

Antigua and Barbuda

Antigua and Barbuda is a twin-island nation lying between the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. It is an independent Commonwealth state in the Eastern Caribbean.

Official Language is English. It is a Parliamentary Democracy under unitary constitutional monarchy. The Queen of England has her representative, an appointed Governor General, representing the Queen as the Head of State.

Antigua and Barbuda launched its new Citizenship-by-Investment Program in November 2012.

The applicants, above the age of 18, can select from one of the following three options to qualify for this Citizenship Program.

1- an investment of at least US\$ 400,000 in an approved real-estate project. This investment can not be disposed off within a five year period or before the proposed development has been substantially completed.

2- a contribution to the National Development Fund (NDF) of a minimum non-refundable amount of US\$ 250,000 (for a single applicant)

3- 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 totalling at least US\$5,000,000 and each of those persons individually invests at least US\$400,000.

Under each of these options, there are government processing fees of US\$50,000 for the main applicant plus additional government processing fees of US\$50,000 for the spouse, any dependent child of 18 to 25 years of age and any dependant parent over the age of 65 years, as well as US\$25,000 for each dependent child under 18 years of age.

There are also due diligence fees of US\$7,500 for the main applicant and US\$7,500 for the spouse, US\$2,000 for any dependent child of 12 to 17 years and US\$4,000 for any dependent child of 18 to 25 years of age as well as any dependent parent over the age of 65 years.

Government processing fees and due diligence fees apply to all three options.

The program allows for a dependant between the ages of 18 to 25 years to be included in the application of the main applicant if the dependant is a full time student at a recognized higher learning institution and is financially dependent on the main applicant. The program also allows for parents and grandparents over the age of 65 of the main applicant or his or her spouse to be included in the application as dependants, if the parent/s and grandparent/s are living with and are fully supported by the main applicant.