T20 Cup Pakistan Super League
Sri Lanka	SLC Twenty-20 Lankan Premier League (September 2019 - postponed)
South Africa	Mzansi Super League SA20
West Indies	Caribbean Premier League
Zimbabwe	Domestic Twenty20

STEP 5: COACHING QUALIFICATION

ECB Level 2 Core Coach Certificate (or ECB historical equivalent) or ECB Foundation Coach certificate.

Please provide a copy of the certificate.

OR

Non-UK coaching qualification that is of an equivalent or higher standard to the ECB Level 2 Core Coach Course.

Please provide copy of the certificate.

List of Overseas Coaching Qualifications Regarded as Equivalent to the ECB Level 2 Core Coach Certificate

New Zealand Level 1 Development Coaching – Level 2 High Performance

Cricket Australia Level 1 Community Coach - Level 2 Representative Coach - Level 3 High Performance

South African L2 (Bakers Academy) - South African Level 1
(please note that the SA Level 1 Bakers Academy is not suitable).

FIRST TIME INTO THE UK:

If it is the first time into the UK, and the migrant does not hold a recognised coaching qualification, they may be provided a one-off opportunity to come to the UK as a coach-player, provided they attend, complete and pass the ECB Foundation Coach course or the ECB Core Coach course prior to leaving the UK. Failure to do this may result in no future endorsements being issued unless an alternative suitable equivalent has been attained. **Please provide evidence through letter or email from course booker confirming dates, and name of attendee. Invoices and booking forms are not accepted as evidence.**

The course needs to commence **within 6 weeks** of the migrant's arrival in the UK.

Please note that there is no need to book a Health and Safety assessment in addition to the ECB Foundation Coach course or the ECB Level 2 Core Coach course. However, the Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Level 2 course is a pre-requisite for the certification of both coaching courses.

STEP 6: SAFEGUARDING CERTIFICATE

Please provide a certificate which is **valid for the duration of the season***. Certificates are valid for 3 years from their issue date.

'Safeguarding Level 2' (pre-requisite for the certification of the ECB Foundation Coach course and the ECB Level 2 Core Coach course).

'Safeguarding for Specialist Roles' with top-up module of **'Safeguarding for Coaches & Activators'** (accepted, but no longer available to complete)

OR

'Safeguarding Level 2' (ECB online, arranged through your local county cricket board).

***All migrants must submit a certificate valid for the duration of the relevant season except those who have provided a booking confirmation for the ECB Foundation Coach course or the ECB Core Coach course (the ECB Safeguarding course is a pre-requisite for the certification of both coaching courses).**

STEP 7: UKBA HEALTH & SAFETY CERTIFICATE

Please provide a certificate which is **valid for the duration of the season**. Certificates are valid for 3 years from their issue date.

UKBA Health and Safety Assessment (via 'Microsoft Teams' or 'Zoom') arranged through your local county cricket board.

All migrants must provide a certificate valid for the duration of the relevant season accept those who have provided booking confirmation of the ECB Foundation Coach course or the ECB Core Coach Course (which includes this health & safety element).

Please note that we do not accept County Board assessment sheets. A certificate must be provided.

STEP 8: COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Please submit a signed and dated statement from the migrant confirming that they have recently read, understood and agree to adhere to the ECB Coaches Code of Conduct. **Failing to include this will result in the application being returned as incomplete.**

STEP 9: NON-UK RESIDENT VETTING FORM

Please complete the 'GBE Non-UK Resident Vetting' form available in the 'Documents' list on our website. **Note that handwritten information will increase processing times.**

STEP 10: POLICE CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

The following is guidance on the types of overseas checks that we will accept as part of the overseas vetting process, agreed with the HOME OFFICE.

Australia	Federal Police check
South Africa	South African Police Service check (SAPS)
New Zealand	Ministry of Justice check
West Indies	Police Headquarters check
Sri Lanka	Police Headquarters in Colombo
Pakistan	Police Clearance certificate
India	Police Clearance certificate
Zimbabwe	Republic Police Clearance
Namibia & Tanzania	Government check on watermarked letterhead (original required)
U.S.A	State Police check (this will need to be stamped & notarised)

ALL CHECKS:

MUST be clear, readable and in **ENGLISH** (photocopies are acceptable unless otherwise stated)

MUST cover entire life, from birth to date

MUST be on official letterhead with stamp (stamp to be in English)

MUST be signed by an official

MUST be date stamped

MUST be **issued within the 3 months prior to date of receipt of the GBE application** (older checks will not be processed and a new clearance will be requested). **For the 2026 Season only**, should your club need to make an 'early' application, we *can* endorse the migrant but will require an additional police certificate **dated a maximum of 3 months prior to the migrant's planned arrival into the UK. From 1st September 2026, we will be unable to accept 'early' applications and will only process applications with a police certificate issued less than 3 months in advance of the migrant's planned arrival into the UK.**

STEP 11: PASSPORT

Please submit a copy of the photo page of the passport. All information must be clearly visible.

STEP 12: CONTRACT: HEADS OF TERMS

Please fully complete and submit the 'Contract: Heads of Terms' document. **Please note that the ISP Visa is for a COACH role and the playing aspect is incidental. Therefore, there should be a minimum of 5 hours of scheduled coaching per week. Please also note that the National Minimum Wage rules apply which includes a minimum of £200 per week.**

Failing to include this document will result in the application being returned as incomplete.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT A COPY OF THE CONTRACT

NEW FOR 2026

You must list the coaching sessions that will be undertaken by the migrant. Do not include 1:1s, match- time, umpiring, or the migrant's own practice/training/net sessions.

STEP 13: FEE PAYMENT

Please submit £35 processing fee via BACS as per guidance in the documents list and tick the fee payment box on Annex 7. **When paying, it is very important that you add the narrative of GBE and the name of your Club (e.g. **GBEname of club**) as failure to do this will result in your application being delayed.**

PLEASE NOTE:

Sponsor Licence GBE - £24 (FOR INITIAL SPONSOR ENDORSEMENT ONLY. RENEWALS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED)

Migrant GBE - £35 (valid until 30th September of the relevant season or until the end of the migrant's contract, whichever is sooner)

THE PROCESS

Ensure that you carefully read and fully complete Annex 7, clearly.

Email the full application to **managedmigration@ecb.co.uk**

Applications **WILL NOT** be reviewed and/or processed until your administration fee has been received.

Pre-application checks **CANNOT** be carried out.

Your application will be processed within our published guidelines of 7- 10 working days, **please do not ask for updates, you will not receive a reply.**

If your application is incomplete, you will receive an email advising what is missing/required.

If all criteria are met and satisfied, a letter with a unique Governing Body Endorsement reference for your coach-player will be issued and emailed to the email address noted on Annex 7.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM AGENTS OR ANY THIRD PARTY. APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY BY THE SPONSOR CLUB.

Annex 7 – Individual Migrant Governing Body Endorsement Application Form – Coach-Player Only

This form should be used by Recreational Cricket Clubs to apply for an ECB Governing Body Endorsement for a migrant, under the International Sportsperson route, for short term engagement, of the Home Office Points Based System for Managed Migration.



Read the guidance before completing your application. Please complete all sections of the form below, unless otherwise indicated:

Full Name of Coach-Player (as per passport):				DOB:	
Coach-Player's Home Address:					
Name of Sponsor Club:				Current Sponsor Licence GBE No:	CRIC01/ _ _ / _ _ _ _
Club Contact Name:		Position:			
Telephone Number:		Email:			

YOU MUST CONFIRM THAT:

	Please Tick	For Office Use
You have made a BACS payment for £35.00 AND		
The coach-player is not subject to an ECB or ICC provisional suspension or an unexpired period of ineligibility from playing and/or coaching activities (please read the full criteria document and complete your own checks and tick the box if satisfied)		Searched:

ABOUT THE SPONSOR CLUB- PLEASE PROVIDE THE EVIDENCE SPECIFIED IN THE STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE:

The Sponsor Club is "Safe Hands" Compliant including all DBSs (An image of the club's fully compliant status on the Safe Hands Management System MUST be provided and MUST display the current date). PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION WITHOUT THIS EVIDENCE. Please also note, COMPLIANCE 'IN PROGRESS' WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED		SHMS Compliant:
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AND please also indicate which of the following criteria has been met and PROVIDE EVIDENCE (at least one required):

ECB Accredited Club/ Clubmark valid for 2025		Accreditation:
OR		OR
ECB Premier League – Top 2 Division Participation		Top 2 divisions:

ABOUT THE MIGRANT- PLEASE PROVIDE THE EVIDENCE SPECIFIED IN THE STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE:

5 First Class and/or ODI and/or International T20 and/or Test and/or U19 World Cup matches in past 24 months.		Match Dates:
OR		Coaching:
Have played a minimum of twenty T20s in an ICC Full member country in past 24 months.		Safeguarding:
AND EITHER:		H & S:
ECB Level 2 Core Coach certificate or historical equivalent or ECB Foundation Coach certificate		CCC:
OR		Vetting:
Non-UK coaching qualification that is of an equivalent or higher standard to the ECB Level 2 Core Coach course.		PC Date:
AND		PC No:
Safeguarding certificate as listed in the step-by-step guide.		Passport No:
AND		Contract HoT:
UKBA Health & Safety Assessment.		
AND		
Migrant statement: ECB Coaches Code of Conduct read, understood and agreed.		
AND		
ECB Non-UK Resident Vetting form including Police Clearance certificate from home country & copy of passport photo page.		
AND		
Signed and dated 'Contract: Heads of Terms'. Evidence of salary paid is at the minimum wage or above.		
The personal data provided on this form will be processed in accordance with the Privacy Notice within this application pack.		Date Received:
DECLARATION. By signing this form, I confirm that the Coach-Player and Club contact have been given the Privacy Notice within this application pack and the Coach-Player has authorised the Club to complete this form, submit it to the ECB and for the ECB to submit all relevant details to the Home Office.		GBE No:

Club contact signature.....Date of application.....

Please email this form and evidence to managedmigration@ecb.co.uk

To make payment please refer to the BACS payment details found on the ECB website at:
<https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/regulations/overseas>

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED



England and Wales Cricket Board

GDPR

Privacy Notice – Sponsor Licence Governing Body Endorsement

The England and Wales Cricket Board Limited (**ECB**) is the national governing body for cricket, the organiser of The Hundred, operates We Are England Cricket Supporters and runs numerous programmes to support recreational cricket.

Non-First-Class County Cricket Clubs work under the auspices of the ECB but are separate organisations in their own right.

Under the General Data Protection Regulation, each organisation is required to provide you with certain details concerning how your personal data will be used and protected.

Full details of how the ECB uses and protects your personal data, as well as your rights in respect of it, are in the ECB's Privacy Policy which you can find at www.ecb.co.uk/privacy. The Privacy Policy for the other organisations can be found on their websites or by contacting them directly. A summary of the key points is shown below

Names of data controller	The England & Wales Cricket Board Limited	Non-First-Class County Cricket Club(s)
Contact details	Mail: England and Wales Cricket Board Lord's Cricket Ground London NW8 8QZ Email: privacy@ecb.co.uk Phone: 020 7432 1200 Website: www.ecb.co.uk	
Categories of personal data	Club contact name and position Club contact telephone number and email address	
Sources of personal data	Non-First-Class County Cricket Club(s) (as applicable) The Home Office	
Automated decisions	None	
Purposes of processing	• administration of the governing body endorsement • for the purposes of record keeping • to comply with Home Office requirements	
Who we will disclose your personal data to	The Home Office	The ECB
Legal basis for processing your personal data	The legal basis for the collection and processing of your personal data is: • administration: that it is necessary to fulfil the contract that you are going to enter into or have entered into with us or another organisation involved in cricket • record keeping: that it is in our legitimate interests which are to verify accuracy and uphold standards and this does not prejudice or harm your rights and freedom. • compliance: that it is necessary for us to comply with the Home Office immigration rules.	

Your right to withdraw consent	Where you have given your consent to any processing of personal data you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time. If you do, it will not affect the lawfulness of any processing for which we each had consent prior to your withdrawing it.
Location of your personal data	We will each keep your personal data within the European Economic Area.
How long we will keep your personal data for	We will normally keep your personal data for 2 years. After this time period your personal data will be securely deleted.
Your rights in respect of your personal data	You have the right of access to your personal data and, in some cases, to require each of us to restrict, erase or rectify it or to object to our processing it, and the right of data portability.
Complaints	If you have any concerns or complaints about how any of us are handling your data please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing privacy@ecb.co.uk or by calling 020 7432 1200. You can also contact the Information Commissioner's Office.