

## Innovator endorsing bodies

This page provides a list of authorised endorsing bodies that can issue endorsements for Innovator visas, as well as information provided by the endorsing bodies. An organisation can only issue an endorsement if it is on the list. If you have been offered an endorsement by an organisation that is not on the list, you can report it at <https://www.gov.uk/report-immigration-crime>.

### Before contacting an endorsing body

Before you contact an endorsing body, you should consider the content of the information provided below and visit their website. You should only contact an endorsing body if you are applying for an endorsement from them.

For more general queries regarding the Innovator route, applicants and immigration advisors should refer to the information on gov.uk and, if you need further information, please contact the Home Office business helpdesk at: [BusinessHelpdesk@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:BusinessHelpdesk@homeoffice.gov.uk).

Please note that neither the endorsing bodies nor the business helpdesk will answer hypothetical or speculative enquiries.

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- [The Bakery](#)  
*The Bakery endorses bona-fide entrepreneurs who qualify for our corporate innovation programmes. Find out more on our website: <https://thebakery.com/start-ups-and-entrepreneurs/>*
- [Bethnal Green Ventures](#)  
*BGV is an early stage investor in tech for good companies who only endorse start-up entrepreneurs accepted onto their support programme - visit their [site](#) for more information.*
- [Capital enterprise](#)  
*Capital Enterprise will only be endorsing founders within our community. You can read more [here](#). Check back as this may change with time.*
- [CodeBase](#)
- [CyLon](#)

*CyLon is interested in hearing from emerging cyber security companies or entrepreneurs planning on setting up an innovative cyber start-up.*

- [Deep Science Ventures](#)  
*Apply if you are a scientist or engineer determined to start a deep science company. Please apply through our ["current opportunities"](#) page!*
- [Ignite](#)  
*We only endorse applicants who are successful in applying for one of our accelerator programmes. See website for programme details.*
- [Invest Northern Ireland](#)  
*Invest NI endorses entities for Start-up/Innovator Visas via participation on its Accelerator Program or requests from Client companies only.*
- [Level39](#)  
*Level39 only endorses those involved in FinTech, cyber security, smart cities, retail tech and other globally ambitious tech business.*
- [MDR LAB](#)  
*MDR LAB is an accelerator for tech start-ups in the legal space. We only endorse migrants accepted onto our 10-week May-July programme.*
- [MedCity](#)  
*MedCity supports collaboration, investment, entrepreneurship and industry within the life sciences across Greater South-East of England.*
- [NatWest Entrepreneur Accelerator](#)
- [Royal Bank of Scotland Entrepreneur Accelerator](#)
- [Scottish EDGE](#)  
*Scottish EDGE can endorse winners of its bi-annual funding competition for innovative, high-growth potential Scottish businesses. Approx. 6% of applicants win.*
- [Seedcamp](#)  
*We invest early in world-class founders attacking large, global markets and solving real problems using technology. More information in our [FAQs](#).*
- [SeedHaus](#)  
*Note – We do not accept unsolicited applications for endorsements.*

- [SETsquared Bristol](#)  
*SETsquared Bristol incubator will only endorse technology start-ups meeting entry criteria to our incubator (please see our website <https://setsquared-bristol.co.uk/>) and looking to establish an office in Bristol.*
- [Tech Nation](#)  
*Tech Nation focuses on entrepreneurs of product-led digital technology businesses and commences work as an endorsing body in September 2019.*
- [Techstars](#)  
*Techstars is the worldwide network that helps entrepreneurs succeed. Techstars runs two accelerator programs in London: Techstars London and Barclays Accelerator, powered by Techstars.*
- [Tech X](#)  
*Unique tech accelerator & incubator for global start-ups looking to transform the Energy Sector – offers unparalleled funding and support.*
- [The Royal Society of Edinburgh](#)  
*We only provide endorsement to our awardees who have received an [RSE Enterprise Fellowship](#). Unfortunately we cannot support any individual who does not fall under this category.*
- [Ulster Bank Entrepreneur Accelerator](#)
- [Wayra](#)
- [Zinc](#)