

## Clearances: FAQ's

### **Q: How do associations know that a clearance is being acted upon and not sitting in limbo?**

A: International Federations have up to 8 days to approve the international clearance request. If they don't action the request after this timeline, we can ask FIBA to step in and assist with the request.

Unfortunately, we can't do anything. If the player has an agent, they can reach out to the club he's transferring from and ask them to clear him but we at Basketball Australia can't do that and have to wait until it's approved.

### **Q: How long does a clearance take?**

A: National Federations have up to 8 days to approval a request. Once this time has expired we (Basketball Australia) can ask for FIBA assistance to help investigate the hold up.

### **Q: What does "FIBA Assistance" mean?**

A: "FIBA assistance" refers to formally involving FIBA to step in and help progress a delayed international clearance.

In practical terms, it means:

- The clearance request has already been submitted to the relevant federation.
- That federation hasn't responded within the expected timeframe.
- So, the request is escalated to FIBA via their system (MAP).

Once FIBA is involved, they are essentially:

- **Monitor and enforce timelines** – the federation must respond within a set period.
- **Follow up directly** with the federation to prompt action.
- **Intervene if needed** – if no response is received, FIBA can **issue the Letter of Clearance (LoC)** themselves.

### **Q: How do I request FIBA Assistance?**

A: Only Basketball Australia can request FIBA Assistance after the required waiting period has passed (typically 7 days from when the clearance was submitted in MAP). FIBA won't step in before this window unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### **Q: How long will my International Clearance take?**

A: In terms of timing, it is unfortunately difficult to provide any guarantees. Even once the clearance is resolved, the subsequent steps, including the issuance of the FIBA Player Licence (FPL), are dependent on final approvals and processing timeframes.