

# Fact Sheet

## Global Talent Visa (Subclass 858)

The Global Talent Independent (GTI) Program is a program designed to attract skilled migrants at the top future-focused fields to Australia. The program provides a fast-tracked pathway to permanent residency for highly-skilled individuals.

### Eligibility

Applicants will be considered eligible to apply for permanent residency under the Global Talent Independent program if they meet the key criteria below:

- They are highly skilled in one of the ten key industry sectors:
  1. Resources
  2. Agri-food and Ag Tech
  3. Energy
  4. Health Industries
  5. Defence, Advanced Manufacturing and Space
  6. Circular Economy
  7. DigiTech
  8. Infrastructure and Tourism
  9. Financial Services and FinTech and
  10. Education
- They have an international record of outstanding achievement in their field, and their expertise would be an asset to Australia.
- They are nominated by an eligible Australian individual or organisation with a national reputation in their field.
- They will earn, or have the potential to earn, at least the Fair Work High Income Threshold (currently AUD153,600)

### Step 1. Expression of Interest and Invitation

The first step is to submit an Expression of Interest which is assessed by a Global Talent officer. The EOI outlines your internationally recognised record of exceptional and outstanding achievement. If successful, the Department will issue an invitation to apply.

If an invitation is received, the applicant will receive a unique identifier which provides priority processing for a Distinguished Talent visa application. It is also possible for the invitation to direct the applicant to apply for an alternative visa.

### Step 2. Visa Application

Using the unique identifier, we prepare and submit a visa application online or as a paper application, depending on your circumstances.

The application must be supported by a nominator who is an Australian citizen, permanent resident, eligible NZ citizen or Australian business who can attest to your international record of achievement and the contribution you will make to Australia.

## **Processing Times**

Seeking an invitations is a competitive process, and are usually issued within 2 to 3 months of lodgement of the Expression of Interest. The invitation will be valid for 12 months.

The current visa processing time outlined by the Department of Home Affairs is between 65 days to 3 months.

## **What happens when the 858 visa is granted?**

You may be inside or outside of Australia upon lodgement and at the time of decision.

This is a permanent visa which allows you to remain in Australia indefinitely. The travel facility on this visa is valid for 5 years, after which you will have to apply for a further permanent residence visa to be able to travel outside of Australia (if you have not been conferred Australian citizenship by then).

If you are outside Australia when the visa is granted, you and your family members will need to enter Australia for the first time prior to expiry of your health and police clearances.

## **Our Services**

We offer end-to-end case management to help you obtain your visa effortlessly and efficiently. We work on a fixed fee basis, our services include initial eligibility assessment, strategic planning, review and advice in relation to supporting evidence, preparation of the application submission, and liaison with the Department of Home Affairs until time of decision.

## **Need more information?**

Find further information about The Migration Agency and our services on our website [www.themigrationagency.com.au](http://www.themigrationagency.com.au) or contact us by phone on (02) 8896 6056. Please contact your migration specialist before relying on this information for a visa application.