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APPLY FOR NOMAD RESIDENCE IN ANTIGUA & BARBUDA



**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA:
NOMAD RESIDENCE VISA
ENJOY LIVING SAFELY ON OUR
PARADISE ISLANDS FOR
TWO YEARS**

Antigua and Barbuda is offering a long-stay visa programme, entitled: "Nomad Digital Residence" (NDR). The programme is designed for persons whose work can be done remotely and are desirous of doing so from a safe Caribbean island with all modern amenities, including reliable and fast telecommunications to the world.

Eligible persons will be granted a special resident authorization that will be valid for up to two years in the first instance.

All the details of the programme, including how to apply are available on the Government of Antigua and Barbuda's designated website:

WWW.ANTIGUANOMADRESIDENCE.COM



Message from the Prime Minister

The Honourable Gaston Browne

If you are reading this message, you are considering Antigua and Barbuda's Nomad Digital Residence Programme.

Let me thank you for considering Antigua and Barbuda, and briefly explain why our country would be a good choice.

First, we have successfully managed the COVID-19 pandemic with an exceptionally low number of fatalities, a low rate of infected persons and a high rate of recoveries. More importantly, we have learned how to detect infected persons quickly, how to treat them rapidly, and how to contain community spread.

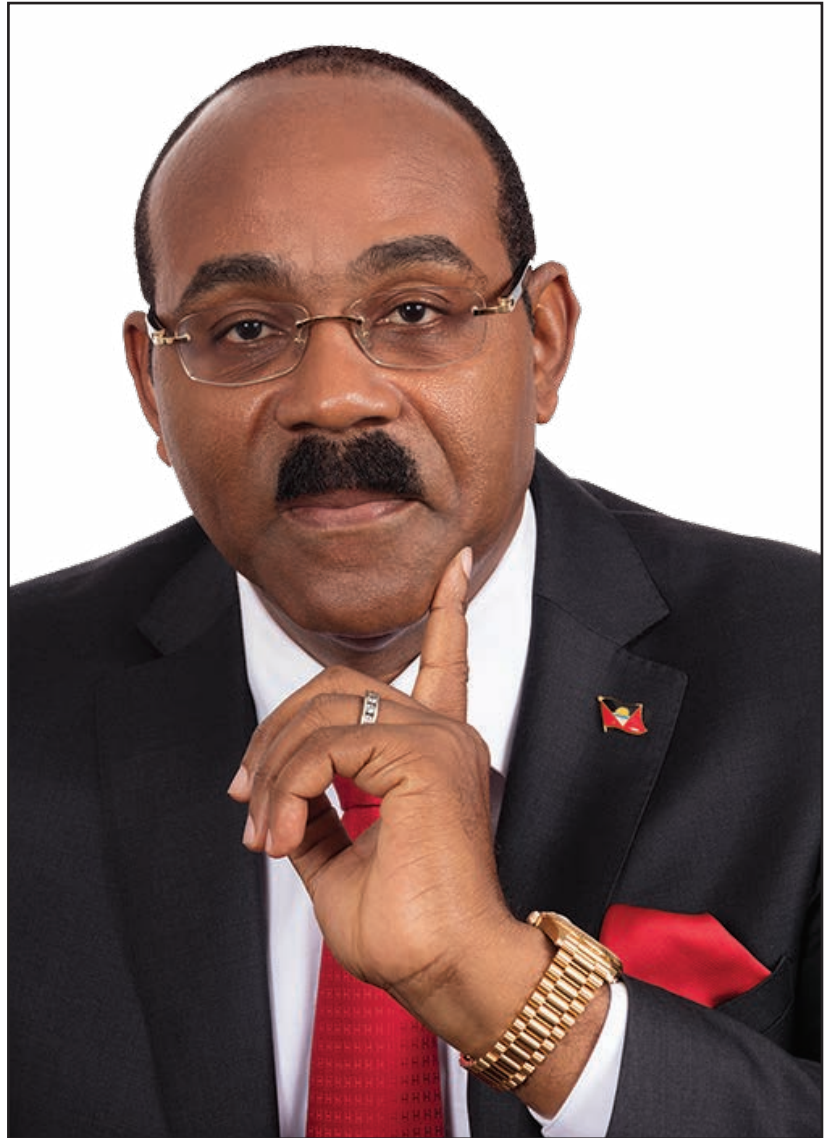
Second, we have invested in modern medical facilities, including a well-equipped Infectious Diseases Clinic, manned by trained, qualified and experienced personnel. Our Mt St John Medical Centre provides tertiary health care services including transplants, and we have medical poly clinics across the country capable of treating emergencies.

Third, our telecommunications system is of international standard with excellent land line and cellular coverage across the country, and high-speed internet connections allowing computers, smartphones, and other devices to connect to the Internet wirelessly. This means that you can work in any part of the world from Antigua as if you were in your office or home.

Fourth, we have many levels of accommodation. Their common feature is that they are comfortable and welcoming, and nothing is far away. Supermarkets, restaurants, 365 beaches (no exaggeration), historic sites, fine dining restaurants, magnificent landscapes, gyms, water sports, fishing, deep sea diving – all will be nearby wherever on Antigua you choose as your residence.

As a multicultural society, our people have been welcoming visitors to our country for almost a hundred years. We know how to look after guests and make them feel at home. That's why we are rated as one of the top tourism destinations in the world, as research would confirm.

So, we invite you to come to paradise. We are confident you will agree that you made the right choice.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Antigua and Barbuda has successfully and impressively managed the COVID-19 pandemic, limiting infection and spread to comparatively very small numbers. This makes the country one of the safest in the world.

Persons, seeking to be a “Nomad Digital Resident”, will be expected to comply with the protocols in place, regarding the Coronavirus. These include physical distancing and wearing a mask in common spaces and public places; regular hand washing and hand sanitizing on entering public places.

The long-stay program will allow persons and their dependents to reside on the island of Antigua, enjoying the ease of working from a “COVID-controlled”, luxury destination, and also be able to enjoy all the wonderful amenities that the island has to offer.

Successful applicants and their dependents will be issued NDR visas, permitting them to reside in Antigua and Barbuda for up to two years and to travel in and out of the county during that period.

ABOUT ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

A beach for every day of the year

Antigua and Barbuda is an award-winning tourism destination, rated among the best in the world. Antigua alone has over 365 beaches and a visitor can spend a year, visiting a different one every day. The beaches are sandy white, and the coastal waters are crystal clear. Water sports operators offer a variety of activities, including fishing, deep sea fishing snorkelling, diving, yacht cruises.

There are a variety of restaurants ranging from fine dining to fast food. The cuisine includes French, Italian, Indian, Chinese, Lebanese, Syrian, British and American fare. A list of restaurants is provided on the website: <https://antiguanomadresidence.com/>

AN INDEPENDENT NATION WITH WORLD-WIDE LINKS

The island of Antigua (the larger of the islands of the state of Antigua and Barbuda) was colonised by the British in 1632 and, apart from a six-month period of French occupation, it remained British until its independence in 1981.

On independence, Antigua and Barbuda decided to join the Commonwealth of Nations (an organisation of Britain and its former colonies) and chose to retain Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as its Head of State. English is the spoken and written language of the country, which is politically stable adhering to democracy and the rule of law. The rights of its citizens and its visitors are protected by the Constitution.

Internationally, Antigua and Barbuda is a member of the Organization of American States (OAS) and has close links to its hemispheric neighbours, particularly Canada and the United States. It is also close to its Caribbean neighbours and participates actively in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM). The latter regional





organisations are dedicated to the economic integration of the region and to upholding strong democratic principles and values.

The second largest Island, Barbuda, is world renowned for its beaches of soft pink sand and crystal clear sea. It was the preferred holiday destination of Britain's Princess Diana who twice took her sons William and Harry for seclusion from the paparazzi. On Barbuda, there is a Martello Tower that dates to the early 1800s. It's said to be the oldest such tower in the Caribbean, built by the British as a major fortification.

MODERN MEDICAL FACILITIES

The medical facilities in Antigua and Barbuda are modern and exist in several parts of the country. The main Mount St John Medical Centre has the capacity for treating cardiac, renal and hypertension cases. There is also a newly established and well-equipped Infectious Diseases Clinic, and several poly clinics across the country with the capacity to handle emergencies. Additionally, there are privately-operated medical facilities. All the facilities – public and private – are manned by qualified doctors and nurses.

Travelling around Antigua is easy. Several companies are on hand to lease or rent motor vehicles for short or long periods. A list of rental companies is also available on the website: <https://antiguanomadresidence.com/>

AMAZING LANDSCAPES, BREATH-TAKING SEASCAPES AND HISTORICAL SITES

The landscapes are as breath-taking as the seascapes, and there are several historic sites that every visitor should see. These include Nelson's Dockyard and the surrounding area which is a UNESCO Heritage Site. The dockyard, which is named after the British Admiral, Horatio Nelson, dates to the mid-18th Century and is redolent with British naval history.

Cricket is the popular sport and Antigua has produced some of the world's most famous cricketers including Vivian Richards, Andy Roberts, Curtly Ambrose, and Richie Richardson.

ABOUT THE NOMAD RESIDENCE VISA

Once issued the Nomad Digital Residence (NDR) Visa gives the successful applicant and dependents (if any), the right to reside in Antigua and Barbuda for up to two years.

Visa holders will be able to travel into and out of the country as they wish for the period of the visa, but will have to maintain accommodation in the country unless they advise the Chief Immigration Officer that they are ending their stay in Antigua and no longer require the NDR visa.

The NDR visa does not allow the holder or dependents to work for any company or organisation doing business in Antigua and Barbuda. It is intended for non-nationals who are employed or self-employed in a country other than Antigua and Barbuda and who are resident and employed by a company registered and operating outside of Antigua and Barbuda.

NO INCOME TAX IN ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Successful applicants and their dependents (if any) will be expected to pay Income Taxes in the countries in which they are normally resident. No personal income tax is payable to Antigua and Barbuda. However, applicants are not allowed to work for any entity of any kind in Antigua and Barbuda, nor to derive any income from any entity in Antigua and Barbuda.

GETTING TO ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of borders of some countries, there were direct flights to Antigua from main cities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and many parts of the Caribbean (daily) and from Germany and Italy (a few times per week).

These flights are resuming steadily, and visitors should check with airlines or their travel agents about the best available routes.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are to be made to the Chief Immigration Officer, submitting the following documents:

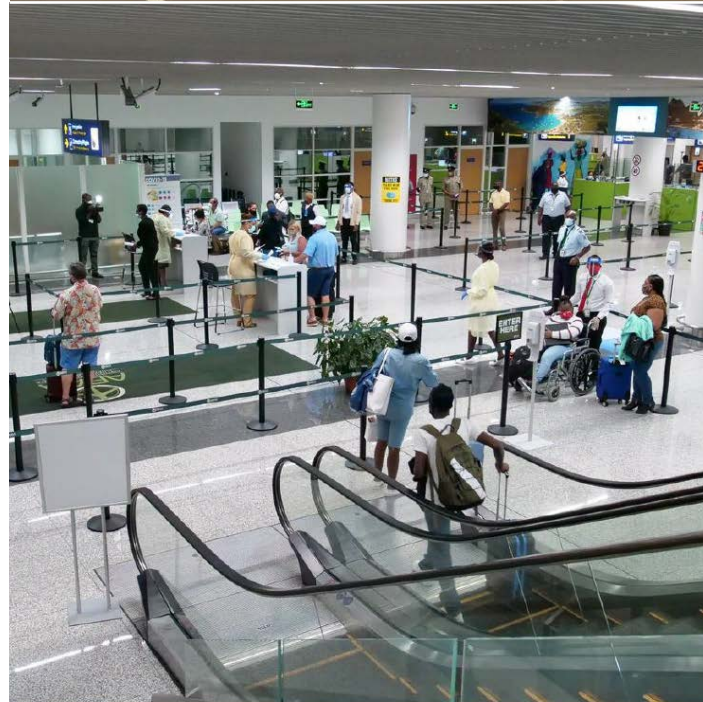
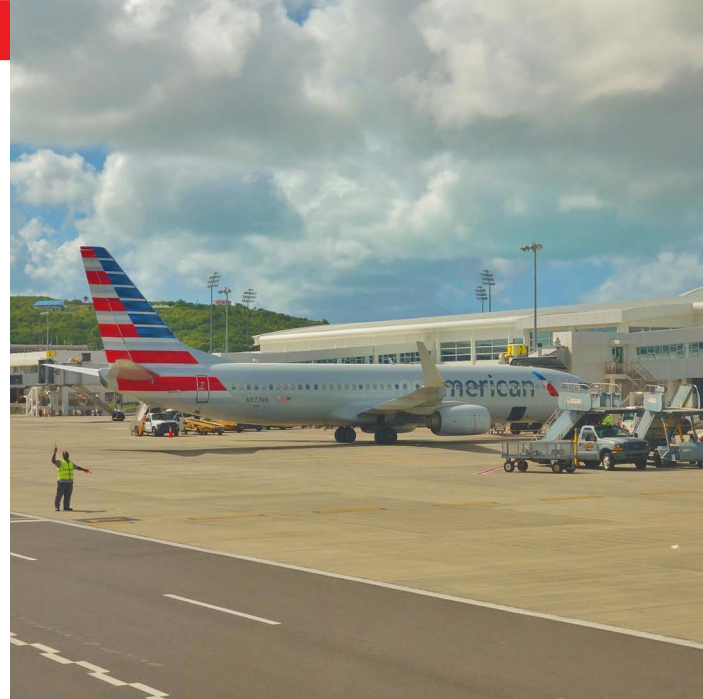
- Evidence that the non-refundable fee was paid in respect of each applicant
- A passport photo of each applicant: 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm) head must be between 1 -1 3/8 inches (25 - 35 mm) from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head.
- A copy of the biographical data of passport
- A certificate indicating medical insurance coverage for the period of their intended stay in Antigua
- Police clearance for each applicant over the age of 16.
- Proof of relationship to dependents for whom application is made by main applicant
- Evidence of employment, including self-employment
- A declaration by the main applicant, certifying: (a) expected income of no less than US\$50,000 (Fifty thousand US dollars) or its equivalent in other currencies, for each year of the 2 years in Antigua, and (b) that he/she has the means to support himself/herself and accompanying dependants during their stay in Antigua and Barbuda.

The application form is available on the website:
<https://antiguanomadresidence.com/>

Non-refundable fees are to be paid when the application is made, and proof of payment must accompany the application.

The application is to be submitted by e-mail to:
ndrprogrammeanu@ab.gov.ag

Please note applications are assessed before approval, and applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria set out in this section.





APPLICABLE FEES AND HOW TO PAY

A non-refundable NDR via fee is payable with the application.

The fees are: Applicant: US\$1,500; applicant and spouse: US\$2,000; Applicant spouse and dependents: US\$3,000. The applicant will be informed by email of successful application.

Fees are to be paid by credit card, and how to do so is shown on the application form.

A receipt will be issued for the applicant and declared dependents. The receipt should be included with the application.

ACCOMMODATION

Applicants and their dependents, if any, are free to rent accommodation that is suitable to their needs, provided that upon arrival such accommodation has already been reserved and the address provided. If applicants change their address, at any time, they will be required to advise the Chief Immigration Officer of the new address.

A list of some accommodation and how to contact places is on the website:

<https://antiguanomadresidence.com/>

RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE COMPANIES AND RESTAURANTS

A list of motor vehicle rental and leasing operators are shown on the website as is a list of the many restaurants offering wide and varied cuisine. The restaurants range from fine dining to fast food, and the fare includes: Italian, French, British and American, Indian, Lebanese, Syrian and Chinese. And, of course, local food of fresh lobster, ducana and salt fish, fried plantain and seasoned rice.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. *Can the NDR Visa be revoked?*

Only if the holder of the visa (a) commits a crime (b) violates the terms of the Visa, or (c) is found to conduct themselves in a manner inimical to the country's interests.

Q. *From when is the NDR visa valid and for what period?*

The NDR visa is valid from the date of arrival in Antigua and Barbuda and for two years thereafter.

Q. *Must a person who has been approved for the visa be in possession of a return ticket on arrival in Antigua?*

No. The requirements are the passport under which the application was made and approved, evidence that the fee was paid, and the approval documents from the Government sent by email.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. *Does the Welcome Stamp allow employment with an Antigua and Barbuda employer?*

The Visa only allows the holder to work remotely for companies and individuals outside of Antigua and Barbuda.

Q. *Can children of the NDR visa holder attend schools for the 2- year period in Antigua and Barbuda.*

Yes. But only private schools (from Nursery to secondary) or the Five Islands campus of the University of the West Indies where the normal fees paid by local persons would apply.

Q. *Will the Visa holder and dependents have access to the medical facilities on Antigua and Barbuda?*

Yes. But, they will have to pay the normal rates applied to anyone who is not a national and is not covered by the Government-contributory health insurance scheme. Therefore, securing medical insurance, against which claims can be made, is required or payments will have to be made by credit card.

Q. *Will the visa holders be allowed to practice their religion?*

Antigua and Barbuda has no religious discrimination. It is predominantly a Christian society, with many Christian denominations and churches. However, persons, who follow other religions, such as Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism, live in Antigua and Barbuda and practice their religion.



Antigua and Barbuda awaits you to reside with us for two years in our safe and secure environment with the added bonus of... NO WINTER!





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