

# UNEMPLOYED PLAYERS

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GENERAL RULES / REGISTRATION PERIOD (SOURCE: EUROPEAN PLAYERS UNIONS)

<p><b>BELGIUM</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p><b>TRANSFER WINDOW</b> Transfer periods: 1/7 - 31/8 1/1 - 31/1</p> <p><b>Unilateral breach by the club:</b> Until 15th of March in 1st, 2nd and 3th League</p> <p><b>Mutual agreement between club and player:</b> registration for new club before closing of the transfer window to 1st or 2nd League and also to 3th League if player is coming from 1st or 2nd League</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Unilateral breach by the club: Until 15th of March in 1st, 2nd and 3th League</p> <p>Mutual agreement between club and player: Next transfer window</p>
<p><b>BULGARIA</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Transfer periods: <b>Summer:</b> 15 June - 15 August <b>Winter:</b> 1 February - 28 February</p> <p><b>Exceptions:</b> 1) Termination of the contract by mutual agreement between club and player in the transfer period : anytime registration 2) Expiration of the contract in the transfer period: anytime registration</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p>
<p><b>CROATIA</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Transfer periods: <b>Summer:</b> 15 June - 31 August <b>Winter:</b> 18 January - 15 February</p> <p><b>Anytime</b></p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> In Croatia, a player can sign for a new club for the remainder of the current season as long as his contract is terminated before the closure of the transfer window.</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p>
<p><b>POLAND</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Transfer periods (in professional leagues): 1/07 - 31/08; 1/02 - 28/02</p> <p>1) Summer transfer window - Anytime but no later than 28th of February (next year), Winter transfer window - Anytime, until 31st of March</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p>
<p><b>SPAIN</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Transfer periods: from 1.7. to 31.8. and from 1.1. until 31.1</p> <p>an unemployed player before the window transfer closed and the if the club has a free license (25 is the maximum in 1st and 2nd league)</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p> <p>Exception: injured player for more than 5 months - the club can use the license to sign a new player</p>
<p><b>FINLAND*</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Transfer periods: From 1st of March until the 7nd of May From 6st of August until the 2nd of September</p> <p>Anytime, until 2nd of September (afterwards not possible anymore)</p> <p><b>Restriction:</b> a club can only sign 2 unemployed players between transfer windows</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p>
<p><b>NORWAY*</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Transfer periods: 8/1 - 31/3 15/7 - 11/8</p> <p>Anytime, but if a player wants to sign outside the transfer window, he has to apply to the federation for an exemption to 'compete in their tournaments (the League)'. If there are weighty reasons (e.g. your former club went bankrupt), the federation would normally allow you to play. As a principle it is easier to get an exemption in the first half of the season than the last (due to competitive reasons). Obviously, no club would sign a player if they don't think he would get an exemption.</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p>
<p><b>RUSSIA</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Transfer periods: Transfer window ends 24 February</p> <p>A player can be registered with a club outside the transfer window in the event where an employment contract has expired or early terminated during last 30 days of a transfer window (within 30 days after the end of the transfer window)</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p>
<p><b>PORTUGAL</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Anytime</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p> <p>For amateurs players (in Portugal) closes on February 27th . If amateurs players with international transfers closed from February 2th .</p>
<p><b>SWEDEN</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Anytime</p> <p>Transfer windows closes 31/3 and 11/8 but no later than 1st of September. You will not be allowed to sign for a new club if you agreed to breach your contract just before the window closes. You will always have to get dispensation to be able to sign for a new club after the window has closed. You will only get dispensation if you can show that you have tried quite hard to find a new club.</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Only if you have a started DRC case before the window closes you will be able to sign for a new club even if the final decision that you are out of contract comes after the window has been closed. Also if the club went into bankruptcy after the window closes you will be able to sign for a new club.</p>
<p><b>CYPRUS</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Until 2nd of September</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p>
<p><b>ENGLAND</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>TRANSFER WINDOW Transfer periods: 1/7 - 31/8 1/1 - 31/1</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p>
<p><b>GERMANY</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>The transfer window for jobless professional players is closed from the end of January until 1 July</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Next transfer window</p>
<p><b>ISRAEL</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Transfer periods: Anytime</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Anytime</p>
<p><b>SLOVENIA</b></p> <p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW</b></p> <p>Transfer periods: from 1.7. to 31.8. and from 1.1. until 31.1</p>	<p><b>UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING</b></p> <p>Not restricted until the beginning of the 2nd part of the season (usually the end of February)</p>

\* Summer Season (March - October/November)

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GREECE	
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<p><b>Transfer periods:</b> 1/7 – 31/8 1/1 – 31/1</p> <p>Players cannot be transferred out of these transfer periods.</p> <p>Every year the Greek Football Federation decides if the summer transfer window can be extended for a small period of time. This year for example, it was decided that the period would be extended until the 10th of September 2014, meaning (according to FIFA articles) that any player was entitled to sign under these days and be transferred. However, it turned out that only unemployed Greek players could make use of this 10-days extension and not the players coming from abroad (as their last date for submitting data in the TMS was 31st of August).</p>	

MALTA	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
<p>The registration of professional players with the Association may only be made between the 9th day in June and the 31st day of August and during the month of January ("transfer windows").</p> <p>However provided that as from the 1st September onwards such player has not taken part in any competitive match either in Malta or abroad, the Executive Committee, after having received a written request by such a player and the Member Club desiring to register him, may allow the registration of such a player even after the 31st August but in no case if the request has been filed with the Association after the 15th February.</p>	

IRELAND*	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
<p><b>TRANSFER WINDOW</b> (season March – October)</p> <p>first registration period up to 22/2 second registration period in month of July</p> <p>If a player cancels his contract in the first registration period he is free to sign for a club until the end of August</p> <p>If he player cancels his contract during the second registration period he has also until the end of August to sign for another club</p>	
	Next transfer window

HUNGARY	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
<p><b>Winter Transfer window</b> 26/1 – 23/2</p> <p><b>Anytime (restriction: applies only to professional players)</b></p>	
	Next transfer window

CZECH REPUBLIC	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
<p><b>Only within transfer periods</b> 1/7 – 31/8 and 1/1 – 31/1</p>	
	Next transfer window

FRANCE	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
<p><b>Transfer periods:</b> Anytime, until 31st of January</p> <p><b>JOKER Regulation:</b> a club can register 1 player (by transfer) between the two transfer windows at national level only</p>	

ITALY	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
<p><b>Transfer periods:</b> 1/7 – 1/9 5/1 – 1/2</p>	
<p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE 1/7</b> Until 31st of March</p>	Next transfer window
<p><b>UNEMPLOYED BEFORE 1/2</b> Until 27th of February</p>	

SCOTLAND	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
Anytime	
<p><b>Transfer Windows</b> 09/06 – 31/08 and 01/01 – 31/01</p>	
After 31/03 clubs are not allowed to register any players, even unemployed	Next transfer window

SWITZERLAND	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
<p>Winter transfer window closes 15/2, after this date up to 28/2 a player can make an application</p>	
<p>No clear rules. In general only during transfer windows, but the competent commission of the federation can accept exceptions in cases which are difficult (especially for the player).</p>	

DENMARK	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
<p><b>Transfer periods:</b> closes September 30th and January 31st</p>	
Player can sign for a new club as long as his contract was terminated (ordinary expiry or mutual termination) before the closure of the transfer window.	In case of material breach of the contract

NETHERLANDS	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
<p><b>Transfer periods:</b> 1/7 – 31/8 1/1 – 31/1</p>	
Anytime until the 2nd Friday of March	Next transfer window

ROMANIA	
UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING
<p><b>Transfer periods:</b> Transfer window ends 23 February</p>	
Anytime for 1st, 2nd and 3th League (but before last 6 games of the Championship)	Next transfer window

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