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### Antigua invites digital nomads to live and work with no Antigua tax burden



Galleon Beach, English Harbour, Antigua & Barbuda

Have you heard about Nomad Digital Residence(NDR)? Antigua and Barbuda is offering a long-stay visa programme and it is designed for people whose work can be done remotely and are passionate about doing so from a safe Caribbean country with access to modern amenities, including a sound telecommunications infrastructure. Eligible persons will be granted a special-resident authorisation that will be valid for up to two ( 2) years.

Antigua and Barbuda, to date, has been very successfully managed during the COVID-19 pandemic, limiting infections to minimal numbers. This result makes the country one of the safest in the world. “Nomad Digital Residents” will be expected to comply with the public health protocols in place regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) including being tested for the virus as a condition of entry.

#### **How much does it cost?**

The visa application costs between US\$1,500 and US\$3,000 depending on the number of family members, in

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In addition, a specific property in Antigua & Barbuda must be leased for the period that the visa-holder wishes to remain temporarily resident in Antigua, and this can be for up to two years.

### **Where can you live?**

Upon arrival, you must have already secured your place of residence and the address provided to the NDR Unit. If applicants change their address, at any time, they will be required to advise the NDR Unit before moving to the new address.

### **How do you apply?**

Applications are to be submitted to NDR Unit within the Immigration Department, with the following:

- Name of applicant and dependent(s)
- Passport-sized photograph(s)
- Biodata page of passport(s)
- Proof of relationship of dependent(s)
- Evidence of income of a minimum of £30,000 per year
- Details of employment, including self-employment
- Police certificate
- Proof of valid medical insurance



### **How do I apply for the digital nomad visa?**

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 the passport
- A certificate indicating medical insurance coverage for the period of their intended stay in Antigua



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- Police clearance for each applicant over the age of 16.
- Proof of relationship to dependents for whom the application is made by the 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 it is 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.

### **What about tax?**

Successful applicants and their dependents (if any) will be expected to pay Income Tax in the countries in which they are normally resident. No personal income tax is payable to Antigua and Barbuda. 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.

### **Where do I start?**

Once your application is approved (within about 14 days), you are required to pay minimal government fees. Once the fees are paid, a receipt will be issued before the applicant(s) and dependent(s) travel to Antigua. A visa for the qualifying period will be issued upon arrival upon presentation of the receipt.

As with all business and immigration matters in the Caribbean, it's best to have a trusted person on the ground to make it all happen for you. Our concierge team can happily assist with the NDR visa application.





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If you're ready to take your remote job or business on the road, the next step is finding the best visas and countries for digital nomads. Finding a long term visa can be difficult, but during this 'time of Covid', we are seeing a few countries open their doors to attract nomads to ride out the pandemic in their respective countries.

Working in foreign countries while travelling on a tourist visa is technically illegal in most places and so it's critical to understand the visa, residency and citizenship landscape to carve the best plan for you and your business.

Antigua & Barbuda's digital nomad visa (NDR) is a world-beater. 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. The visa 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.





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Check out these fast facts from the official Nomad Digital Residence website:

### **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.

### **From when is the Nomad Digital Residence (NDR) visa valid and for what period?**

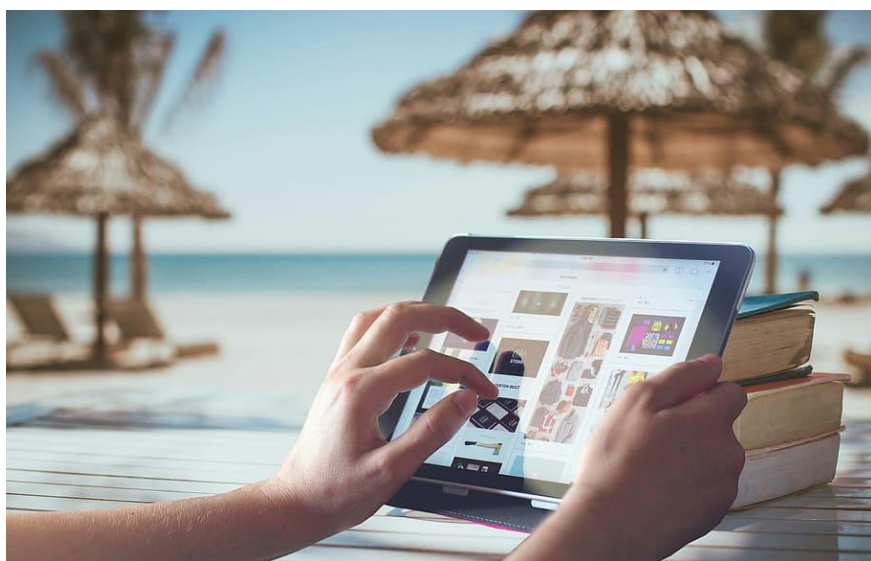
The NDR visa is valid from the date of arrival in Antigua and Barbuda and for two years thereafter.

### **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.

### **Does the NDR Visa 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.





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### **Will a Visa holder be subject to paying Antigua and Barbuda Income Tax?**

No. Antigua and Barbuda does not have a personal income tax. The visa holder's income tax affairs are entire with his/her country of normal residence.

### **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.

### **Will the Visa holder and dependents have access to the medical facilities in 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.

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

Antigua and Barbuda has no religious discrimination. It is a predominantly 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.

The application form is available on the [visa website](#). 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](mailto:ndrprogrammeanu@ab.gov.ag)