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Forget home away from home, let Barbados become your new home!

IT'S TIME TO RE-DEFINE THE WAY WE WORK—AND WE SAY, WHY NOT DO IT ON THE BEACH?

Introducing the new 12-month Barbados Welcome Stamp—a visa that allows you to relocate and work from one of the world's most beloved tourism destinations!

Sure, the sun, sea and sand are major perks, but Barbados has so much more than that to offer! We are the home of friendly people, professional and modern services, quality education and most importantly, safety and security! Whether you're a single looking for a change of pace (and place) or a family hoping to create new experiences and make new memories, Barbados has it all!

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About the Velocity Stamp

ON JUNE 30, 2020, THE BARBADOS GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 12-MONTH BARBADOS WELCOME STAMP.

This new remote work programme establishes a visa to allow people to work remotely in Barbados for a maximum of 12 months. The visa is available to anyone who meets the visa requirements and whose work is location independent, whether individuals or families.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, you're in luck! The application process is online and easily facilitated. Even better, once approved, the Barbados 12-Month Welcome Stamp visa is valid for one year, and if you love it (we are confident you will!), you can easily reapply. Need a change of scenery? Can you work anywhere, as long as you have access to the Internet?

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How to apply:

You're ready to start your remote-work life in Barbados-now what? Well, following the application process is super simple. **You can get started here!**

SEE BELOW FOR OUR VISA REQUIREMENTS:

- Passport sized photograph Principal Applicant and all other members of the Family Group over the age of 18 (if applicable)
- Bio data page of passport Principal Applicant and all other members the Family Group (if applicable)
- Proof of relationship of Principal Applicant to all other members of the Family Group

Applicants must also make an annual income of at least **USD\$50,000** over the 12 months you intend to have the travel stamp.

FEES:

Applications are typically approved within 7 business days, after which the payment of the applicable, non-refundable fees will be due. Fees must be paid within 28 days of application approval.

Individual - USD \$2,000.00 Family Bundle - USD \$3,000.00



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Living in Barbados

We have a wide range of accommodation here, from budget-friendly studios to beachfront luxury condos. Whether you're looking for a cozy family home, a modern studio apartment or simply a room to rent, we promise you'll find something that suits your needs perfectly!

WHAT ABOUT PETS?

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Well, they are part of your family too, aren't they? So, of course they can come—after all, we're sure they certainly wouldn't want to miss out on a trip to Barbados! Just ensure that you fill out all the relevant paperwork to prepare their travel and be sure that your chosen accommodation is pet-friendly and you're good to go.

For more detailed information on travel requirements for pets—please see the below links.

- **1** Requirements and Rules for Pets Travelling into Barbados
 - U.S. requirements for Pets Travelling from the United States to Barbados





Working in Barbados

It's important to note that this visa is for remote work only i.e. for companies and individuals outside of Barbados. What does this mean for you? Well, a couple things:

- You will not be liable to pay Barbados Income Tax and therefore will not be subject to any double taxation
- 2 However, visitors will be subject to Barbados' 17.5% VAT on any products and services purchased on island.
- Note, that if you ultimately decide to start a business here in Barbados, we have a very competitive corporate tax rate of between 1%-5.5%. To find out more, visit Invest Barbados.

You'll find Barbados well equipped for all your remote work needs. The island boasts the fastest fibre internet and mobile services in the Caribbean and many local cafes and several public spaces across Bridgetown offer free public Wi-fi.

We also have many co-working and office spaces available (for times when you don't want to work on the beach!), such as large communal workspaces like Regus located in the West of the island or TEN Habitat, located in the city's capital, Bridgetown. its ideal space for smaller teams. For a more central location, check out Desktop.bb, which offers a fully-furnished, air conditioned office, located the central parish of St. George.



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Learning in Barbados

The Barbados school system is one of the best in the region, and we have the necessary protocols in place for Welcome stampers and their families to experience a smooth integration.

Note that education is compulsory for children between the ages of 5 and 16 in Barbados. Non-nationals have the option of attending private schools or paying a small stipend for attendance at the state-owned public schools. School-aged children who have been approved under the Barbados Welcome Stamp Programme do not require a separate Student Visa application.

There are also several tertiary education institutions including the University of The West Indies and the Barbados Community College.

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- Complete a C5 Form, available from
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 and submit it to the Immigration Department.
- Once approved, the child's passport is stamped with a Student Visa.
- Choose from the selection of public and private schools listed on the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training (METVT).
- School and parents work together to complete the relevant documentation (transcripts etc.)
- After being accepted at a school, the parent/guardian will then complete the School Welcome Visa Registration Form (SWVRF). Forms have been digitized for ease of completion and submission.
- Once all paperwork is complete, it's time to get ready for school!

A FEW THINGS TO NOTE:

- If a public school is selected the parent/guardian completes a School Request Form. The forms are available online and should be submitted directly to the ministry.
- 2 All queries may also be sent to schoolrequest@mes.gov.bb
- 3 The METVT will allocate the child dependent on space availability and inform parent/guardian within 5 days.

*If a private school is selected, the parent/guardian should contact the school directly for the registration process.

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So, when are you coming?

Think of the Barbados Welcome Stamp programme as a sign to switch things up for a little bit! The world has opened up in a whole new way and thanks to this brand-new visa, you now have the opportunity to live an adventure you've always dreamed of—even if only for a little while.

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