



Home Office Immigration Rules for Cricket Overview Updated 15/02/2018



The following table is provided as general overview only. The ECB are not registered immigration officials therefore if you require specific immigration guidance you will need to contact UK Visas and Immigration Clubs wishing to use the services of a player who is not on a Tier 5 Creative & Sporting (Non FCC) visa, must ensure that the visa allows them to play and/or coach.

Visa/ Permit	First Class or Non-First Class Level (As designated by ECB)	Professional/ Amateur Status (As designated by Home Office)	Play	Coach (if suitably qualified and vetted)	Paid to Play	Paid to Coach	Notes
British passport holder	All	Either	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Restrictions
EU passport holder	All	Either	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Restrictions (Current at time of issue)
Tier 1 (General/ Entrepreneur/ Exceptional Talent/Graduate Entrepreneur/Investors)	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	Yes	No	No	Prevented from Professional sport at any level including as a Coach
Tier 2 (General/ ICT/MOR)	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	Yes	No	No	Prevented from Professional sport at any level including as a Coach
Tier 4 (General)	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	Yes	No	No	Can play as an amateur, at an amateur club, if they are classified as an Amateur by the Home Office
Tier 5 (Religious Worker/ IA/GAE & Charity Worker)	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	Yes	No	No	Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league.
Tier 5 (Creative & Sporting -Non First Class) Player/Coach	Non First Class	Professional	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can only play/coach for the main sponsor and undertake "Supplementary Employment"*
Tier 5 (Creative & Sporting -Non First Class) Coach Only	Non First Class	Professional	No	Yes	No	Yes	Can only coach for the main sponsor and undertake "Supplementary Employment"* No playing paid or unpaid.
Leave to Remain -Spouse/Accompanying Partner/ EEA Dependant (does not include Points Based System Dependents)	All	Either	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Restrictions
Ancestry Visa	All	Either	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Restrictions
Indefinite Leave to Remain (Settlement)	All	Either	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Restrictions
Standard Visitor Visa	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	No	No	No	Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league.
Non Visa National	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	No	No	No	Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league.
Tier 5 Youth Mobility Scheme	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	No	No	No	Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league. Can act as a coaching assistant (if suitable qualified and vetted) under direct supervision of a qualified coach. Can seek employment but not as a sportsperson or coach.

Notes:

*Supplementary Employment (Home Office definition) -

an additional job in the same profession and at the same professional level as the work for which your Certificate of Sponsorship was assigned; and
No more than 20 hours per week; and
Outside of the normal working hours for which your Certificate of Sponsorship was assigned.
In addition, you must continue to work for your sponsor in the job recorded on your Certificate of Sponsorship.

Professional Sportsperson (Home Office) -

A **"Professional Sportsperson"**, is someone, whether paid or unpaid, who :

1. is providing services as a sportsperson, playing or coaching in any capacity, at a professional or semi-professional level of sport; or
2. being a person who currently derives, who has in the past derived or who the Secretary of state has reason to believe is seeking in the future to derive, a living from playing or coaching, is providing services as a sportsperson or coach at any level of sport, unless they are doing so as an "Amateur" in a charity game.

Amateur Sportsperson (Home Office)-

An **"Amateur"** is a person who engages in a sport or creative activity solely for personal enjoyment and who is not seeking to derive a living* from the activity. This also includes a person playing or coaching in a charity game.

Seeking to derive a Living-

A person may be considered to be seeking to derive a living or has sought to derive a living if the individual has played cricket above U17 for a Professional Outfit (Country/ Country Academy/ State/ Province/ Territory level (paid or unpaid) in any country.

Reasonable expenses & use of Agents -

The Home Office have confirmed that a) the payment of a player's airfare or accommodation and/or b) the use of an agent to promote the availability of players, is likely to increase the prospect of the Home Office considering the player to be a "professional" and, as a consequence, the risk of that player being deemed ineligible to participate in accredited ECB Leagues.