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PROGRAMME BROCHURE



CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT | ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

National Development Fund (NDF) – Donation Route

A one-time USD 230,000 contribution to Antigua & Barbuda's National Development Fund — the same amount whatever the family size.

INVESTMENT FROM

USD 230,000

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At a glance

COUNTRY **Antigua & Barbuda**	ROUTE **Citizenship by Investment - Donation**
MINIMUM INVESTMENT **USD 230,000**	FAMILY MEMBERS **Spouse, children up to age 30, parents aged 55+, siblings**
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Overview

Antigua & Barbuda's **National Development Fund** requires a non-refundable contribution of **USD 230,000**, flat, regardless of how many family members are included. For larger families that flat structure is the most competitive in the region.

Government fees

From the Citizenship by Investment Unit's schedule of fees:

- Government processing fee: **USD 10,000** for a single applicant, **USD 20,000** for a family of up to four, plus **USD 10,000** from the fifth dependant.
- Due diligence: **USD 8,500** principal applicant, **USD 5,000** spouse, **USD 2,000** each dependant aged 12 to 17, **USD 4,000** each dependant aged 18 to 30.
- Passport: **USD 300** per person.

The Citizenship by Investment Unit does not publish a processing standard; timelines vary by case.

Travel access today

Here is where **Antigua & Barbuda** stands today:

United Kingdom: visa-free, but you need an ETA. Since 8 January 2025 an electronic travel authorisation is required before travel. “Visa-free” without that qualifier is no longer accurate.

United States: entry is partially suspended. Presidential Proclamation 10998, signed 16 December 2025 and effective **1 January 2026**, suspends immigrant entry and the B-1, B-2, B-1/B-2, F, M and J visa categories for nationals of this country, and shortens validity for other categories. Existing valid visas continue to be honoured. If US travel or study is your reason for buying a passport, this route does not deliver it right now.

Canada: a visitor visa is required. None of the five Caribbean citizenship-by-investment countries has visa-free access to Canada.

On Schengen and the EU: access is currently in place, but the EU's revised visa suspension mechanism, adopted on

31 December 2025, makes operating a citizenship-by-investment scheme a self-standing ground for suspending visa-free travel. The European Commission wrote to Antigua & Barbuda in June 2026 seeking a phase-out, and an EU report is due in December 2026. Schengen access should not be treated as permanent.

What this does to an Indian passport

India does not allow dual citizenship. Section 9(1) of the Citizenship Act 1955 provides that a citizen of India who voluntarily acquires the citizenship of another country **ceases to be a citizen of India**. Acquiring any Caribbean citizenship is voluntary, so your Indian citizenship ends **automatically on the day it is granted** — no Indian decision, no discretion, no deferral. The Indian passport must be surrendered and a Surrender Certificate obtained.

You can then apply for **Overseas Citizen of India** status. The Ministry of External Affairs states plainly that OCI is not dual citizenship: no vote, no constitutional posts, no equality in public employment, and **no acquisition of agricultural land, farmhouses or plantation property in India**.

This is a **replacement** for your Indian citizenship, not an addition. Plan around that.

Key benefits

- A flat USD 230,000 contribution, whatever the family size.
- Visa-free to the United Kingdom with an ETA; Schengen visa-free access currently in place, subject to the EU's revised visa suspension mechanism.
- Exemptions from paying taxes on foreign income, gifts, inheritance, wealth, and capital gains.
- Antigua & Barbuda is part of the 15-member Caribbean Community (CARICOM).
- Antigua & Barbuda permits dual citizenship; India does not, so Indian citizens lose Indian citizenship on acquiring it.
- Family inclusions per the Citizenship by Investment Unit: spouse, children up to 30 if financially dependent, parents aged 55 and over, and unmarried siblings.

Requirements

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Pass due diligence screenings and have a clean criminal record.
- Be in good health, confirmed by a medical examination.
- Make the USD 230,000 National Development Fund contribution.
- Spend at least five days in Antigua & Barbuda during the first five calendar years after citizenship.
- Take an oath or affirmation of allegiance.

When this route may not fit

- Adverse background findings or unclear source of funds.
- Direct application without authorised agents.
- Sanctions or watchlist conflicts.

How the process works

1. **Initial Consultation**
   To fully understand the procedure and options, start with a thorough consultation with XIPHIAS.
2. **Select Investment Route**
   We help you choose between the fund, real estate and business routes and prepare all necessary paperwork, including medical records and notarised agreements.
3. **Application Submission**
   XIPHIAS handles all correspondence and submits your application on your behalf.
4. **Due Diligence Process**
   The Citizenship by Investment Unit carries out background checks on every applicant.
5. **Citizenship & Passport Issuance**
   After approval in principle you make the contribution; you can then apply for your passport once the payment has been confirmed.

Document checklist

Identity & Civil

- Passport copies (validity >= 12 months)
- Birth and marriage certificates (apostilled)
- National ID(s) and proof of address (utility/bank statement)

Financial & Source of Funds (SOF)

- Bank statements (6–12 months)
- Source-of-funds documentation (salary, dividends, or sale proceeds)
- Banker’s reference letter

Compliance

- Police clearance certificates (all countries resided in for over 1 year since age 16)
- Medical form and basic lab tests
- CVs for adult applicants

Important notes

- US Presidential Proclamation 10998, effective 1 January 2026, partially suspends entry for nationals of Antigua & Barbuda — immigrant visas plus the B-1, B-2, F, M and J categories. Existing valid visas continue to be honoured. If US travel or study is your objective, this programme does not currently deliver it.
- Antigua & Barbuda is the only one of the five with a hard residency requirement: five days in the first five years. Failing it can ground deprivation of citizenship under section 4(1) of the Act.
- An oath or affirmation of allegiance is required.

- The European Commission wrote to Antigua in June 2026 seeking a phase-out of the programme by 1 June 2028. Antigua has said the programme will continue, but an EU report is due in December 2026 and Schengen access is not guaranteed indefinitely.
- Antigua's website, application form and Act define eligible dependants differently. XIPHIAS confirms the applicable definition with the Citizenship by Investment Unit for each file.
- Indian citizenship ends automatically on acquiring Antiguan citizenship.

Compliance

- National Development Fund: USD 230,000, flat, regardless of family size.
- Approved real estate: USD 300,000, with a five-year resale bar.
- University of the West Indies Fund: USD 260,000 inclusive of processing fees, for a family of six or more, with a one-year tuition-only scholarship.
- Business investment: USD 1.5 million for a sole investor, or a USD 5 million joint investment with a minimum of USD 400,000 from each participant.
- Government processing fees: USD 10,000 single applicant, USD 20,000 for a family of up to four, plus USD 10,000 from the fifth dependant.
- Due diligence: USD 8,500 principal, USD 5,000 spouse, USD 2,000 for dependants aged 12 to 17, USD 4,000 for those aged 18 to 30. Passport fee USD 300 each.
- Residency requirement: five days within the first five years.
- Antigua & Barbuda is the only one of the five that admits siblings as dependants.
- Antigua's regulations provide that an applicant may be required to attend an interview; XIPHIAS confirms the position for each file.
- The Citizenship by Investment Unit does not publish a processing standard; timelines vary by case.

Official sources: Antigua & Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Unit; UK Government — check if you need a UK visa; UK Government — electronic travel authorisation (ETA); Federal Register — Presidential Proclamation 10998 (16 December 2025, effective 1 January 2026); Government of Canada — find out if you need a visa; Citizenship Act 1955, Section 9(1) — Government of India; Government of India — passport surrender certificate; Ministry of External Affairs — Overseas Citizenship of India scheme; OECS — regional CBI standards.



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NEXT STEP

Plan your Antigua & Barbuda application with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will confirm whether **National Development Fund (NDF) – Donation Route** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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