



ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Citizenship by Investment Program

The Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Program is one of the top-rated options for obtaining new citizenship and a second passport. The ninth-largest country by size in the Caribbean. Antigua & Barbuda recognizes dual citizenship, which can prove advantageous for business expansion and tax relief, facilitates the comfort of visa-free travel to 149 countries, for business or pleasure, including in the EU & UK, Hong Kong.

With some 365 pristine beaches and clear blue waters, the tropical islands of Antigua and Barbuda are considered by many to be one of the most beautiful places in the world and a true Caribbean paradise. Unsurprisingly, tourism is the key driver of GDP and generates around 60% of the islands' income - with key target markets being the United States and Europe.

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Requirements

To obtain citizenship through the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship Program, applicants are required to choose one of three types of investment which is to make a **non-refundable contribution (donation) to the National Development Fund (NDF)** or to make a **Business Investment** or **Real Estate investment**.

Citizenship is granted to applicants and their families in exchange and subject to a strict vetting and due diligence process, including thorough background checks. In order to qualify for citizenship, the main applicant must be over

18 years of age and comply with the requirements of the application as the following:

- ✓ No criminal record.
- ✓ Due diligence checks and approval.
- ✓ Confirmed investment sources.
- ✓ In good health.
- ✓ Within five years from the naturalization, the main applicant must reside in the country for five days (part of the naturalization Oath procedure).



Antigua and Barbuda's passports can also be obtained by:

- ✓ A spouse.
- ✓ Adult children under 25 years of age.
- ✓ Parents above 55 years of age.
- ✓ Children older than 18 as well as parents must be dependent on the main applicant.

The minimum investment must be **US\$ 400,000**, however two or more investors can invest US\$ 200,000 each into a property as long as they use the same authorized locally approved agent. The real estate cannot be disposed of within the five-year period.

Or a contribution to the National Development Fund (NDF) of a minimum non-refundable amount of **US\$ 100,000** should be performed.

Or an investment of a minimum of **US\$ 1,500,000** directly into an eligible business as a sole investor or a joint investment involving at least 2 persons in an eligible business totaling at least US\$ 5,000,000 and each of those persons individually invests at least US\$ 400,000.

The main applicant and their dependents must have a clear personal background, have not received a free pardon and have never been convicted in any country of an offense for which the maximum custodial penalty is more than six months ' imprisonment. Citizenship will also be denied to a person who is considered to be a potential national security risk, reputational risk or subject to a criminal investigation.

Process & Time Frame

The Investment or Funding Criteria should be determined first with reasonable options for your





budget offered by GIS. After that, we will take care of preparing, notarizing all the documents in English including the official forms, medical test and other required documents that will be submitted to Antigua & Barbuda's Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU).

The CIU shall carry out stringent due diligence checks and shall deny the request if the applicant makes a false claim or fails to provide any relevant information in the application. No mandatory interview is required, however, it is requested in some cases. It is estimated that the process will take from three to four months from the submission of the application for the issuance of a passport, provided that there are no areas of concern with the application.

Once you have been notified by letter from the CIU that your application was accepted, you can

make your investment in the government fund or complete the payment on your selected real estate property. The government will not transfer or use the funds you deposit in the citizenship account until naturalization certificates have been issued to you and your family.

Once the CIU receives proof of payment on your investment, they will issue your certificate of registration (or naturalization), which you can then use to apply for your Antigua & Barbuda passport.

Dual Citizenship

Antigua & Barbuda allows dual citizenship. You are not obliged to renounce your previous citizenship in order to become a resident of Antigua and Barbuda.

Taxation

Personal income tax	Antigua & Barbuda tax resident	Antigua & Barbuda non-resident
Condition	More than 183 days/ year in the country	Less than 183 days/ year in the country
Taxation Apply	0%	Antigua & Barbuda source income only
Dividends Tax	0%	25%
Inheritance Tax	0%	
Capital gains from the selling of shares	From 0.1% to 0.5%	

Real estate property Tax for personal resident: Property Tax is assessed on the market value of real property, and ranges from 0,1% to 0,5%, depending on the use of the property.

V.A.T. standard rate: 15%.

The reduced rate on hotel and holiday accommodation is 10.5% or 12.5%.

Corporate/Company tax: The tax rate for Domestic company is **25%**, International Business Company is Exempt (**0%**).

Program Benefits

- ✓ Antigua & Barbuda passport provides visa-free access to 149 countries, including in the EU & UK and Hong Kong.
- ✓ Low residency requirement amounting to 5 days within 5 years of citizenship.
- ✓ Peaceful, democratic and politically stable country.
- ✓ No personal direct tax, no wealth, gift, inheritance, foreign income, or capital gains tax for residents.




























Visa Free Travel

With the 28th rank of Passport Index, Antigua & Barbuda passport will let you freely travel the world without a time-consuming visa and monetary challenge. Enjoy your freedom, global mobility and access to 149 visa-free countries, including the Schengen area of the European Union, the United Kingdom and many more!

ASIA













































(* Visa on arrival ** eTA)

 Afghanistan	 Indonesia ✓	 Mongolia	 Sri Lanka ** ✓
 Bangladesh * ✓	 Japan	 Myanmar	 Taiwan
 Bhutan	 Kazakhstan	 Nepal * ✓	 Tajikistan
 Brunei	 Kyrgyzstan	 North Korea	 Thailand
 Cambodia * ✓	 Laos * ✓	 Pakistan	 Timor-Leste * ✓
 China	 Macau * ✓	 Philippines ✓	 Turkmenistan
 Hong Kong ✓	 Malaysia ✓	 Singapore ✓	 Uzbekistan
 India	 Maldives * ✓	 South Korea ✓	 Vietnam

* Refer to the International Air Transport Association (IATA)

EUROPE

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 Albania ✓	 Finland ✓	 Lithuania ✓	 San Marino ✓
 Andorra ✓	 France ✓	 Luxembourg ✓	 Serbia ✓
 Austria ✓	 Germany ✓	 Malta ✓	 Slovakia ✓
 Belarus ✓	 Gibraltar ✓	 Moldova ✓	 Slovenia ✓
 Belgium ✓	 Greece ✓	 Monaco ✓	 Spain ✓
 Bosnia and Herzegovina ✓	 Greenland ✓	 Montenegro ✓	 Sweden ✓
 Bulgaria ✓	 Hungary ✓	 Netherlands ✓	 Switzerland ✓
 Croatia ✓	 Iceland ✓	 North Macedonia ✓	 Ukraine ✓
 Cyprus ✓	 Ireland ✓	 Norway ✓	 United Kingdom ✓
 Czech Republic ✓	 Italy ✓	 Poland ✓	 Vatican City ✓
 Denmark ✓	 Kosovo ✓	 Portugal ✓	
 Estonia ✓	 Latvia ✓	 Romania ✓	
 Faroe Islands ✓	 Liechtenstein ✓	 Russian Federation ✓	






















AFRICA

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 Algeria	 Egypt *	 Malawi	 Sierra Leone *
 Angola	 Equatorial ...	 Mali	 Somalia *
 Benin	 Eritrea	 Mauritania *	 South Africa
 Botswana ✓	 Eswatini (S... ✓	 Mauritius ✓	 South Sudan
 Burkina Faso	 Ethiopia	 Mayotte ✓	 St. Helena *
 Burundi	 Gabon	 Morocco	 Sudan
 Cameroon	 Gambia ✓	 Mozambique * ✓	 Tanzania ✓
 Cape Verde... * ✓	 Ghana	 Namibia	 Togo *
 Central Afri...	 Guinea	 Niger	 Tunisia ✓
 Chad	 Guinea-Bis... * ✓	 Nigeria	 Uganda ✓
 Comores Is... * ✓	 Kenya *	 Reunion ✓	 Zambia ✓
 Congo (De...	 Lesotho ✓	 Rwanda *	 Zimbabwe ✓
 Congo (Rep.)	 Liberia	 Sao Tome ...	
 Cote d'Ivoir...	 Libya	 Senegal	
 Djibouti	 Madagascar * ✓	 Seychelles * ✓	

























OCEANIA

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 American S...	 Kiribati ✓	 Niue ✓	 Tonga
 Australia	 Marshall Isl...	 Northern M...	 Tuvalu * ✓
 Cook Islands ✓	 Micronesia ✓	 Palau Islan... * ✓	 Vanuatu ✓
 Fiji ✓	 Nauru	 Papua New...	
 French Poly... ✓	 New Caled... ✓	 Samoa * ✓	
 Guam	 New Zealand	 Solomon Is... * ✓	


























CARIBBEAN

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 Anguilla ✓	 Cayman Isl... ✓	 Grenada ✓	 St. Lucia ✓
 Aruba ✓	 Cuba ✓	 Haiti ✓	 St. Maarten ✓
 Bahamas ✓	 Curacao ✓	 Jamaica ✓	 St. Vincent ... ✓
 Barbados ✓	 Dominica ✓	 Montserrat ✓	 Trinidad an... ✓
 Bonaire; St.... ✓	 Dominican ... ✓	 Puerto Rico	 Turks and ... ✓
 British Virgi... ✓	 French Wes... ✓	 St. Kitts an... ✓	 US Virgin Is...



















AMERICAS

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 Argentina	 Colombia ✓	 Guyana ✓	 Suriname ✓
 Belize ✓	 Costa Rica ✓	 Honduras ✓	 United Stat...
 Bermuda ✓	 Ecuador ✓	 Mexico	 Uruguay
 Bolivia *	 El Salvador ✓	 Nicaragua ✓	 Venezuela ✓
 Brazil ✓	 Falkland Isl...	 Panama ✓	
 Canada	 French Gui... ✓	 Paraguay	
 Chile ✓	 Guatemala ✓	 Peru ✓	

MIDDLE EAST

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 Armenia *	 Iraq	 Oman	 Turkey
 Azerbaijan	 Israel	 Palestinian ...	 United Arab...
 Bahrain	 Jordan * ✓	 Qatar ✓	 Yemen
 Georgia ✓	 Kuwait	 Saudi Arabia	
 Iran * ✓	 Lebanon * ✓	 Syria	

Antigua & Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Process Timeline

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5	PHASE 6
5 days	Approximately 1 month	1 week	2 weeks	2-3 months	1 month
Preparation time		Citizenship Application Processing Time (approximately 3 - 4 months)			
<p>Pass initial due diligence checks and engage GIS to proceed with application.</p> <p>First deposit payment.</p> <p>Receive Citizenship Application Package.</p>	<p>Collect required documents, and complete all government forms.</p> <p>And (if applicable),</p> <p>Select qualifying real estate, and/or preparing a business plan.</p>	<p>Upon completion of application documents, GIS will do a thorough review before submission.</p> <p>During this phase, GIS will request for the application fee to be paid in full, government submission fees and any other fees that may apply.</p>	<p>Funds received will be remitted to the escrow account and our local agent will liaise with the local Government throughout the rest of the application.</p> <p>Under the Real Estate Option, GIS will include the signed Sales & Purchase agreement of selected property into the application.</p>	<p>Local Government Unit will conduct due diligence checks on all applicants and revert with the outcome of the application.</p> <p>The outcome can be one of these three following;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approved 2) Deny 3) Delay of Cause 	<p>In the case of an Approval, GIS will request the remaining fees of your application, (in which):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Making the necessary contributions to the National Development Fund (NDF), or 2) Pay the remaining balance of the purchased Real Estate <p>Following that, the Client will:</p> <p>Receive Citizenship documents: Certificate of Naturalization, Permanent Resident Card (if applicable) and a passport.</p>
Payment 1		Payment 2			Payment 3
<p>US\$ 15,000 of GIS Application Fee (50%) - Deposit Payment</p> <p>US\$ 10,000 deposit of Investment Fee*</p>		<p>GIS Application fee: US \$25,000</p> <p>Processing fee: US \$25,000 (for NDF option) or US \$50,000 (for Real Estate or Business Investment)</p> <p>Due diligence fee: US \$7,500</p>			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. US\$ 100,000+ NDF contribution 2. Approved project (real estate) purchase price US\$ 400,000+ Government Contribution 3. Investment in an approved business of at least US\$ 1,500,000 or a joint purchase where each person contributes at least US\$ 400,000, totaling a minimum of US\$ 5,000,000 <p>*(minus the deposit fee at payment 1)</p>

* These fees are subject to change. All fees quoted are in US dollars.

* This document should be used as a guide only. The payments above are valid for one applicant.

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