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## BARBADOS STUDENT VISA APPLICATION & RENEWAL

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### GENERAL

A non-national student who wishes to pursue a course of study in Barbados at any school/ college/ university is required to apply for a Barbados Student Visa before entering the Island.

### STUDENT VISA (MINOR)

Visa applications for students under the age of eighteen (18) years old must be submitted with the undermentioned supporting documents:

- Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant Student Status (Form H-1) (Not Required for CARICOM nationals under 16 years old).
  - *To be completed by a school official where the student intends to study and and certified by the Ministry of Education*
- Certificate by Non-Immigrant Student (Form H-2) (Not Required for CARICOM nationals under 16 years old).
  - *To be completed by parent/guardian*
- Student's original Birth Certificate or a notarised copy
- Two(2) passport sized photographs
- Letter of consent from parent signed by a notary public (where applicable)
- Copy of biodata page of the student's passport
- Evidence of financial support for school, living and medical expenses:
  - *(e.g. evidence of scholarships, bank statements from a bank recognised by the Central Bank of Barbados, legal document of support together with evidence)*
- Letter of acceptance or provisional acceptance from a school registered/chartered by the Ministry of Education
- Any other documents relevant to the application as requested by the Immigration Department.

### DOCUMENTS (MINORS)

- 1** Form H-1 (not required for CARICOM nationals under 16 years old.)
- 2** Form H-2 (not required for CARICOM nationals under 16 years old.)
- 3** Original or notarised copy of student's Birth Certificate
- 4** Two(2) passport sized photographs of student
- 5** Letter of consent from parent signed by a notary public (where applicable)
- 6** Copy of Biodata Page of student's passport
- 7** Evidence of Financial Support
- 8** Letter of Acceptance from the prospective school

**Any other documents as requested.**

# BARBADOS STUDENT VISA

**"All non-Barbadian students are required to obtain a student visa."**

## DOCUMENTS (ADULTS)

- 1 Form H-1
- 2 Form H-2
- 3 Original or notarised copy of student's Birth Certificate
- 4 Two(2) passport sized photographs of student
- 5 Student's marriage certificate (where applicable)
- 6 Copy of Biodata Page of student's passport
- 7 Police Certificate of Character
- 8 Letter of Acceptance from the prospective school
- 9 Education Timetable & Course Outline together with Proof of Accommodation

**Any other documents as requested.**

## STUDENT VISA (ADULT)

Visa applications for students over the age of eighteen (18) years old must be submitted with the undermentioned supporting documents:

- Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant Student Status (Form H-1).  
- *To be completed by a school official where the student intends to study and and certified by the Ministry of Education*
- Certificate by Non-Immigrant Student (Form H-2).  
- *To be completed by the student.*
- Student's original Birth Certificate or a notarised copy
- Two(2) passport sized photographs
- Student's marriage certificate (where applicable)
- Copy of biodata page of the applicant's passport
- Evidence of financial support for school, living and medical expenses:  
- *(e.g. evidence of scholarships, bank statements from a bank recognised by the Central Bank of Barbados, legal document of support together with evidence)*
- A Certificate of Character from the Police of each country which you have lived for at least 6 months in the past 3 years.
- Letter of acceptance or provisional acceptance from a school registered/chartered by the Ministry of Education
- Timetable and Course Outline
- Proof of Accommodation
- Any other documents relevant to the application as requested by the Immigration Department.

**"Student visas are only issued by the Barbados Immigration Department."**

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## IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:

- Prior to submission, the forms and supporting documents will be thoroughly vetted by the Immigration Department. Any shortcoming of the data/information and deficiency in supporting material which are revealed during the vetting process will be immediately communicated to the guardian/parent/agent/student/attorney
- The Immigration Department will not accept incomplete application forms or applications forms without the relevant supporting documents. Relevant and appropriate information is required to evaluate the request
- Laminated documents are inadmissible as the authenticity of laminated documents cannot be verified
- Police certificates of character that are scanned or otherwise copied are inadmissible
- To qualify for Student Visa, the school the student wishes to attend must be registered or accredited by the Ministry of Education, Barbados
- On a student visa, a non-national student is not permitted to work off campus for a wage or salary or engage in any business activity while in Barbados unless permission to do so has first been granted by the Immigration Department. A student who requires employment (1) because of economic necessity due to unforeseen circumstances arising after admission; or (2) to obtain practical training may apply to the Immigration Department for permission to accept such employment.
- A non-national student is permitted to remain in Barbados for the duration of his or her visa and but no longer than the authorised period fixed at the time of admission unless he or she applies to the Immigration Department prior to its expiration for an extension of stay.

## PROCESSING

- The student visa will not be approved unless the security clearance of the guardian is favourable. If the Student visa is not approved the decision will be communicated in writing to the applicant/agent within 10 working days of acceptance of application
- If security clearance is favourable a provisional student visa will be approved for a period not exceeding four (4) months and the decision communicated in writing to the applicant/agent within 10 working days after acceptance of the application. No stamp will be affixed to the applicant's passport at this stage other than an entry visa stamp.
- The provisional student visa issued will indicate, "that the applicant is only eligible for an extension of the visa if security clearance and financial support of the applicant are favourable"
- Financial evidence must show that applicant has sufficient funds to cover tuition and living expenses during the period of study should be assessed on submission of the documents
- If the above are satisfactory to the Immigration Department, a final student visa for the remainder of the student's proposed duration of study will be issued and the guardian/parent/agent/student/attorney will be informed within 60 working days of the acceptance of the application.

### TYPE OF VISA

Provisional Student Visa

### VALIDITY

Four (4) Months (Max.)

### PROCESSING TIME

10 Working Days

### TYPE OF VISA

Student Visa

### VALIDITY

3 Years (Max.) in case of a minor student

For the remaining period of study (in case of an adult student)

### PROCESSING TIME

60 Working Days

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## RENEWAL

- 1 Form H-3
- 2 Copy of Biodata Page of student's passport
- 3 One (1) passport sized photograph of student
- 4 Previous student visa permit
- 5 Copy of student's current report card
- 6 Proof of parents' or guardians' status in Barbados (under 18 years)
- 7 Evidence that all school fees have been settled with the school
- 8 Police Certificate of Character from Barbados (for individuals aged 16 and above)

**Any other documents relevant to the application as requested by the Immigration Department.**

### **Transfer Between Institutions: New Visa Requirement**

If the non-national student would like to get a transfer from one school in Barbados to another, the student is required to apply for a new Student Visa.

To get new Student Visa for the school you are transferred to, the following documents are required to be submitted to the Immigration Department of Barbados:

- Form H-4
- A copy of a letter from the transferring school confirming discontinuation of studies with the school
- A copy of the letter from the guardian/parent/agent/student to the transferring school regarding discontinuation of studies with the school
- A copy of a letter from the school, registered/chartered/accredited by the Ministry of Education, to which the student is being transferred confirming the student's acceptance
- Two(2) passport sized photographs

In the case of the Barbados Secondary School Entrance Exam (BSSEE) the student must present the School Allocation Slip issued by the Ministry of Education and the acceptance letter from the Secondary School assigned.

### **Cancellation of Student Visa**

If under any circumstances, any student discontinues his or her studies with the school for which Student Visa was issued, the concerned school shall inform the Immigration Department within two (2) weeks with a written request to cancel the student visa of the concerned student using Part III of Form H-3.

### **Additional Requirements**

While staying in Barbados on a Student Visa, a non-national is required to make and submit the following Address Reports providing written notice (prescribed forms) of his or her address to the Immigration Department:

- On the 31st of January of each year
- Every three (3) months
- Ten (10) days after every change of address

**DOCUMENTS IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION.**

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