



The Global Talent (Tech Nation) visa

We are pleased to set out here information on the fees, process and timescale for a Global Talent visa including endorsement by Tech Nation.

Please note that the information provided below should not be taken as legal advice. Please contact Samar Shams, Managing Partner on the details at the end of this document if you have questions. The information is up to date as of August 2024.

The Global Talent (Tech Nation) visa route is for individuals who have made significant contributions to the Tech sector or who show the potential for doing so. They can come to the UK to work without being sponsored by an employer. Please note that the latest statistics on the approval rate for endorsement under this route is usually about 50%.

Fees

Our fees for help with the endorsement stage of a Tech Nation application are £2500 plus VAT if applicable. Our fees to assist with the immigration permission application stage are £1500 plus VAT.

Government fees include the following:

- £524 endorsement stage application fee
- £192 visa application fee
- Immigration Health Surcharge of £1035 per year
- £500 optional Priority Service fee
- Additional fees might apply for priority biometrics appointments
- Transaction and exchange rate fees of about 9% apply to the visa application fee, Immigration Health Surcharge and Priority service fee

Process

The Global Talent (Tech) application process includes two stages:

Endorsement

First you apply for endorsement from the UK government-appointed industry body for the Tech sector.

- The processing time for this stage is up to 8 weeks. Fast-track processing is available for those who have been accepted onto a certain UK accelerator programmes.
- It is at the endorsement stage that your contributions to the sector and your experience will be assessed. For endorsement under the Exceptional Talent subcategory, you must show that you have been recognised as a leading talent in the digital technology sector in the last 5 years. For Exceptional Promise, you must be at an early stage in your career. You must show that you have been recognised as having potential to be a leading talent in the digital technology field in the last 5 years;
- You must also provide evidence for two of the following:
 - Innovation as a founder or senior executive of a product-led digital technology company or as an employee working on a new digital field or concept. For



- Exceptional Talent, you will need to evidence a track record of innovation. For Exceptional Promise, you will need to provide one or more examples of innovation;
- Proof of recognition for work beyond your occupation that contributes to the advancement of digital technology;
 - Having made significant technical, commercial or entrepreneurial contributions to the field as a founder, senior executive, board member or employee of a product-led digital technology company; and
 - Having demonstrated exceptional ability in the field by academic contributions through research published or endorsed by an expert.

Immigration permission

Second, you use the endorsement to support your application to the Home Office for UK immigration permission. The standard processing time for is 3 weeks for applications made from outside the UK or 8 weeks for applications made from within the UK.

Under this route, you may be eligible for settlement in the UK after 3 or 5 years, depending on the strength of your track record. Conditions include a limit on absences from the UK of 180 days in any 12-month period.

Timescale

I estimate an overall timescale of 3 to 4 months.

Contact

If you have any questions, or would like to proceed with an application on the basis of the above terms, please contact:

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