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# CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (CIP)

THE CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA IS A GOVERNMENT-REGULATED FRAMEWORK ESTABLISHED IN 2013 THAT ENABLES QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO OBTAIN CITIZENSHIP THROUGH AN APPROVED ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS, SUBJECT TO COMPREHENSIVE DUE DILIGENCE, ARE GRANTED FULL CITIZENSHIP AND AN ANTIGUAN AND BARBUDAN PASSPORT UNDER NATIONAL LAW.

## LEGISLATIVE BASIS

The Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP) was established by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda in 2013 under statutory authority. It provides a regulated framework through which qualified applicants may obtain citizenship following an approved investment and the successful completion of government due diligence.

Citizenship granted under the programme confers full legal status and the issuance of an Antiguan and Barbudan passport.

Nikki Beach Resort & Spa Antigua is an approved real estate project under the Citizenship by Investment Programme.

## QUALIFYING INVESTMENT - REAL ESTATE ROUTE

Applicants may qualify through a minimum investment of USD \$200,000 in a government-approved real estate development. The property must be held for a minimum period of five years in accordance with programme regulations.

Alternative routes, including contributions to the National Development Fund or approved business investments, exist under the broader framework of the programme. This summary relates specifically to the real estate option.

## ELIGIBILITY AND DUE DILIGENCE

The principal applicant must be at least 18 years of age. All applicants are subject to rigorous due diligence, including background checks, medical examinations and verification of source of funds. A clean criminal record is required.

Eligible dependents may include:

- A spouse
- Dependent children under 18
- Children aged 18-28 who are full-time students and financially dependent
- Adult children with physical or mental disabilities who are fully supported by the principal applicant
- Parents or grandparents of the principal applicant or spouse aged 58 or above who are financially dependent

Eligibility remains subject to prevailing regulations at the time of application.

## PROCESSING AND RESIDENCY

Applications must be submitted through an authorised agent to the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU). Government processing timelines are typically approximately six months, subject to due diligence outcomes and administrative review.

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Applicants over the age of 18 are required to spend a minimum of five days in Antigua and Barbuda during the first five years following the grant of citizenship. There is no requirement for continuous residence.

Dual citizenship is permitted under Antiguan law; applicants should confirm the position under the laws of their existing nationality.

## LEGAL AND FISCAL ENVIRONMENT

Antigua and Barbuda operates within a stable parliamentary democracy and is a member of the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Nations. The legal system is founded on English common law principles.

The Eastern Caribbean dollar is pegged to the U.S. dollar at a fixed rate. U.S. currency is widely accepted. There are no personal income, capital gains, estate or inheritance taxes in Antigua and Barbuda. Tax treatment will depend on an individual's broader residency and reporting status, and independent advice is essential.

There are no general restrictions on the repatriation of capital or profits.

Antiguan citizenship provides visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to more than 150 jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom and the Schengen Area, subject to the immigration policies of those countries.

## PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

Prospective applicants should seek independent legal, tax and professional advice prior to proceeding. Consideration should also be given to whether acquisition under a Non-Citizens Landholding Licence may be appropriate as an alternative to citizenship.

All applications remain subject to government approval and to the legislation and regulations in force at the time of submission.

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