



The Ultimate Guide to Citizenship by Investment in Antigua & Barbuda

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1. Why do people apply for citizenship in Antigua & Barbuda?

Applicants come from all over the world and most of them are interested in acquiring a better travel passport that will allow them to forego the hassle of applying for visas when they travel for business or pleasure.

That said, there are other reasons too:

- Tax - Future tax structuring opportunities

- Personal security – should you or your children in the future need to relocate for security reasons

- Lifestyle – being a citizen of Antigua & Barbuda is a major lifestyle boost. There is a reason wealthy North Americans and Europeans have some of the most beautiful second homes in the world here

- Opportunity – spending time in the elite tropical locations offers all sorts of opportunities to grow your network and uncover new ways to grow your wealth

- Safety Net - a hedge against closed borders in case of war or worldwide health pandemic and only those who are citizens of other countries will be allowed to travel

2. How stable is the economy and the value of the passport?

Stability and value are underpinned in great part by the strength of the country's economy. Antigua has an educated workforce and sophisticated financial systems, and is easily accessible from the Americas and Europe. The region has big potential to further develop its services, logistics, agriculture, the "blue economy," and creative and digital sectors.

The value of the passport depends somewhat on your reasons for obtaining it, but in general the key foundations are:

- strict diligence and application requirements

- progressive and stable government

- economy growing at fast pace when you look at long-term trends

- desirability of the destination is exploding

- Foreign Direct Investment showing consistent growth

A growing number of international visitors have helped make Antigua a first-world paradise as well as a crossroads of interesting, high performance people, all of which bodes well for the continued economic growth.

3. How does citizenship by investment work?

Most countries have provisions that allow their Government to grant citizenship in return for major contributions to society, culture, the economy, and other interests of the State.

Citizenship-by-Investment programs offer you the opportunity to legally acquire a new nationality and an alternative or second passport quickly and simply, without major disruption to your life. A donation or investment in the country is required once the application is approved.

4. Why should I choose Antigua & Barbuda over another Caribbean citizenship?

Antigua offers the best value pricewise of the Caribbean options for a family application. But moreover, it is an opportunity to create momentum in your life and business. is the absolute best hub of interesting international people in the Caribbean. Antigua is a very exclusive destination and those in the know and who spend time on the island find themselves in a well-connected elite 'club.'

5. What are the key points I need to know?

The key to fast processing is to prepare a fully comprehensive application and this is what our team does for you. We perform an extremely detailed analysis of your application prior to submission to ensure it is 100% complete for the government.

Applications are only possible via a Licensed Agent like Citizens International.

Any untruthful answers in your application are basis for rejection

A past conviction of a crime that bears more than a six-month jail term in Antigua is basis for rejection

You will not be liable for tax in Antigua unless you decide to become tax resident

The application process can take 3 to 6 months. There is no more serious relationship with a country than becoming a citizen and accordingly the government does not take any decision lightly in this regard.

The better connected your local agent is on the ground, the more you will get out of the citizenship in Antigua. Look for a high performance and pro-active team who offer an international-class service i.e. us!

6. What are the investment routes on which to base an application in Antigua & Barbuda?

There are three investment routes. The least expensive upfront is to make a donation to the government fund for US\$100,000 (US\$125,000 for a family of 5 or more). The two alternative routes are real estate (min. US\$200,000) and business (min. US\$400,000) make a lot more sense financially as long as you invest correctly. We have

been investing in Antigua for over ten years and we truly know the ins and outs, the people, the solid opportunities and the pitfalls.

If you are going to invest in a property, we recommend:

Investing at the high end of the market (a share of a luxury villa is better than a mediocre studio with dubious rental or resale potential)

Proven quality (newly constructed is best)

Desirable location (waterfront or near the beach is best, or inside an operating resort)

Operated by an experienced team

Already earning rental income

Does the developer have proven experience and success in the Caribbean and elsewhere?

Will the property sell easily in the future to the lifestyle market i.e. wealthy Europeans and North Americans who are not looking for a passport

If you are going to invest in a business, we recommend:

Asset-backed, first security on assets

Real-estate development opportunities make the most sense since high end tourism is the most robust industry in Antigua

Experienced team

Proven business plan



7. Which is the most popular citizenship investment route and which is the most cost effective?

The most popular route is the fund donation because it costs less upfront HOWEVER the cost is approximately US\$150,000 (when you take into account the government and other fees involved) and to essentially give that away is not ideal.

The better route and the most cost-effective route is to make a real estate or business investment. There is A LOT of opportunity in Antigua especially in asset-backed high-end property development. If you make the right investment you could easily end up in a net positive situation versus losing US\$150,000. International investors have been investing in Antigua for years, and well before the passport was an additional attraction.

8. Give me some examples of economic citizens of Antigua

Single businessman in his 40s with a Lebanese passport

Living in Dubai with his British wife. He travels for work a minimum of ten days per month and the coordination of his visas is almost a full-time job for his assistance. Obtaining an Antigua passport allows him to travel to the UK and Australia where he travels frequently, without having to apply for visas.

Family of Four from the U.S

This family no longer felt comfortable with only one passport. As private family office clients they wanted a leg in an offshore jurisdiction for personal security, investment and future tax structuring opportunities

Family of Four from Romania

This family obtained citizenship because the main applicant grew up under Communist rule and he has two daughters in their early 20s who he wants to ensure have the option to move should anything similar happen again in their lifetime.

Family of Three from China

This family was quite well-travelled and well-to-do having an office in Canada and spending time between Canada and China. However the road to citizenship in Canada is very long and they were keen for a not only a better travel passport but to have a back up country for relocation if desired in the future

Russian family of Four

This family had two adopted little girls and were keen for the whole family to not only have a better travel document but they also fell in love with Antigua and decided to spend some time on the island in the winter months as a retreat from their busy lives in Moscow.

Family of Four from South Africa

With increasing unrest in their home country and plummeting currency, this family spent a significant part of their savings on citizenship in and invested in a luxury villa they can operate as a rental business and park some of their money in USD.

9. How long does the process take?

Some Licensed Agents will promise your passport in a few months but the process realistically takes 4 to 6 months in most cases. It can be quicker and the fastest approval we had was for a European applicant who received his approval 5 weeks after submitting his application.

10. Can Citizens International guarantee I will be approved?

We cannot guarantee approval however we take steps to ensure we only present applications that we are very confident will be approved. We run our own diligence on all clients through Thompson Reuters. We triple-check your application and paperwork and will spend a good amount of time ensuring everything therein is exactly correct and shows the government everything they need to know. We question you on all the areas

that can be problematic such as court cases, politically exposed contacts and the primary area of concern, your source of wealth.

11. How long is the passport valid for?

The passport is valid for five years. Thereafter, each passport is valid for ten years. At the point of the first renewal, we will send you a reminder and all the appropriate paperwork. You must visit Antigua for a one-time five-day visit at some time in the first five years in order to renew your passport.

12. How much will it cost?

The fund donation route is approximately US\$150,000 and up including all fees

The real estate investment route is approximately US\$300,000 and up including all fees

The business investment is approximately US\$500,000 and up including all fees

13. What information will I need to provide?

Supporting documents identification, police reports, health certificates, income proof, marriage certificates and so on. Ask us for the complete checklist.

14. Can I make an application directly myself?

Applications can only be made via a Licensed Agent such as Citizens International

15. Who can I include in my application?

You can include children up to the age of 28 years (if over 18 years they must be in higher full time education for at least six months from the time of the application submission), your spouse, and parents over the age of 58 years

16. Will I have to visit Antigua before being approved for citizenship?

No visit is required during the application. You are required to visit some time in the first five years of citizenship for a one-time 5-day visit when you will take an oath of allegiance.

17. When is the best time to visit Antigua?

The best time is between November and May when there temperatures are 26 – 30 degrees every day and there is a lovely cooling breeze and low humidity. The summer temperatures average 30 – 34 with high humidity but the summer months are also beautiful in Antigua.

18. What are the downsides to citizenship in Antigua?

We honestly cannot think of any downside to citizenship in Antigua for you and your family. The opportunity will open doors, new relationships and change your life in only positive ways.

19. How many people have become citizens of Antigua via citizenship-by-investment?

20. Are any nationalities restricted from applying?

Antigua restricts 7 countries from applying altogether (Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, North Korea, Somalia and Sudan).

21. Is there a way to fast-track my application?

There is no fast track option. The only way to ensure your application experiences no delays in processing is to submit a truly comprehensive application, something that our team knows exactly how to do for you.

22. What are the payment terms?

Approximately 25% of the cost is payable upon application and the balance is only due upon approval-in-principle being granted.

23. What if I am rejected?

We carry out third party diligence check on all our clients and will only present applications to the government that we believe will be approved. Although we cannot guarantee an approval since the government will make their own decision, we have an extremely high success rate.

24. What are the reasons people are rejected?

Having past visa rejections to other countries to which Antigua enjoys visa-free travel

Not being truthful in their application

Illegitimate source of wealth

Ongoing criminal investigations

Considered a security risk to Antigua & Barbuda

Involved in any activities that could bring disrepute to Antigua & Barbuda

Prior convictions that will result in more than a 6-month prison sentence in Antigua & Barbuda

Politically Exposed Person

25. How do I get started?

Speak to one of our team!

Let us know how many people you'd like to include in your application

We send you a formal quote and discuss which investment option is best

We send you the forms and everything you need to get started

Write us for more : info@aura.co.th or visit us www.aura.co.th

