



## *Australia*

### Business Innovation and Investment Program

Australia is a highly developed country and has one of the world's top 15 economies. The country provides its nationals with a high quality of life, economic freedom, and the protection of civil liberties and political rights. Non-Australian citizens may apply for temporary residence under any one of the Business Innovation and Investment Program's streams. Temporary residence visas allow non-Australian citizens to remain in the country for a specified duration for purposes such as tourism, study, and work, often providing a pathway to permanent residence eligibility.

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### *Program overview*

- Minimum contribution of AUD 2.5 million under the Investor Stream
- Processing time of 12 months
- Approximately five years to citizenship

### *Key benefits*



High standard of living



Multicultural



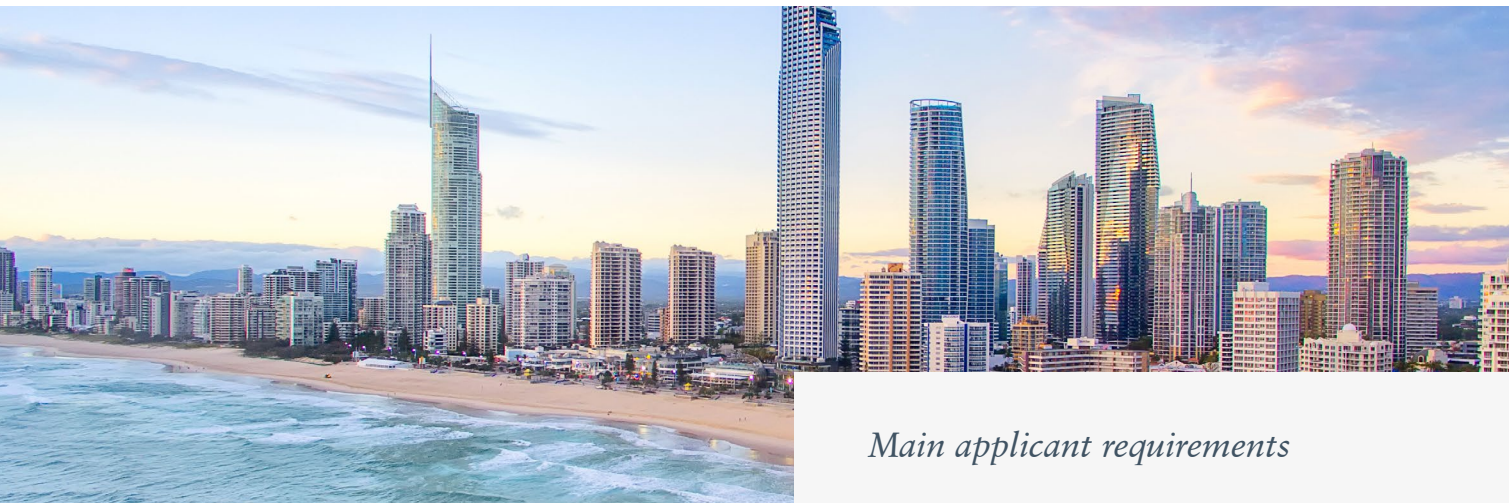
Political, social, and economic stability



Objective, merits-based immigration system with predictable outcomes

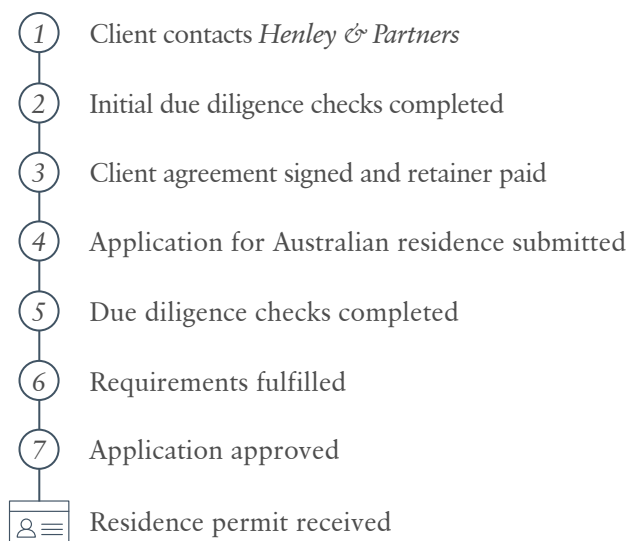


Compulsory 10% superannuation or pension payable by employers



## Procedures

Application processing time frames differ depending on the visa being applied for. The Department of Home Affairs uses a priority processing tier, whereby visa applications that yield the greatest economic benefit to the country (skilled visas) will be assessed quicker than those with less economic benefit (family visas).



## About us

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## Main applicant requirements

There are four main permanent residence programs:

- Family permanent residence
- Skilled permanent residence
- Special eligibility residence
- Humanitarian residence

The Business Innovation and Investment Program is part of the Skilled route, and includes the following:



The Business Innovation Stream — Individuals must pass a points test, have a successful business career with a business turnover of at least AUD 750,000, and have net assets of AUD 1.25 million



The Investor Stream — Individuals must pass a points test and commit AUD 2.5 million into a complying Australian-managed investment fund for the duration of the provisional visa validity



The Significant Investor Stream — Individuals must commit at least AUD 5 million into a complying Australian-managed investment fund for the duration of the provisional visa validity



The Entrepreneur Stream — Individuals must receive endorsement by a state or territory government

The above temporary visa streams offer a direct pathway to permanent residence after three years, subject to meeting certain residence and investment or business turnover requirements. The initial visa will be valid for five years.





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Global Talent Independent Program

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### Key benefits



Applicants are not required to make any investment in Australia



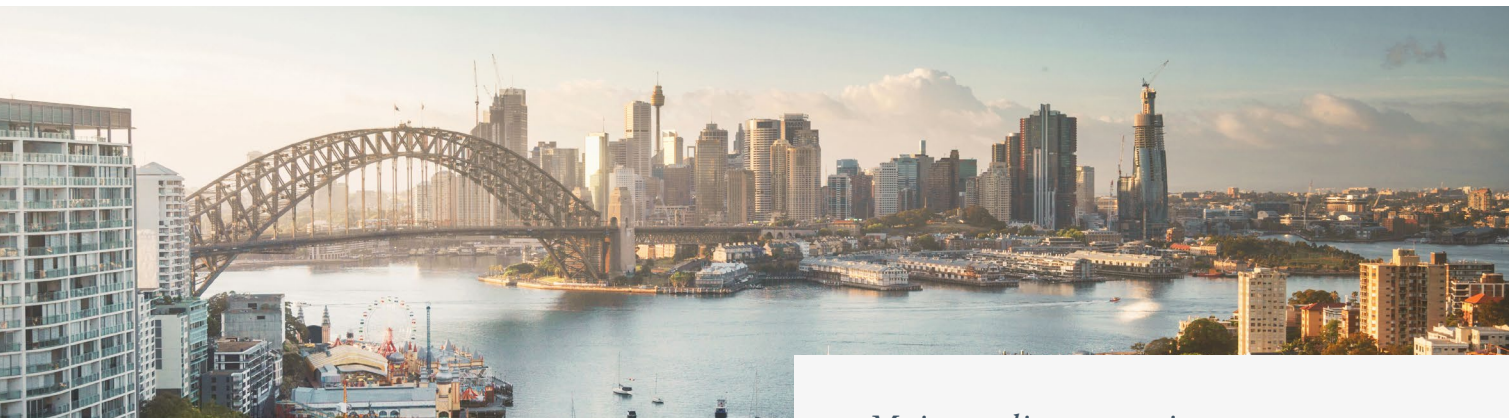
There is no age limit (however, applicants over 55 years must demonstrate exceptional benefit to the country)



The program is a direct route to a permanent residence program

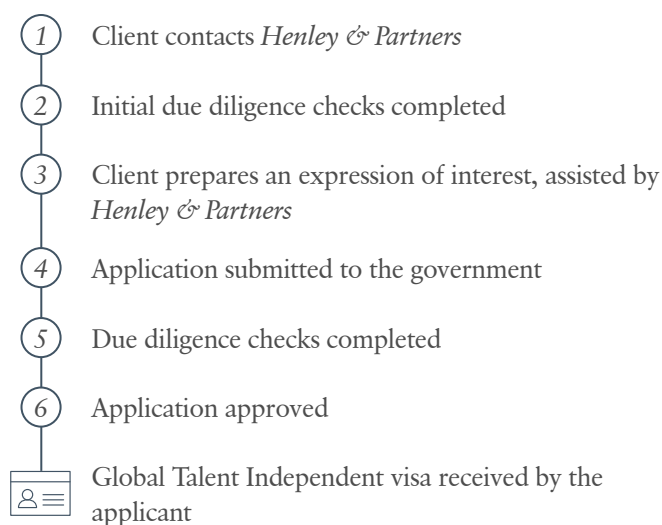


Applicants receive prioritized remote processing



## Procedures

To apply under the Global Talent Independent Program, applicants are required to lodge an expression of interest. The necessary documents for this lodgment include a detailed résumé or curriculum vitae and a brief statement describing their profession, internationally recognized achievements, relevant prominence in their field, and how they intend on being an asset to the Australian community. Australia's standard health and character assessments apply.



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## Main applicant requirements

The Australian government is seeking the best and brightest global talent in the following 10 future-focused target sectors:

- Resources
- Agri-food and agtech
- Energy
- Health industries
- Defense, advanced manufacturing, and space
- Circular economy
- Digttech
- Infrastructure and tourism
- Financial services and fintech
- Education



Applicants for the Global Talent Independent visa must be internationally recognized, currently prominent in their field, and able to provide evidence of outstanding achievements over their career. This may include senior roles, patents, professional awards, and international publications and memberships.



Applicants must provide evidence that they would be an asset to Australia in their area of expertise and have no difficulty obtaining employment in the country or becoming established in their field.



Applicants must be able to obtain a nomination from a recognized organization or individual in Australia, in the same field as the applicant.



Places are also available to PhD graduates and certain PhD students who are nearing completion of their thesis and can demonstrate their exceptional talent and international recognition in a target sector.