

2025 SEASON

Turn Your Dream of Playing **Rugby Overseas** Into Reality!!

The Following Information Will Assist With Your Preparation.

NZ & AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS

UK & EUROPEAN SEASON

Most UK and European competitions start late August and go through to early May. Clubs usually request players to arrive late July / early August to be a part of the teams pre-season programme.

FIRST STEPS:

- **You must hold a current passport.** If your passport has expired or you have never held one now is the time to apply for a new passport.
- **Declare any criminal convictions** when registering with Inside Running. If you do have a conviction, please check that you are eligible to apply for a travel visa before applying for club vacancies. If you're unsure of travel eligibility, email Jo: jo@insiderunning.com
- **Have footage.** Including recent footage as part of your registration with Inside Running is crucial to securing an overseas placement.

If you require assistance with your footage, Inside Running recommends:

LM Media Productions

Louis

email: Immediaproductionszk@gmail.com

ENTRY INTO THE UK

1. WORKING HOLIDAY VISA

Most Kiwis and Aussies enter the UK on the Youth Mobility Scheme Visa which entitles you to two years living and working in the UK. **To apply for the Youth Mobility Scheme Visa you must be;**

- Aged between 18 and 35 years.
- Hold an Australian or New Zealand passport.
- While applying for the YMS you must prove you have the equivalent of GBP2530 in your savings account. This equates to approximately AU\$4900 and NZ\$5500.
You may borrow the amount from a friend or family member, print a bank statement showing the cash in your account then transfer the funds back out when you have entered the UK.
- You can apply to extend your visa for the third year.

Our recruitment administrator, Jo Shuker, can assist with queries you may have regarding applying for a visa. Once your application has been submitted the process takes approximately four weeks.

Don't apply for your visa until your position with a club has been confirmed. Please note you will be required to travel to a major centre for a biometrics test as part of the visa application process.

The YMS visa costs approximately GBP 1850 (including healthcare surcharge).

Applying for a working holiday authorisation for Southern Ireland costs approximately NZ/AU\$100.

Applying for a working holiday visa for the Netherlands costs approximately 76 Euro.

2. ANCESTRY VISA

For those with a UK born parent or Grandparent another option is the ancestry visa.

The ancestry visa entitles you to reside in the UK for five years, during which time you can apply for residency. The ancestry visa costs approximately GBP5800 (including healthcare surcharge). Approximately AU\$11300 and NZ\$12500.

3. UK / EU PASSPORT HOLDER

Holding a UK or EU passport or being eligible to obtain one is highly desirable as it provides increased options. If you are unsure if you are eligible please contact Jo Shuker to gain clarification.

4. ENTRY INTO OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Criteria for gaining entry into other European countries is varied. Jo Shuker will assist as required.

PACKAGES

Please note that a standard UK club playing package includes return flight assistance, employment and suitable accommodation (rent is usually covered by the club or subsidised). Clubs may offer gym access as well and physio treatment.

A small number of clubs offer a match fee. You must hold a UK passport or Ancestry Visa to play in the semi-professional English national one and two leagues.

WORK CV

Clubs will ask us for a work CV when screening suitable applicants. Please ensure you have an up to date CV with reliable references listed.

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