

## Subclass 858 - National Innovation Visa Distinguished Talent Pathway FACT SHEET

The subclass 858 - National Innovation visa allows individuals with an internationally recognised record of achievement in their field of expertise, or those who have provided specialised assistance to the Australian Government in the matters of security, to migrate permanently to Australia. You must be nominated by an eligible individual or Australian organisation/business, or endorsed by the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Global Business and Talent Attraction or Director-General responsible for national security. The minimum requirements for this visa are set out below:

### DISTINGUISHED TALENT PATHWAY VISA REQUIREMENTS

As the visa applicant, you must meet the relevant health and character criteria, AND satisfy **ONE** of the three sets of requirements listed below:

#### 1. Nomination

You must:

- be nominated by a nationally recognised Australian Citizen, permanent resident or Eligible New Zealand citizen or Australian organisation/business in your field, endorsing your achievements and international standing, and:
- have an **internationally recognised record of exceptional and outstanding achievement** in a profession, sport, the arts or academia and research (and are still prominent in that field); and
- be an **asset to the Australian community** (if under 18 or over 55 years of age, you must demonstrate that you would be of exceptional benefit to the Australian community); and
- have **no difficulty in obtaining employment in Australia or establishing yourself** independently in your field

#### 2. Special Envoy Endorsement

You must be **endorsed by the Prime Minister's Special Envoy** for Global Business and Talent Attraction, a taskforce dedicated to attracting high-value global business and exceptional talent in key market sectors.

#### 3. National Security Endorsement

You must be **endorsed by the Director-General responsible for national security** for having provided specialised assistance to the Australian Government in matters of security.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **Stage 1: Initial Eligibility Assessment**

We will first conduct an initial assessment of your eligibility for this visa. This involves reviewing your qualifications, work experience, English language and other circumstances, to establish whether or not you are likely to meet the relevant requirements.

We will then provide you with informed and comprehensive advice about your ability to meet the minimum standards that the Department of Home Affairs (the DOHA) requires migrants to fulfil in order to qualify to apply for this visa.

**Note:** Our initial assessment of your eligibility does not guarantee that you will (or will not) in fact successfully apply for this visa. Whether or not the DOHA grants you a visa, will depend upon whether you meet the visa criteria.

### **Stage 2. Visa Application**

We will prepare your visa application and lodge it with the DOHA for assessment. The main criterion is that you meet the requirements referred to above.

You may be in or outside Australia when applying for this visa. However, you may be ineligible to apply in Australia if you do not hold the required type of visa, hold or held an ineligible visa, or have previously been refused a visa (or had your visa cancelled). Please contact us for further details.

Should your visa application be approved, you will be granted a permanent visa. You may be either in Australia or overseas when this visa is granted.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We estimate that it may take several weeks to prepare and lodge your application, with the time taken largely dependent on how promptly you provide us with the necessary supporting information and documents.

The time that it takes the DOHA to process your application is dependent upon its processing time service standards, and may also vary due to a number of other factors, including the complexity of your case, perceived risk factors and processing priorities. Please contact us for current information regarding likely processing timeframes for this type of application.

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