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eVisa — Antigua and Barbuda's Experience

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ICAO TRIP: Making the Air Travel more Secure and Efficient

TOWARDS A BETTER TRAVELLER IDENTIFICATION MANAGEMENT

FOR ENHANCED BORDER CONTROL INTEGRITY



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INTRODUCTION

- •Electronic Entry Visa (eVisa), is an official document, electronically produced that permits travel to the destination country.
- •Persons obtain their approved visas electronically, via email, after completing the required information online and making payments by credit/debit card.
- •eVisa is verified in the Immigration's Border Management System upon the person's arrival and biometrics taken. Visa is issued, once again electronically.



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KEY OBJECTIVES FOR THE eVISA

- Protection and privacy of sensitive information.
- Enhance the tourism product by facilitating quick turn over in visa processing shorter waiting time.
- Maintaining and enhancing the security & integrity of Antigua & Barbuda's borders by electronic biometric processing. Full integration with the Border Management System.
- •Eliminate the need to mail passport to embassy. Reduces possibility of loss or theft.



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Press Release For Resident Permit Programme

June 21, 2016

Welcome

Immigration is the movement of people into another country or region to which they are not native in order to settle there, especially as permanent residents or future citizens. Immigrants are motivated to leave their countries for a variety of reasons, including a desire for economic prosperity, political issues, family re-unification, escaping conflict or natural disaster, or simply the wish to change one's surroundings.









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Welcome to the Antigua and Barbuda eVisa website

This site will allow foreigners to apply and pay for an Electronic Entry Visa (EEV) that is valid for travel to and entry into the country. For information regarding different visa types and fees, please refer to the Official Website for the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.







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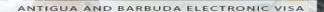
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Antigua & Barbuda Visa Application

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noreply@immigration.gov.ag

Reply all

Yesterday, 03:56 PM ENTERPLUS@HOTMAIL.COM; E-Visa Unit

Travel Letter.pdf

Visa Application Reference Number: 195866351

Dear LUCILA CORINTHIA RICHARDSON LIMA,

Your visa application has been reviewed and is now APPROVED PENDING BIO DATA. Please refer to the attached travel letter for further instructions on entry into Antigua and Barbuda. At any time, you may track the status of your application online by entering your reference number.

Please keep this email for your records.

Thank you.



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Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Immigration
Electronic Entry Visa (EEV)

Dear: LEYDI MERCEDES PEREZ GARCIA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration is pleased to advise you that your visa application has been approved.

You have been issued an Electronic Entry Visa (EEV), which is valid for MULTIPLE ENTRY to Antigua and Barbuda until 17/02/2017.

This EEV contains important information. Upon arrival in Antigua and Barbuda, you must present this EEV and your passport to the Immigration Officer for verification at the 'Visa-on-Arrival' counter. Your passport details must be consistent with the details provided on your application as listed below.

Passport Details

Sumame PEREZ GARCIA
Given Name(s) LEYDI MERCEDES

Gender: FEMALE
Date of Birth: (dd/mm/vr) 10/07/1981

Nationality: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Passport Number: SE0774173

Country of Issuance: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Issue Date: (dd/mm/vr) 10/09/2011

Issue Date: (dd/mm/yr) 10/09/2011 Expiry Date: (dd/mm/yr) 20/09/2017

EEV Details

Application Date: (dd/mm/yr) 18/02/2016

 Visa Number
 ENTRY EVISA - WORK

 Visa Type
 MULTIPLE ENTRY

 Numbr of Entry(ies)
 MULTIPLE ENTRY

 Issue Date: (dd/mm/yr)
 18/02/2016

Expiry Date: (dd/mm/yr) 17/02/2017

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Print and retain a copy of this EEV for your records. This document is required upon entry to Antigua and Barbuda.
- Possession of this EEV does not automatically grant entry to Antigua and Barbuda. This EEV must be accompanied with
 the passport submitted with the original application file.
- · Holders of an EEV may be required to submit other biometric upon entry to Antigua and Barbuda.
- The Government of Antigua and Barbuda reserves the right to revoke and/or cancel this EEV at its sole discretion.
- The EEV is not valid with other identification documents and is non-transferable.
- This EVV is valid exclusively for entry into Antigua and Barbuda. EEV holders should verify if transit visas are required
 when traveling through other countries en route to Antigua and Barbuda.
- · For urgent matters, contact the EEV help line at: 1-268-562-1387 or by email: immigrationanu@candw.ag

Carriers: For additional information, refer to the IATA TIMATIC or visit immigration.gov.ag.



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noreply@immigration.gov.ag

Today, 02:13 PM
ENTERPLUS@HOTMAIL.COM;
E-Visa Unit

Travel Letter.pdf 505 KB

Visa Application Reference Number: 175875766

Dear MAYERLIN YOKASTA ALCANTARA PEETS,

Your visa application has been reviewed and is now ISSUED. Please refer to the attached travel letter for further instructions on entry into Antigua and Barbuda. At any time, you may track the status of your application online by entering your reference number.

Please keep this email for your records.

Thank you.



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Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Immigration Electronic Entry Visa (EEV)

22072

Dear: AMILA RUWAN SINHAGE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration is pleased to advise you that your visa application has been approved.

You have been issued an Electronic Entry Visa (EEV), which is valid for MULTIPLE ENTRY to Antigua and Barbuda until 17/02/2017.

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Passport Details

Sumame SINHAGE Given Name(s) AMILA RUWAN Gender: Date of Birth: (dd/mm/vr) 26/12/1982 Nationality: SRI LANKAN Passport Number: N5187587 Country of Issuance: SRI LANKA 23/05/2014 Issue Date: (dd/mm/yr) Expiry Date: (dd/mm/yr) 23/05/2024

EEV Details

 Application Date: (dd/mm/yr)
 11/02/2016

 V/sa Number
 22072

 V/sa Type
 ENTRY EVISA - WORK

 Numbr of Entry(ies)
 MULTIPLE ENTRY

 Issue Date: (dd/mm/yr)
 18/02/2016

 Expiry Date: (dd/mm/yr)
 17/02/2017

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CHALLENGES OF THE EVISA

- IT Connectivity.
- Lack of face to face contact with the applicant.
- Probability of imposters.
- Document forgery.



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ADVANTAGES OF THE EVISA

- eVisa system introduced in January 2016.
- The eVisa Unit has processed approximately 2,800 applications 61 nationalities. Total of 107 nationalities require entry visas for Antigua & Barbuda.
- Application made with an internet connection in a virtual environment via a secure web based portal from anywhere in the world.
- No special decals in passports, cutting down on waiting time.
- Networking with other law enforcement agencies to rapidly identify persons of interest, possible terrorists and criminals.
- Eliminates unnecessary amounts of paper.





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