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I Assent,

Rodney Williams,
Governor-General.

30th October, 2020.

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AN ACT to amend the Immigration and Passport Act, 2014

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows —

1. Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Immigration and Passport (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, “the principal Act” means the Immigration and Passport Act, 2014

3. Insertion of Section 12A – Remote Work Visa

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 12 the following new section:

“12A. Remote Work Visa

(1) In this section –

“Nomad Digital Residence Visa” or “NDR Visa” means a Visa granted by the Chief Immigration Officer with the approval of the Minister with responsibility for Immigration for a person to live in and work from Antigua and Barbuda for a period of up to 24 months.

(2) The Chief Immigration Officer may, with the approval of the Minister with responsibility for Immigration, grant a Nomad Digital Residence Visa to an applicant who satisfies the conditions set out in this section.

(3) An applicant for a Nomad Digital Residence Visa must –:

- (a) be in possession of a valid passport;
- (b) show proof –
 - (i) of annual income in excess of one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00);
 - (ii) that his or her income is generated outside of Antigua and Barbuda;
 - (iii) of valid health insurance coverage for the applicant and all dependants for the entire period for which the NDR Visa is granted.

(4) The Chief Immigration Officer may revoke the NDR Visa if a holder of the visa –

- (a) engages in employment in Antigua and Barbuda other than the employment for which the NDR Visa is granted;
- (b) offers his or her services for a fee to an Antigua and Barbuda registered business or to any person in Antigua and Barbuda;
- (c) operates a business in the domestic market.

(5) The Chief Immigration Officer shall maintain a register of all persons issued with a NDR Visa.

(6) No portion of the period during which a person resided in Antigua and Barbuda by virtue of being a NDR Visa holder shall qualify as a period of residency for the purpose of section 40.

(7) Schedule 6 shall have effect as to the operational provisions and otherwise in relation to the NDR Visa scheme.”

4. Amendment of section 40 - Grant of residence permit

Section 40 of the principal Act is amended by –

- (a) in subsection (1) thereof by inserting the words “section 39” between the words, “under” and “subsection (1)”;
- (b) repealing paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and substituting the following therefor –
“(a) of any period or periods amounting in total to six months or more during which the applicant was not lawfully resident in Antigua and Barbuda;”
- (c) by repealing subsection (4) and replacing it as follows:
“(4) For the purpose of calculating lawful residency, an applicant who was not lawfully resident in Antigua and Barbuda for a period of less than six months of the time required by this section for the grant of a residence permit shall be treated as having been lawfully resident provided the applicant has paid all arrears prior to making the application;”

5. Insertion of Schedule 6

The principle Act is amended by inserting a new schedule immediately after Schedule 5 –

SCHEDULE 6

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Nomad Digital Residence Application Form

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Immigration, and Trade

Applicants applying for the Nomad Digital Residence Visa are required to complete and submit this application form to ndrprogrammeanu@ab.gov.ag. The following documents must also be submitted:

- Passport-sized photograph(s)
- Biodata page of passport(s)
- Proof of relationship of dependant(s)
- Evidence of income of a minimum of EC\$135,000.00 or UD\$50,000 per annum
- Proof of employment, including self-employment

- Police certificate or police clearance for each applicant over the age of 16 years
- Proof of valid medical insurance

The following non-refundable fees are payable with the application:

- Single Applicant – EC\$4,050.00 or US\$1,500.00
- Couple – EC\$5,400.00 or US\$2,000.00
- For family of three (3) or more individuals - EC\$8,100.00 or US\$3,000.00

Note: The NDR Visa is valid for 24 months and is not renewable.

All applications will be vetted by the JRCC or any other organization approved by the Chief Immigration Officer and the Minister responsible for Immigration for the conduct of due diligence.

Full Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Sex: Male Female Prefer Not to Say

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Former Nationality (if applicable): _____

Marital/Relationship Status: Married Divorced Single Widowed

Passport Details

Passport Number: _____

Date of Issue: _____

Date of Expiry: _____

Country of Issue: _____

Proposed Date of Entry (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Proposed Date of Departure (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Dependants:

Is there any person(s) in the family that would be defined as a dependant?

Yes No

If yes, please state full name (First, Middle, Last), date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY), and Passport Details (Passport Number, Date of Issue, Date of Expiry, and Country of Issue)

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Contact Information

Permanent Address

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

Postal Code

Country

Email

Telephone Number

Emergency Contact

Intended Address in Antigua and Barbuda -

Street Address

Address Line 2

Parish

Type of Accommodation

Hotel

Guest House

Private Home

Apt/Villa

Eco Lodge

Other (Specify) _____



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Brief Description of type of work/nature of business in which you will be engaged (including Name of Employer/Business)

Have you ever been convicted of a serious criminal offence

Yes No

Applicant's Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Applicant's Declaration

I hereby declare that I, or my dependant(s) shall not accept any employment from or offer any services to a citizen, permanent resident, immigrant, work permit holder, or any person or undertaking conducting business in within Antigua and Barbuda. Please ensure that the information you have provided is true and correct. If you submitted false statements or omitted information requested in this form, your visa application could be declined. If it is found later that you have provided false or incorrect information, the visa will be revoked pursuant to the laws of Antigua and Barbuda.

Applicant's Consent

I hereby certify that the information given by me in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that any false information, misrepresentation, or omission of facts in this application and the application process, may be justification for refusal of entry or revocation of status.

Passed the House of Representatives on
the 15th day of October, 2020.

Passed the Senate on the 26th day of
October, 2020.

Gerald Watt, Q.C.,
Speaker.

Alicia Williams-Grant,
President.

A. Peters,
Clerk to the House of Representatives. (Ag.)

A. Peters
Clerk to the Senate. (Ag.)