



Information sheet: Global Talent Independent Program Overview

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ACS nomination for Global Talent Independent (GTI) Program

ACS is the peak professional association for Australia's Information and Communication (ICT) sector. ACS is a recognised nominating Australian organisation for Global Talent candidates.

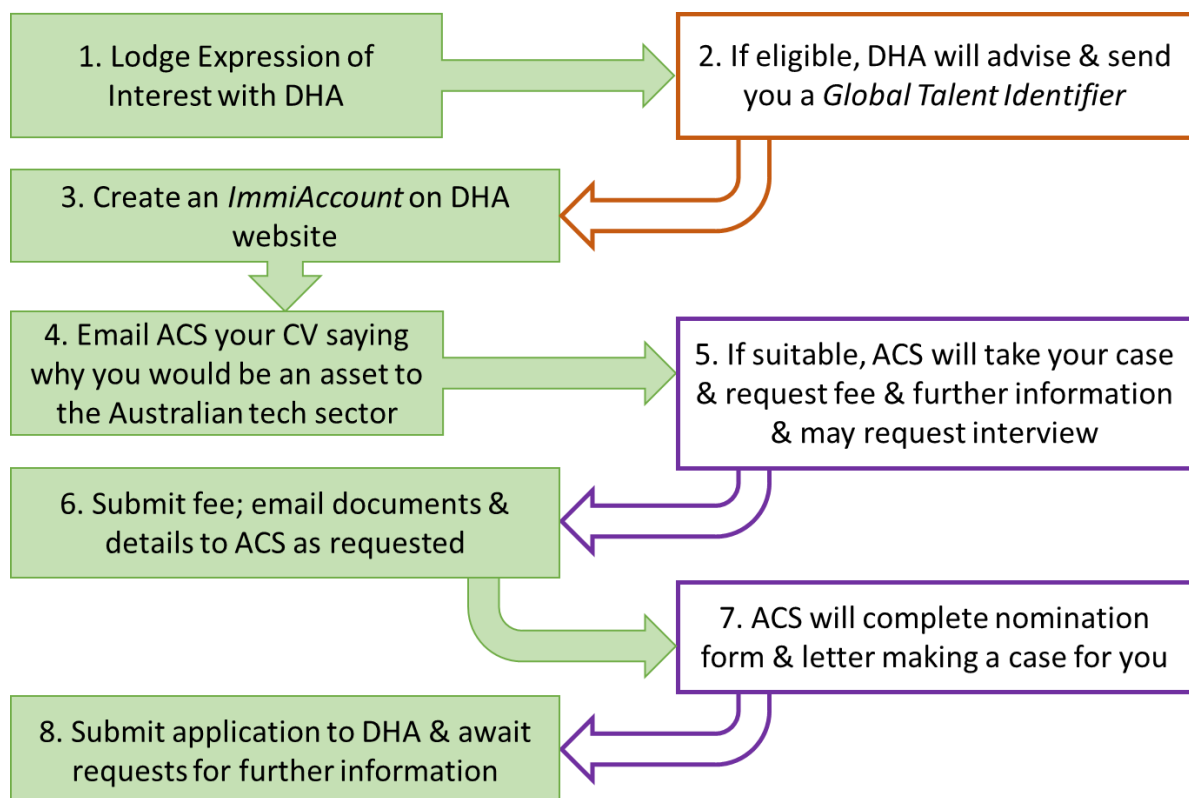
The Australian Government's [Global Talent Independent program \(GTI\)](#) targets highly skilled and talented individuals and is designed to attract the best and brightest skilled migrants to Australia. If this sounds like you, your employee or your migration client, ACS can help!

Candidates who meet eligibility requirements are invited by The Department of Home Affairs to apply for a Distinguished Talent visa. One of the requirements of this visa is that an Australian organisation or individual with a reputation in the same field as the applicant, attests to their record of achievement in the field. For details click [here](#).

An ACS nomination will help strengthen your application. As the peak ICT industry body in Australia, the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) will accept nominations from the ACS and considers the ACS as an organisation with a national reputation in the following target sector groups under the GTI program:

- Cyber Security
- Quantum Information/Advanced Digital/Data Science/ICT
- FinTech (*candidates with a predominantly tech focus*)
- MedTech (*candidates with a predominantly tech focus*)
- AgTech (*candidates with a predominantly tech focus*)

Steps in a Global Talent Independent (GTI) Program application nominated by ACS:





THE FOLLOWING GUIDE WILL ASSIST YOU IN HOW TO APPLY UNDER THIS PROGRAM

Before you apply (Expression of Interest)

- ❖ **Step 1:** Register an Expression of interest with DHA for consideration under the Global Talent program through the [Global Talent contact form](#).
- ❖ **Step 2:** DHA will provide a unique *Global Talent identifier* to individuals who meet the program parameters. This provides priority processing for a Distinguished Talent visa application.

Preparing your visa application

- ❖ **Step 3:** Should you wish to proceed with lodging a Distinguished Talent visa application, you can do so online via [ImmiAccount](#). As part of the online lodgement process, you will need to reference your Global Talent unique identifier

When preparing/lodging your application, you will need to choose the correct visa subclass on the application form. This depends on whether you are **in or outside of Australia when you lodge**.

- If you are **outside of Australia at the time you apply for the visa**, lodge a **subclass 124**. Further information: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/distinguished-talent-124>.
- If you are **in Australia at the time you apply for the visa**, lodge a **subclass 858**. Further information: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/distinguished-talent-858>.

As part of your application, you will be required to specifically address the Distinguished Talent subclass 124 or 858 visa requirements including:

- Whether you are internationally recognised, and your achievements are also exceptional and outstanding
- Whether you are still prominent in your field
- Whether your settlement in Australia will be an asset to the Australian community
- Whether your contribution will be of benefit to Australia as a whole.



❖ **Step 4-7: ACS Nomination - This is where ACS can assist you!**

As part of the application, you will need to be endorsed by a nominator who has a national reputation in the same field as you.

- a. Email ACS at assessment@acs.org.au attaching a detailed CV/Resume and explaining why you would be an asset to the Australian tech sector
- b. We may request further information and will advise whether ACS can proceed with a nomination
- c. If suitable, we will ask for a fee payment of \$500 and the following information:
 - Colour scan of passport bio-page
 - Evidence of Visa Invitation from Department of Home Affairs (*if applicable*)
 - Confirmation of which target sector(s) above you believe would apply to youFurther details to substantiate how you meet the following criteria (as per Step 5 above):
 - Whether you are internationally recognised, and your achievements are also exceptional and outstanding
 - Whether you are still prominent in your field
 - Whether your settlement in Australia will be an asset to the Australian community
 - Whether your contribution will be of benefit to Australia as a whole.
- d. We may also require a brief phone or video interview and may use a range of means to investigate a candidates background.
- e. We will provide you with a nomination support letter, presenting a case to the government for why you would be an asset to the Australian tech sector.
- f. We will provide you with a Nomination for Distinguished Talent (Form 1000)
- g. We will follow up to track your success and may offer other ACS support

After lodging your visa application

❖ **Step 8:**

The Department of Home Affairs will contact you to action health and character checks and/or provide any additional information that they may require.