

COUNTRY	UNEMPLOYED BEFORE CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW	UNEMPLOYED AFTER CLOSING TRANSFER WINDOW
<b>Austria</b>	Anytime, until spring season	Next transfer window
<b>Belgium</b>	Anytime, until 15 <sup>th</sup> of March	Next transfer window
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Anytime	Next transfer window
<b>Cyprus</b>	Until 2 <sup>nd</sup> of September	Next transfer window
<b>England</b>	Anytime	Next transfer window
<b>Finland*</b>	Anytime, until 31 <sup>st</sup> of August (restriction: a club can only sign 2 unemployed players between transfer windows). Transfer windows are from 1 <sup>st</sup> of March until the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of May & 1 <sup>st</sup> of August until the 31 <sup>st</sup> of August.	Next transfer window
<b>France</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anytime, until 31<sup>st</sup> of January</li> <li>JOKER Regulation: a club can register 1 player (by transfer) between the two transfer windows at national level only</li> </ul>	
<b>Greece</b>	Every year the Greek federation decides if the summer transfer window can be extended. This year they decided that the period would be extended until the 10 <sup>th</sup> of September, meaning (according to FIFA articles) that any player was entitled to sign under these days. However, it turned out that only unemployed Greek players could make use of this extension and not the players coming from abroad (as their last date for submitting data in the TMS was 31 <sup>st</sup> of August).	
<b>Hungary</b>	Anytime (restriction: applies only to professional players)	Next transfer window
<b>Ireland*</b>	Anytime, until 31 <sup>st</sup> of August. Transfer windows are from mid December until the end of February & from 1 <sup>st</sup> of July until 31 <sup>st</sup> of August.	
<b>Japan*</b>	Anytime until the three quarter point of season, namely 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 (the actual date varies depending on the particular season and division: J1 or J2); after the date, unemployed players must wait for the next winter transfer window.	
<b>Italy</b>	Anytime, until 31 <sup>st</sup> of March	Next transfer window
<b>Netherlands</b>	Anytime, until 1st Friday of March	
<b>Norway*</b>	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.	
<b>Poland</b>	Anytime, until 31 <sup>st</sup> of March	Next transfer window
<b>Scotland</b>	Anytime	Next transfer window
<b>Slovenia</b>	Anytime, until SpringSeason	Next transfer window
<b>South Korea*</b>	Unemployed players can only transfer in the winter window (from 1 January to 20 March) and the summer window (from 1 to 28 July).	

<b>Spain</b>	Anytime	Next transfer window
<b>Switzerland</b>	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).	
<b>Turkey</b>	The player formally can only be registered during the transfer window. However, the Turkish FA does register players outside the transfer window.	

\* SUMMER SEASON (March – October/November/December)