



## ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

### CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

The Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship-by-Investment Program is appealing to applicants seeking alternative citizenship through acquiring desirable properties or by contributing to the islands' National Development Fund. The Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship-by-Investment Program offers an excellent solution for high-net-worth families seeking access to the European and Caribbean markets, as well as visa-free access to key Asian financial centers.



#### Minimum Investment Requirement

Minimum donation of USD 100,000/ INR 75 lacs or USD 200,000/ INR 1.5 crores in real estate investment or USD 1.5 million/ INR 7.5 crores in business



#### Nature of Investment

Real Estate or Fund Contribution or Business Investment



#### Investment Holding Period

5 Years



#### Application Processing Time

3 - 4 months



#### Global Passport Index Ranking

27



#### Visa Free & Visa on Arrival Access in

151 countries



#### Key Visa Free travel destinations

EU, UK, Singapore, Hong Kong amongst others



#### The Right to Live, Work and Study without Restrictions in

12 CARICOM member countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Haiti, Jamaica, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, St. Lucia, Suriname, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago)



**Free Public Education for Citizens**

Yes



**Free or Subsidised Primary Healthcare for Citizens**

No



**Dual Citizenship Permitted**

Yes



**Minimum Stay Requirement**

5 days within the first 5 years



**Visit required as a part of application process**

Yes



**Physical presence required**

5 days within the first 5 years



**Family Coverage**

Yes- spouse, dependent children under 31 (as well as their spouse and children), parents and grandparents aged 55 and over, and unmarried siblings of the main applicant and/or their spouse of any age, as well as to add dependents after they have been granted citizenship.

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### Key Benefit

The right of free movement to Antigua and Barbuda, Hong Kong, Russia, Singapore, the UK, and Europe's Schengen Area, among others.

### Benefits of Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship-by-Investment

- An Antigua and Barbuda passport provides visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 151 destinations including Hong Kong, Singapore, the UK, and Europe's Schengen Area.
- Applicants are able to include a spouse, dependent children under 31 (as well as their spouse and children), parents and grandparents aged 55 and over, and unmarried siblings of the main applicant and/or their spouse of any age, as well as to add dependents after they have been granted citizenship.
- Antigua and Barbuda is a member of the Commonwealth, entitling citizens to certain privileges in the UK and other member states.
- The nation is an attractive place to live or to own a second home in, with excellent air links to North America and Europe.

### Requirements of Antigua and Barbuda citizenship-by-investment

To qualify for citizenship, the main applicant must be over 18 years of age, meet the application requirements, and select one of the following four options available:

- The purchase of real estate with a minimum value of USD 200,000 from an approved real estate project. 2 applicants can make a joint investment with each applicant investing a minimum of USD 200,000 in order to qualify. The real estate cannot be disposed of within the 5-year period.
- The direct purchase of an eligible business for a minimum amount of USD 1.5 million as an individual. Alternatively, a joint purchase where each person contributes at least USD 400,000, totalling a minimum of USD 5 million.
- A contribution to the National Development Fund of a minimum non-refundable amount of USD 100,000.
- A contribution to the University of the West Indies of a minimum non-refundable amount of USD 150,000.

### Stay Requirement

There is a requirement to reside in Antigua and Barbuda for a minimum of 5 days during the first 5 years of obtaining citizenship. Under the real estate option, the time frame may vary depending on the project. Therefore, it is important to select a real estate project that can provide the necessary paperwork required from the developer for the citizenship application.

## Procedures and time frame of the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship-by-Investment Program

The government authority responsible for administering the program, the Citizenship-by-Investment Unit (CIU), is responsible for the processing of all applications. The CIU examines the application thoroughly and, if deemed necessary, may request the applicant to attend an interview.

The CIU undertakes strict due diligence checks and will decline an application if the applicant makes a false statement or omits any relevant information in the application. The documentary requirements of the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship-by-Investment Program are reasonable, and the procedures are straightforward. Once the application is approved, passports can be collected in Antigua and Barbuda. It is estimated that the process will take between 3 and 4 months from the submission of the application to issuance of the passport, assuming there are no areas of concern with the application.

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