

Mobility: Immigration alert

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United Kingdom

UK announces Global Talent visa fast track route for “prestigious award” winners

Executive summary

The Home Office has announced that from 5 May 2021, individuals who have won prestigious awards across the arts, sciences, humanities, engineering and digital technology fields will be able to take advantage of a new fast track route within the Global Talent category.

Key issues

At present, applicants need to have to successfully applied to one of six endorsing bodies in order to proceed to the second stage, which is the visa application.

The changes to the route will enable anyone who has received a prestigious award contained in the [Global Talent eligible prize list](#) to utilize the new fast track route.

Applicants who hold a qualifying prize can utilize the fast track route to expedite the endorsement application step and proceed to submit the appropriate visa application.

Winners of certain awards across dance, fashion, architecture, and social sciences will also be included.

The introduction of the fast track route for eligible applicants will reduce the application process by several weeks and create an innovative active route for international award winners.

The UK Government has published an initial list of qualifying prizes, which will be reviewed and updated.

Next steps

Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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