

For technical and business applicants in digital technology. Build your pack to these rules, not a general list.

Before you start

- ☐ You know whether you apply as a technical applicant (you write code or manage developers) or a business applicant.
- ☐ You have chosen Exceptional Talent or Exceptional Promise.
- ☐ You have picked the 2 optional criteria you can evidence best.

Documents

- ☐ CV: typed, up to 3 sides of A4, with your LinkedIn or GitHub usernames.
- ☐ Up to 10 evidence documents, each up to 3 sides of A4. Your CV and letters do not count towards the 10.
- ☐ At least 2 documents for the mandatory criterion.
- ☐ At least 2 documents for each of your 2 optional criteria.
- ☐ No document is used for more than one criterion.
- ☐ Authorised English translations for anything not in English.
- ☐ Personal statement on the Home Office form: why the UK, your plans, where in the UK you plan to live and how the UK digital technology sector benefits.

Letters

- ☐ 3 letters from 3 different established experts in digital technology.
- ☐ Each author has known your work for at least 12 months.
- ☐ Each letter is written for this application and gives different examples of your work.
- ☐ Typed, dated, signed, up to 3 sides of A4, with the author's contact details and CV inside the letter.
- ☐ Not relying on an immediate colleague, manager or friend as evidence of recognition.

Final checks

- ☐ No lists of links, over-compressed pages or templates.
- ☐ No letters, statement or evidence created with AI tools.
- ☐ Evidence goes to the Home Office as instructed. Nothing is sent to Tech Nation directly.
- ☐ The Stage 1 fee is £561 (GOV.UK, checked 16 October 2026).
- ☐ Nothing can be added after you submit, and a review cannot take new evidence.

Official sources

GOV.UK: documents for digital technology endorsement:

<https://www.gov.uk/global-talent-digital-technology/documents-you-need-to-apply-endorsement>

Tech Nation: Global Talent visa guide: <https://technation.io/global-talent-visa-guide>

We are experts in the Stage 1 endorsement application for the UK Global Talent Visa. For immigration advice, please seek the services of an immigration solicitor. This checklist does not promise endorsement; the endorsing body decides.