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# EXTENSION OF STAY

## COVID19

## Covid 19

Following the recent outbreak of Covid-19 and the mandatory curfew implemented by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, the Department of Immigration (DOI) has initiated several administrative procedures to facilitate our extensive range of clientele.

This brochure is intended to provide the **yachting Community** in Antigua & Barbuda with the updated procedures that touch and concern the issuance of an Extension of Stay Permit.

In light of the obligatory Health and Safety protocols recommended by the Ministry of Health and Wellness as well as the socioeconomic issues that have arisen from the outbreak, the said procedures have been formulated to encompass the safeguarding of our officers and clientele alike whilst adhering to the statutory requirements for an Extension of Stay Permit.

As the outbreak is an evolving situation, some of the procedures are subject to change depending on the directives of the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda. Be that as it may, this brochure reflects the position of the DOI as of 20 April 2020 and will be regularly updated should the need arise.

## Glossary

Bonafide Visitor	Means a person arriving in Antigua & Barbuda for a period of not more than six(6) months
Immigrant	Means a person not being a citizen of Antigua & Barbuda who is permitted to enter and remain in Antigua & Barbuda from a place outside of Antigua & Barbuda , whether for the first or at any subsequent time
Vessel	Means a ship, schooner, sloop, boat or other floating craft and includes any description of aircraft.
Medical Practitioner	Means a medical practitioner qualified to practice medicine in Antigua & Barbuda
Master	In relation to a Vessel means a person having command or charge of the vessel
Member of Crew	In relation to a vessel, means a person including a master, who is employed on board or belongs to the staff or crew of the vessel.
Extension Permit	Means a permit granted under section 38 extending- (a) the period of validity of, or varying the

	<p>conditions specified in an entry permit granted under section 14 or 40:</p> <p>(b) the period of validity of a work permit; or</p> <p>(c) the period of validity of a student permit granted under section 24;</p>
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Source\* The Immigration and Passport Act 2014

## Categories

Below are the categories and procedures for those within the yachting community seeking guidance on the following situations:

Situations	Fees
Any Bonafide Vistor, Immigrant, Master or Crew member attached to a vessel in Antigua & Barbuda with an expired entry or extension permit that is desirous of regularizing their status to remain in Antigua & Barbuda after the 31 May 2020, is required to contact the DOI to set up an appointment. Once contact is established an Immigration officer will facilitate the Extension of Stay Application on a scheduled day at Nelsons Dockyard Station. All supporting documentation is required and All prescribed and corporate fees arising from this application will be attached. There will be a medical practitioner stationed at Nelsons Dockyard Station for all first time Extension of Stay Appointments.	<p>\$300 XCD/\$120 USD Extension of Stay Fee</p> <p>\$100 USD/\$270 XCD Corporate Fee</p>

Any Bonafide Visitor, Immigrant, Master or Crew member attached to a vessel in Antigua & Barbuda with an expired entry or extension permit from the 1 April 2020 will be provided an automatic Extension of Stay up until the 31 May 2020. Processing of same will be facilitated upon the departure of the applicant. The prescribed fee will be reflected in the form of a concession known as the “outbound processing fee” in lieu of the full Extension of Stay Permit Fee. Please note that this arrangement ONLY applies to those applicants that would have had an expired entry or extension permit on or after 1 April 2020. However, kindly note that Applicants that are without a valid entry or extension permit PRIOR to 1 April 2020 and intend to leave the state of Antigua & Barbuda on or before the 31 May 2020 will incur the ‘normal’ extension fee that will be collected upon their departure out of Antigua & Barbuda.

\$150/60USD

\$300XCD/\$120  
USD

Any Bonafide Vistor, Immigrant, Master or Crew member attached to a vessel in Antigua & Barbuda with an expired entry or extension permit from 1 April 2020 and wishes to make a request to be signed off their arrival vessel before 31 May 2020, to another vessel, guest house, private accommodation, or to depart via an airline may do so by contacting the DOI with their agent or Master to facilitate the “signing off” process. The individual(s) will be issued a receipt, following payment of the processing fee, which he/she is required to present to the Immigration Officer on the day of their departure. All applicants mentioned above should present supporting documentation from their respective Master prior to making this request.

\$150 XCD/ \$60  
USD

Applicants who fall outside the ambit of the above mentioned situations are encouraged to call the Department of Immigration for further advice and guidance. Please further be advised that at all material times Immigration

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officers will be adhering to all health and safety measures, i.e. Wearing of masks , gloves, physical distancing and respectfully request that ALL Applicants also be guided in adhering to same when receiving any services from the DOI.

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## Vote of Thanks

On Behalf of the Honourable Minister E.P Chet Greene. Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Trade and the entire Department of Immigration, we wish to express our sincerest gratitude to the yachting community and by extension the Antigua and Barbuda Marine Association for your continuous support and patience as we navigate these trying times together.