



ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

ECONOMIC CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME

GENERAL INFORMATION

Advantages of the programme:

- Dual citizenship is allowed
- Fast processing, less than half a year
- Lifetime citizenship
- Dependent children under the age of 25 are included
- No interview requirement or diplomas
- Visa free travel to more than 120 countries

Disadvantages of the programme:

- not very prestigious country or citizenship
- not very well known country

Legal basis for citizenship:

Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship Act of 1982 and
Citizenship by Investment Programme of 2013

Voting rights:

Not provided with citizenship

Personal income tax rates in the country:

No tax on worldwide income

Year of commencement of the programme:

2013

Year of closing of the programme:

Not planned

Country name:	Antigua and Barbuda
Capital:	Saint John's
Time zone:	GMT-4
Area:	442.6 km2 (Antigua 280 km2, Barbuda 161 km2)
Population:	91 295 (July 2014 est.)
Nationality:	Antiguan(s), Barbudan(s)
Languages:	English
Currency:	East Caribbean Dollars (XCD) 1 USD=2.7 XCD (2013)
Climate:	Tropical
Location:	Caribbean, island between the Caribbean Sea and North Atlantic Ocean, east-southeast of Puerto Rico



PROGRAMME OPTIONS

1. National Development Fund

A one-time (non-refundable) contribution of US\$ 200 000 to the National Development Fund of Antigua and Barbuda is required. This fund was created by the Finance Administration Act of 2006 to fund government sponsored projects, including PPPs and other approved charitable investments. The above mentioned amount covers the applicant's spouse and dependants.

2. Real Estate Investment

Under this option only approved projects enable applicants to qualify to obtain citizenship. The minimum investment is US\$ 400 000 in a designated and approved area. This option allows for two or more applicants who have concluded sale and purchase agreements with the developer and can demonstrate that they possess the financial means to develop the project to qualify. The applicants can also hold the beneficial ownership rights to the real estate through a non-profit company. The applicant should be the shareholder of the company, which is not an offshore entity under the law of Antigua and Barbuda.

Applicants who sell the real estate or the shares in the company owning the real estate will lose their citizenship and be permanently disqualified from future participation in the programme, unless:

- The Cabinet of Ministers provides exemption to the applicant for good and sufficient reason, or
- Where, at the same time as of disposing the real estate or share, they purchase another approved project or beneficial interest in a similar company for at least US\$ 400 000, or
- The applicants make another kind of investment i.e. National Development Fund or business investment

3. Business Investment

Only approved projects enable applicants to qualify to obtain citizenship. Before embarking on this option, applicants should consult with the Antigua and Barbuda Investment Authority for approval of the investment. The minimum amount required is US\$ 1 500 000 for a single applicant, or where there are at least two persons who propose to make a joint investment the amount should be at least US\$ 5 000 000.

THE PROCESS

Timeframe

The processing of the application for citizenship and passport will be completed within 2 to 6 months.

Steps of the process:

1. The Application Form must be acquired, completed and returned together with 10% of the processing fees and 100% of the Due Diligence fees, which are non-refundable. The forms should be acquired by the Applicant and submitted in original or certified copies.
2. When an application is approved, the Applicant is required to pay the remainder, i.e. 90% of the processing fees, within thirty (30) days, AND, Pay a minimum of US\$ 200 000 into the National Development Fund, or
Complete and execute all necessary documents and pay the purchase price and all required disbursements which are to enable title to be registered in the Applicant's name, and allow for implementation of the proposed real estate investment in accordance with the Unit's guidelines,
or
Complete and execute all documents necessary for the payment or investment of all sums due for the implementation of the proposed investment in business in accordance with the Unit's guidelines.
3. Upon successful application, ALL Applicants must take an oath or affirmation of allegiance either at an office, Embassy, High Commission or consulate in/ of Antigua and Barbuda, or any other office as specified by the Minister responsible for Immigration and Citizenship.
4. Issue of a citizenship certificate, permanent residence certificate and passport.



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REQUIREMENTS

The successful applicant should

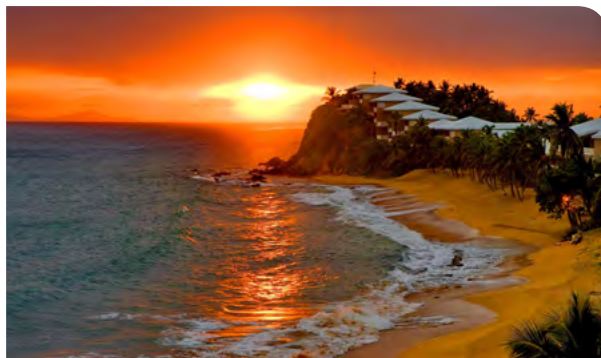
- be 18 years of age or older
- propose one of the 3 types of investment or donation mentioned under the Programme Options chapter
- meet the application requirements

Residency requirement:

Not required during the application process. The Antiguan passport is valid for 5 years and renewable if the person spends a minimum of 35 days in Antigua and Barbuda during this period

Required documents:

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- A Medical Certificate certifying that neither the Applicant nor their dependants suffer from any contagious disease, and are otherwise in good health, is also to be submitted.
- A Police Clearance Certificate must also be submitted
- All the necessary forms and documents should be submitted in English. If a document is not originally in English, then an authentic translation into English should be attached.
- In the case of dependants over the age of 18, a sworn affidavit of support must be provided by the Applicant for each dependant.



- The Application Form is to be filled out by the Applicant (or his/her Agent), and must be signed by the Applicant and all dependants over the age of 18. In the event of dependants under the age of 18, both parents may have to sign on their behalf, or the parent with sole custody, or the minor's guardian, along with the relevant legal documentation to evidence custody or guardianship.
- All dependants between 18 and 25 years of age must submit written confirmation from an accredited university or college of further education of their enrolment at the time of application.
- All documents are to be certified and authenticated in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction from which they originate. The person so certifying must provide: 1) their full name (in capital letters), 2) the capacity in which they are acting, 3) their residential or business address, 4) their telephone number, and 5) their email address.

RESTRICTIONS

All applicants undergo the same due diligence process. If any issues from their background which would be grounds for rejection emerge, they will not be approved for citizenship.

Please contact us to receive a price offer for the citizenship programme of Antigua & Barbuda.

VISA FREE TRAVEL

This is the full list of countries allowing visa free travel to Antigua and Barbuda passport holders. As this is general information, which may change any time before you travel, please contact the embassy of the targeted country.

Anguilla	France	Micronesia	Togo
Aruba	Georgia	Monaco	Trinidad and Tobago
Armenia	Germany	Montserrat	Tunisia
Austria	Gibraltar	Mozambique	Turkey
Azerbaijan	Greece	Nauru	Turks and Caicos Islands
Bahamas	Grenada	Nepal	Tuvalu
Bangladesh	Guatemala	Netherlands	Uganda
Barbados	Guyana	Netherlands Antilles	United Kingdom
Belarus	Haiti	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Belgium	Honduras	Niue	Vatican City
Belize	Hong Kong	Norway	Venezuela
Bermuda	Hungary	Palau	Zambia
Botswana	Iceland	Panama	Zimbabwe
British Virgin Islands	Iraq	Peru	Visa on arrival
Bulgaria	Ireland	Philippines	Armenia
Cambodia	Italy	Poland	Azerbaijan
Canada	Jamaica	Portugal	Bangladesh
Cayman Islands	Jordan	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Belarus
Chile	Kenya	St Lucia	Cambodia
Colombia	Kiribati	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	Djibouti
Comoros*	Kosovo	Samoa	East Timor
Cook Islands	Laos	Sao Tome and Principe	Egypt
Costa Rica	Latvia	Seychelles	Iraq
Cuba	Lebanon	Singapore	Macau
Czech Republic	Lesotho	Slovakia	Madagascar
Denmark	Liechtenstein	Slovenia	Nauru
Djibouti	Lithuania	Solomon Islands	Nepal
Dominican Republic	Luxembourg	South Africa	Palau
East Timor	Macau	South Korea	Tanzania
Ecuador	Madagascar	Spain	Togo
Egypt	Malawi	Suriname	Turkey
El Salvador	Malaysia	Sweden	Togo
Estonia	Maldives	Switzerland	Turkey
Fiji	Malta	Tanzania	Tuvalu
Finland	Mauritius		

