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Global Talent Visa Program

This notification is to acknowledge that you have submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) for Australia's Global Talent Visa Program. You will be notified of the outcome once your EOI has been considered. If your EOI is successful, you will be invited to apply for a Global Talent visa.

Based on the information you have provided in your EOI, we will consider:

- international recognition, and evidence of exceptional and outstanding achievements in the target sector;
- prominence in the target sector;
- whether you would be an asset to the Australian community;
- ability to obtain employment in Australia, or become established independently in Australia in the target sector;
- ability to earn the [Fair Work High Income Threshold](#); and
- whether you have an Australian citizen or permanent resident, eligible New Zealand citizen or Australian organisation with a national reputation in the same target sector that is prepared to attest to your credentials in the field.

If you need to provide additional documents or your circumstances have changed, email:
GlobalTalent@homeaffairs.gov.au.

Please include your full name and passport number in any emails.

We cannot access .zip files, encrypted files or documents stored via cloud-based hyperlinks). Attachments must be one of these file formats: .bmp .dcm .doc .docx .dot .gif .jpg .jpeg .jpe .png .pdf .ppt .pptx .rft .txt .xlsx .xls

We do not respond to:

- general visa enquiries
- requests to confirm that your EOI or documents have been received
- **EOI submission status enquiries**
- requests for immigration guidance for individual circumstances.

Further information on the [Global Talent Visa Program](#) is located on the Department's website.

Regards,

Global Talent Visa Program
Department of Home Affairs
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Global Talent Visa Program FAQ

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EOI FAQs

What are the requirements for invitation to apply under the Global Talent pathway?

To be considered for an invitation to apply under the program, you need to demonstrate that you have an internationally recognised record of exceptional and outstanding achievement in one of the following sectors:

- Resources
- Agri-food and AgTech
- Energy
- Health industries
- Defence, advanced manufacturing and space

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- Circular economy
- DigiTech
- Infrastructure and tourism
- Financial services and FinTech
- Education

Candidates must:

- still be prominent in their field of expertise
- provide evidence that they would be an asset to Australia, in their field of expertise
- have no difficulty obtaining employment in Australia or becoming established in their field
- have a recognised organisation or individual in Australia endorse them as global talent, in the same field as the applicant.

Places are also available to PhD graduates who can demonstrate their exceptional talent and international recognition in a priority sector.

Candidates should have the ability to attract a salary at or above the Fair Work high income threshold (FWHIT) of AUD158,500. This figure is adjusted annually on 1 July. See: <https://www.fwc.gov.au/unfair-dismissals-benchbook/coverage-unfair-dismissal/high-income-threshold#field-content-1-heading>

What are the Global Talent pathway sectors?

The current GTI sectors are:

- Resources;
- Agri-food and AgTech;
- Energy;
- Health industries;
- Defence, advanced manufacturing and space;
- Circular economy;
- DigiTech;
- Infrastructure and tourism;
- Financial services and FinTech;
- Education*

EOIs submitted under previous sectors will be automatically updated and processed under the current sectors.

*The Education sector should **not** be selected solely on the basis of having achieved a higher education qualification or employment at a school or university.

Why am I receiving error messages when submitting my EOI?

If you receive an error message in the Global Talent EOI form, this is likely due to the document upload limit, which is set to a maximum of 15MB. Please ensure you do not exceed this limit.

Additional documents you did not include in your EOI can be sent to: GlobalTalent@homeaffairs.gov.au

Include your full name and passport number in your email.

For how long are invitations valid?

Invitations are valid for **12 months** and can only be used **once**. If you received an invitation more than 12 months ago and wish to apply, please submit a new EOI.

Do I need a nominator?

Nominators are a mandatory requirement to lodge a valid Global Talent visa application. You cannot change your nominator once you have lodged your visa application. The following form must be attached to an application at the time of submission: [Nomination for Global Talent \(Form 1000\)](#).

You may not be invited to apply if you have not provided evidence of an eligible nominator, including evidence of your nominator's status in Australia and reputation in the same sector as you.

Nominators must be an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident, an eligible New Zealand citizen, or an Australian organisation with a national reputation in the same field as you. The nominator needs to attest to your achievements and international standing.

Global Talent Officers cannot be your nominator. You are encouraged to find your own nominator through your connections to Australia.

Can I receive an invitation on the basis of my Masters or Bachelor with Honours qualification?

No, from 20 January 2021, Masters by Coursework, Masters by Research and Bachelor with Honours graduates are no longer eligible for invitation to the Global Talent Visa Program solely on the basis of their qualifications. This applies regardless of the date you submitted your EOI.

Are PhD graduates eligible for invitation?

To be eligible under the Global Talent Visa Program, PhD graduates must provide evidence that they have graduated in a priority sector within the last 3 years and demonstrate exceptional talent and international recognition in a target sector. The qualification must meet Australian standards.

How can I demonstrate that my PhD qualification meets Australian standards?

The onus is on applicants to provide the Department with evidence that a qualification meets Australian standards. Applicants should refer to:

- The Australian Qualification Framework - <https://www.aqf.edu.au/>
- The Department of Education, Skills and Employment - <https://internationaleducation.gov.au/>

The Department does not provide advice on, or referrals to, service providers.

If you need migration assistance please refer to:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview>

What happens if I provide incorrect information?

Incorrect information must be corrected on Form 1023.

Checks will be undertaken on claims and supporting documentation provided in support of your EOI.

If you provide fraudulent, false or misleading information in support of your EOI (or visa application), this will be treated as a serious matter and may face penalties under the *Migration Act 1958*.

The provision of fraudulent, false or misleading information will have an adverse impact on your Global Talent EOI or your visa application and your EOI or your visa application may be refused, and a bar placed on you, preventing you from lodging future visa applications for 3-10 years. If you have already been granted

the visa and information is obtained regarding the provision of fraudulent information, your visa may be cancelled.

Visa FAQs

How do I apply for a visa through the Global Talent Visa Program?

Please go to the Global Talent Visa Program [website page](#) for information on visa requirements.

To be eligible to lodge (apply for) a Global Talent visa through the Global Talent pathway; you must be formally invited by the Department. Candidates can submit a [Global Talent EOI](#).

What are current Global Talent visa processing times?

The Global Talent program consists of two visa pathways within the [Global Talent visa](#):

- The [Global Talent](#) pathway for applicants who have been invited to apply on the basis of their achievements in priority sectors; and
- The Distinguished Talent pathway for applicants who have not been invited

ImmiAccount displays processing times for the Distinguished Talent pathway only.

Global Talent pathway applicants should refer to average processing times on the [Global Talent visa](#) page.

What happened to the Distinguished Talent visa?

On 14 November 2020, the subclass 124 and 858 visas were consolidated into a single visa (subclass 858), which can be applied for and granted regardless of an applicant's location. Applications lodged prior to 14 November 2020 will continue to be processed under the old criteria.

On 27 February 2021, the subclass 858 Distinguished Talent visa was renamed the Global Talent visa.

Please see our website for further information:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/global-talent-visa-858>

Can I apply without a Global Talent Invitation reference identifier and Invitation code?

There are two pathways within the [Global Talent visa](#):

1. The Global Talent pathway; and
2. The Distinguished Talent pathway.

The Global Talent pathway is for individuals who submitted an EOI and have received an invitation to apply for the visa based on their achievements in one of the priority sectors and their ability to earn a salary at the [Fair Work High Income Threshold](#) in Australia.

The Distinguished Talent pathway is for individuals who have not received an invitation. This pathway has few places annually and is subject to overwhelming demand.

Applicants who submit an EOI after they have lodged a Global Talent visa application will be subject to standard Distinguished Talent pathway processing timeframes. Global Talent visa applications lodged prior to receiving an invitation will not receive priority processing.

How can I receive an invitation code?

As of 16 December 2020, all Global Talent pathway visa applications require an invitation code. If you were invited but have not received an invitation code, we will provide your code within two business days of your enquiry. Once received, you can use this code to submit your visa application in ImmiAccount.

What are the visa requirements for the Global Talent Visa Program?

Information in relation to Global Talent visas is available at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/global-talent-visa-858>

Do I need a nominator?

Nominators are a mandatory requirement to lodge a valid Global Talent visa application. You cannot change your nominator once you have lodged your visa application. The following form must be attached to an application at the time of submission: *Nomination for Global Talent (Form 1000)*.

Am I required to provide evidence of functional English?

Global Talent visa applicants 18 years or over at the time of the visa application are required to provide evidence of functional English, or pay a second visa application charge.

There are a number of ways to demonstrate functional English proficiency. For information on how to demonstrate this level, please refer to more information on functional English requirements:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language/functional-english>

Do I need to undertake a health examination for my visa application?

Yes – all applicants applying for a Global Talent visa are required to undertake health examinations with an authorised medical to demonstrate they meet the health requirement. In some circumstances, family members who are not coming to Australia with the applicants might also need to undertake health examinations.

For information on finding an approved physician inside or outside Australia refer to:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/arrange-your-health-examinations>

Global Talent pathway applicants should try to undertake health examinations **within 14 days** of lodging an application. The Department is aware of the disruptions to visa medical services, both in Australia and outside Australia, due to COVID-19. The visa processing area will take the extended timeframes and disruptions into account when considering your visa application.

Do I need police clearances before lodging the visa application?

As part of the character requirement, applicants over 17 are required to provide police clearances from all the countries/regions where they have been residing for over 12 months (cumulatively) in the past 10 years.

Global Talent pathway applicants are encouraged to apply for the police clearances in advance and provide them when you lodge your visa application.

If you were unable to provide your police clearances at time of visa application, you will be requested to provide them. Some countries require a request letter from us to present to the relevant authority when you apply for your police clearance.

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The Department is aware of the disruptions to police check issuing authorities due to COVID-19. The visa processing area will take the extended timeframes and disruptions into account when considering your visa application.

For information on obtaining police clearance certificates, refer to:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/contact-us/offices-and-locations/list>

Can I include family members in my visa application?

You can include members of the family unit in your visa application. You can also add family to your application at any time before we decide on your application.

Family members who apply for the visa must meet health and character requirements.

Members of the family unit:

For visa purposes, you are a member of the main applicant's family unit if you are:

- the main applicant's spouse or de facto partner
- the main applicant's child, or their partner's child, who is not engaged, married or in a de facto relationship and is:
 - aged under 18 years, or
 - aged 18 to 23 years and dependent on the main applicant or the main applicant's partner, or
 - aged 23 years or older and dependent on the main applicant or the main applicant's partner due to a partial or total physical or mental disability
 - the dependent child of the child above

If you are under 18 years old, you can include:

- A parent
- Members of the family unit of that parent.

Other FAQs

What should I do if I cannot enter Australia by my Initial Entry Date?

If you have been granted either a Global Talent (subclass 858 – Global Talent Pathway) or a Distinguished Talent (subclasses 124 and 858), and your enquiry relates to making your Initial Entry to Australia, please send an email to global.talent.delivery@homeaffairs.gov.au. You will receive an automatically generated response which includes current information about entry into Australia for visa holders.

Please include your file number in the subject line. Your file number is in the format BCC202X/XXXX

Where can I direct general enquiries?

Please refer your enquiries and feedback through to [general enquiries](#) or contact 131 881. Visit our Department website to [explore visa options](#).

Where can I get COVID-19 information?

Information on immigration arrangements during the COVID-19 outbreak is available at:

<https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/>