

Technology Talent Admission Scheme (TechTAS)

What is TechTAS?

A fast-track arrangement for eligible companies to admit overseas and Mainland technology talent to undertake research and development (R&D) work in Hong Kong

Application Procedures

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Companies which are tenants / incubatees / grantees / occupants of the HKSTPC or Cyberport

Other Companies

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Apply through HKSTPC or Cyberport

Apply Online

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Quotas allotted (by Innovation and Technology Commission)

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Companies use quotas to sponsor eligible persons to apply for employment visas (application to be submitted to Immigration Department)

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Employment visa approved (by Immigration Department)



Company Eligibility

The applicant company must -

- have substantive business in Hong Kong; and
- be engaged in R&D in the 14 specified technology areas of advanced communication technologies, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity, data analytics, digital entertainment, financial technologies, green technology, integrated circuit design, Internet-of-Things, material science, microelectronics, quantum technology or robotics.

The non-local technology talent admitted must -



- be engaged principally in conducting R&D in the above 14 technology areas; and
- be STEM degree-holders from a well-recognised university. One year work experience in relevant technology area for those with a Bachelor's degree. Work experience is not compulsory for those with a Master's or Doctoral degree.



Starting from **28/12/2022**

The local employment requirement has been lifted

The quota validity period has been extended from one to TWO years

The coverage has been expanded to more emerging technology areas



Merits of TechTAS

Certainty

Streamlined Procedure

Fast-track arrangement for visa application