

## LIVING AND WORKING IN ANOTHER MEMBER STATE

A CARICOM National wishing to live and work in another CARICOM State should obtain a Skilled National Certificate. This must be presented to the immigration in the receiving country along with a valid passport and a police certificate of character. Holders of Certificates are given a minimum of six months stay in the host country until their status and documents could be verified. It is recommended that you travel with your qualification certificates and other supporting documents. Additional documents required if traveling with spouse and dependents include a Marriage Certificate, Birth Certificates, verification of relationship to dependents, Police Certificate of Character.



The Certificate is valid for an indefinite period.

## Organisation Membership



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### For more information please contact:

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## FREE MOVEMENT OF SKILLED CARICOM NATIONALS



CARICOM SINGLE MARKET  
AND ECONOMY (CSME)

# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION OF CARICOM SKILLS QUALIFICATION

Under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas establishing the CARICOM Single Market and Economy Member states commit themselves to the free movement of their nationals. This is however to be approached in phases. The following categories of skilled workers are currently free to live and work in any CARICOM Country:

University Graduates, Artists, Musicians, Media Workers and Sports Personnel, Non-graduate Teachers, Nurses, Artisans and persons with Associate Degrees.

Persons having any of these qualifications may apply for a certificate of recognition of CARICOM Skills Qualification.



## Countries Participating in the CSME

Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

## Why Have a Certificate

- Holders of Skilled National Certificates are exempted from work permit requirements.
- Employers are free to employ Skilled Nationals without obtaining special approval.
- Skilled Nationals could live and work in any participating CARICOM Country indefinitely.
- Spouse and dependent relatives of skilled nationals would be entitled to move to the new country with the skilled national.
- Skilled nationals would be entitled to access to land in the host country for residential or business purposes.

## Facilitating Arrangements

### Social Security Arrangements

Social Security should be paid in the host country. The Social Security agency in calculating eligibility for benefits will incorporate previous contributions made in home State.

### Income Tax Arrangements

Skilled nationals will be eligible for payment of income tax as nationals. Provisions for the avoidance of double taxation is in place in most countries.

## Application Procedure

Applicants must provide the following:

- A completed application form along with the original and copy of the following
- Passport (copy of bio page)
- Birth Certificate and Marriage Certificate
- Police Certificate of Character
- Proof of Qualification
- 2 Passport size photographs
- Processing Fee EC\$250.00

## Applications for Skilled National Certificates are processed by the:

Ministry of National Security  
4th Floor Administrative Centre  
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St. Vincent  
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