



Freedom of Information Request - FA 25/03/01260

The National Innovation visa (NIV) replaced the Global Talent visa on 6 December 2024. These changes were legislated in *Migration (Arrangements for certain business skills visas) Amendment (LIN 24/078) Instrument 2024* and *Migration Amendment (National Innovation Visa) Regulations 2024* which were uploaded to the Federal Register of Legislation on 5 December 2024 and came into effect on 6 December 2024. Departmental systems were updated to accept National Innovation visa Expressions of Interest and visa applications from 7 December 2024.

The effect of these regulation changes was that the last day for the Department to accept Global Talent visa applications was 5 December 2024, with regulations changes occurring on 6 December 2024 closing the Global Talent visa program.

This was complimented by a News Item on the Department of Home Affairs website on 7 December 2024: 'Exclusive invitation-only visa program for world leading talent begins' [Article announcing the replacement of the Global Talent visa with the NIV] *Exclusive invitation only visa program for world leading talent begins*

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs

Caveats:

- *This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.*