



Barbados Welcome Stamp Visa

Working remotely from Barbados is now an option for non-citizens

Non-Barbados citizens are now given an opportunity to live and work remotely from Barbados for 12 months. This opportunity is provided for under the Welcome Stamp Visa programme which went live on 24 July 2020. The Remote Employment Bill, 2020 was passed to give effect to the Welcome Stamp under the laws of Barbados.

The 12-month Welcome Stamp offers a new opportunity to work in a different part of the world for non-citizens whose work is location-independent. In addition, the island is a mature tourist destination with a wide variety of tourism amenities including attractions and accommodation. Workspaces can be acquired by non-citizens as well.

Below we have outlined some important details of the Welcome Stamp.

Who is eligible for Barbados Welcome Stamp?

A non-national who is employed in a country other than Barbados and

- Possesses a valid passport;
- shows proof of annual income of USD 50,000 or more;
- shows that their income is generated outside Barbados; and
- Is the holder of valid health insurance for the period for which the Stamp was granted.

Once issued with the Stamp the relevant information will be held in a register, which will be kept by the Chief Immigration Officer for immigration purposes.



How is a non-national defined under the Welcome Stamp Visa Programme?

A non-national is defined as a person who is not a citizen of Barbados. A non-national who has been granted a Barbados Welcome Stamp to work remotely from Barbados is deemed not to be resident in Barbados under the Income Tax Act.

What are the fees associated with the Welcome Stamp?

Each person desirous of working remotely from Barbados shall pay the requisite fee as outlined below:

- USD 2,000 in the case of an individual;
- USD 3,000 where the individual is accompanied by his/her family providing that the individual is the only person working remotely.

The above fees are non-refundable and paid upon approval of the application.

Is a stamp holder permitted to be employed by an entity in Barbados?

An individual to whom a Welcome Stamp has been granted should not engage in employment in Barbados other than employment for which the Stamp was granted.

How long is the Stamp granted for?

A Stamp is granted for a period of 12 months only. The Minister may revoke the Welcome Stamp of an individual who contravenes or fails to comply with the provision of this Act.

What you will need to apply for the Welcome Stamp?

- Two passport sized photographs;
- Bio data page of passport (self/spouse/partner/children/dependent);
- Birth certificate (self/spouse/partner/children/dependent);
- Proof of relationship of dependents (birth certificate, marriage adoption documents); and
- Entry visa (where applicable).



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