

Innovators: Self-Assessment Form

Appendix E

Completing this form will help you judge whether your application is likely to succeed. If you submit it with your application, it will help the Home Office caseworker to assess your case. You should provide clear evidence to back up your case. Annexes B, C and D of the guide to applicants give details of the type of evidence you may need to submit.

Submission of fraudulent documentation may lead to refusal of your application.

Original documentation should be supplied where possible.

SECTION 1: PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Potential points: 100

Minimum score for Innovator: 15 points

A Your business experience (maximum 60 points available)

i. General business experience: in the past 10 years, how much business experience have you had:

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- a. At owner/board/senior management level? *tick one box only*
- 1 year 5 points
2-4 years 10 points
5 years + 15 points
- and/or
- b. At middle management level? 2 years + 5 points

Please indicate what evidence of your general business experience you have provided with your application

ii. Sector experience: do you have experience in your chosen sector? 1 year or more 5 points

Please indicate what evidence of your sector experience you have provided with your application

iii. Technological experience: what work or research experience do you have with relevant technologies? *tick one box only*

- 1-2 years 5 points
3 years + 10 points

Please indicate what evidence of your technological experience you have provided with your application

iv. UK experience: do you have UK business market experience? Yes 5 points

(eg previous employment in the UK/export to UK experience)

Please indicate what evidence of your UK business experience you have provided with your application

v. Entrepreneurial experience: how much experience do you have in starting and developing a new business:

- a. At owner/board/senior management level? *tick one box only*
- 1 start up 5 points
2 start ups 10 points
3 start ups + 15 points
- and/or

- b1. at owner/senior management level in start up with evidenced success 5 points
or
b2. in previous start up with turnover in excess of £500k in most recent trading year 5 points

tick one box only for b1 and b2 above

Please indicate what evidence of your entrepreneurial experience you have provided with your application

Business experience score: SUB TOTAL

SECTION 1: PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

B Personal educational qualifications and references (maximum 40 points available)

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i. General education: Do you have a first degree? 5 points

Degree certificate included with your application?

ii. Business education: Do you have:

a. an MBA from an internationally recognised awarding body? 10 points

and/or

b. any other relevant business qualification at degree level? 5 points

Degree certificate(s) included with your application?

iii. Post graduate qualification: 10 points

Do you have a PhD or research based post graduate qualification relevant to your business proposal?

Relevant post graduate qualification certificate included with your application?

iv. Professional qualification:

Are you a member of a recognised and relevant professional body? 5 points

(eg Institute of Management/chartered engineer)

Evidence of membership included with your application?

v. Personal references: Can you supply a supportive reference from a business person/Investor/academic who is personally known to you? 5 points

Reference(s) included with your application?

Personal educational qualifications and references score: SUB TOTAL

SECTION 1: PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Add up your total score from Sections A and B above
You **must** score at least 15 in this section

Total Score

Remember - any score you give yourself must be supported by evidence supplied with your application

SECTION 2: BUSINESS PLAN - VIABILITY

Potential points: 50

Minimum score for Innovator: 15 points

A Financial Viability (maximum 25 points available)

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You **must** demonstrate that you have seed capital or initial funding in place (or agreed in principle) for the first six months of your business development. You **must** be able to support yourself and your dependents without need for other employment or public funds.

i. Do you have evidence of funds as above? Yes

ii. Start up capital/early stage capital: have you have finance in place or agreed in principle for months six to 18?

Finance in place 10 points

Finance in principle 15 points

Please indicate what evidence of start up capital you have provided with your application