



Global Immigration alert

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Barbados

Barbados introduces free movement agreement for nationals of Belize, Dominica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Executive summary

Effective 1 October 2025, Barbados introduced a free movement agreement with Belize, Dominica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Nationals of these countries may now reside and work in Barbados without a visa, CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) skills certificate, or work permit.

Key developments

Under the free movement agreement, eligible nationals of Belize, Dominica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines may relocate to Barbados for employment or personal purposes and remain indefinitely. The agreement also extends entry rights to dependents, including spouses, dependent children and wholly dependent parents. Upon arrival, eligible individuals and their dependents gain access to public services, including healthcare, education and other social benefits. Immigration authorities may refuse entry or initiate removal procedures for individuals who present security concerns or are unable to demonstrate sufficient means of financial support.

Impact on employers

Employers in Barbados may benefit from simplified onboarding of nationals of these three countries. The removal of immigration documentation requirements reduces administrative costs and supports regional talent mobility, enhancing workforce flexibility and access to a broader labor pool.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.



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