

Barbados Networkers Programme Made Easy

Main Purposes of the Barbados Networkers Programme

1. **Duty free entry by the Networker** of their household effects, tools/equipment of their trade or profession and one vehicle per family into Barbados.
2. **Simplify and facilitate** the resettlement process in an easy to manage and hassle free manner.
3. **Maintain a register of the various skills** and expertise which Networkers may be able to use in the further development of Barbados.

Key Requirements

To qualify as a Barbadian Networker (Returning National) a person must meet **all** of the following requirements:

1. **Barbadian citizenship** (by birth, registration , descent or naturalization)
 2. **Reside outside of Barbados for at least 10 years** immediately preceding their return to Barbados. (*A person is not required to have citizenship for 10 years if they are eligible for citizenship by descent and have formally applied for Barbadian citizenship*)
 3. **Permanently returning** to Barbados.
 4. **Not previously** a Networker.
 5. **Must not have lived in Barbados for six months** (183 days) in any *calendar* year during the 10 years immediately preceding their return.
- *The previous age requirement of 40 year has been **discontinued**: there is no longer an age requirement.*

- *In addition, the previous requirement that the Networker should have previously lived in Barbados for 183 days before residence overseas has also been discontinued.*

FIVE Easy Steps to Take!

Persons considering returning to Barbados should take the following steps:

1. **Immediately consult our website** (www.foreign.gov.bb) and click on *Barbados Networker* for full information on the Networkers programme.
2. **Contact the nearest Barbados Consulate/Embassy**, or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Consular Division), for any further clarifications as needed.
3. Make their own arrangements to ship their personal effects and/or vehicle. Returnees are allowed a period of up to three months before and three months after they return to import their items.
4. **Four (4) weeks prior their return to Barbados**, submit to the nearest Barbados Mission, or to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (email, fax or telephone), their **name, passport number, date of birth, estimated date of arrival in Barbados and a contact phone number in Barbados**.
5. **Await a telephone call** (*after arrival in Barbados*) from personnel from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a date for an interview.

Documents Required at the Interview:

1. **One (1) of the following as proof of citizenship:** valid **Barbados** passport; Barbados I D Card; Certificate of Citizenship or Barbados birth certificate accompanied by a photo I D card.
2. **One (1) of the following documents as proof of residence overseas** for the last 10 years: a signed **job letter**; a **signed affidavit** from a Justice of

Peace/Attorney-at-Law (following the specimen copy in the booklet);
successive income tax returns for the last 10 years.

3. **All documents relating to the vehicle** (such as proof of payment, proof of ownership and specifications of the vehicle - model, year, chassis/VIN number, engine number and colour).
4. If the interview process is successful the networker will be immediately provided with a letter informing the Comptroller of Customs that they are eligible for the requisite benefits under the Networkers Programme.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Foreign passports, even with Barbados indicated as place of birth are **NOT** accepted as citizenship. A Barbados passport, birth certificate, Barbados Identification card or certificate of citizenship accompanied by a photo identification card are accepted.
- Persons who have applied for Barbadian citizenship and have received the relevant initial response from Immigration indicating that they have made such an application will qualify as networkers, even if they have not been granted citizenship as yet and even though they would not have been a Barbadian citizens for 10 years.
- Networkers are only allowed one (1) vehicle ***per household***
- Networkers who are planning to import their tools/equipment of their trade or profession should submit that list to the Comptroller of Customs for approval prior to their return to Barbados.
- **Networkers are allowed to contact a local (Barbados) garage/car dealer** to assist them in the ordering of a preferred type vehicle from any car dealer overseas. However payment for the

vehicle is to be made to the overseas dealer using funds from overseas.