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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Remote Employment Act* (Act 2020-23) to provide for the Barbados Welcome Stamp to be renewed, the fees to be paid for the renewal of the Stamp and for related matters.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of Act 2020-23
3. Amendment of section 3 of Act 2020–23
4. Insertion of new section 7A into Act 2020-23
5. Amendment of section 9 of Act 2020-23
6. Amendment of Act 2020-23

SCHEDULE

APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM FOR BARBADOS WELCOME
STAMP

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Remote Employment Act* (Act 2020-23) to provide for the Barbados Welcome Stamp to be renewed and the fees to be paid for the renewal of the Stamp and for related matters.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Remote Employment (Amendment) Act, 2021*.

Amendment of Act 2020-23

2. *The Remote Employment Act (Act 2020-23) in this Act referred to as the principal Act is amended by deleting section 2 and substituting the following:*

“Definitions

2. For the purposes of this Act,
“Barbados Welcome Stamp” or “Stamp” means a visa granted by the Chief Immigration Officer with the approval of the Minister to a person to whom this Act applies;
“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Immigration;
“non-national” means a person who is not a citizen of Barbados.”.

Amendment of section 3 of Act 2020–23

3. *Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “responsible for Immigration” appearing immediately after the word “Minister”.*

Insertion of new section 7A into Act 2020-23

4. *The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 7:*

“Renewal of Barbados Welcome Stamp

7A.(1) Notwithstanding section 5, an individual to whom a Barbados Welcome Stamp has been granted, may renew that Stamp by submitting an application to the Minister in the Form set out in the *Schedule*.

(2) The Minister may approve the renewal of the Stamp if the individual to whom the Stamp was granted satisfies the conditions specified in section 3.

(3) Where the Minister approves the renewal of the Stamp, the fee for the Stamp shall be

(a) \$3 000 in the case of an individual; and

(b) \$4 500 where the individual is accompanied by his family.

(4) Where the Minister approves the renewal of the stamp under subsection (3), the Stamp shall be valid for a period of 12 months.”.

Amendment of section 9 of Act 2020-23

5. *Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “responsible for Immigration” appearing immediately after the word “Minister”.*

Amendment of Act 2020-23

6. *The principal Act is amended by deleting the Schedule and substituting the following:*

"SCHEDULE

(Sections 3 and 7A)



*Remote Employment Act, 2020
(Act 2020-23)*

APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM FOR BARBADOS WELCOME STAMP

Applicants wishing to apply for or renew the Barbados Welcome Stamp are required to complete and submit the following documents electronically:

- Bio data page of passport (self/spouse/partner/children/dependant)
- Birth certificate (self/spouse/partner/children/dependant)
- Proof of relationship of dependants (birth certificate, marriage certificate, adoption documents)
- Entry visa (where applicable)

On approval the following non-refundable fees are applicable:

For first time issue of Stamp

- Individual Fee - BDS \$4,000.00
- Family Fee - BDS \$6,000.00

For renewal of Stamp

- Individual Fee - BDS \$3,000.00
- Family Fee - BDS \$4,500.00

Schedule - (Cont'd)

1. Personal Information

Name (Mr.*/Mrs.*/Miss*): _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Sex: Male Female

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year Country

Country of citizenship: _____
Name of Country

Former nationality (if applicable): _____
Nationality

Email address: _____
Email address

Name of Employer: _____
Employer's Name

Brief description of type of work/nature of business in which applicant will be engaged:

Schedule - (Cont'd)

2. Contact Information

Permanent Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province/Region: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone No.: _____
(Area code)-(Telephone number)

Emergency Contact: _____
Full Name

3. Passport Details

Passport Number: _____

Date of Issue: _____ *Month/Day/Year* Date of Expiry: _____ *Month/Day/Year*

Place of Issue: _____
Country

Proposed date of entry into Barbados: _____
Month/Day/Year

Schedule - (Cont'd)

4. Spouse/Partner Information (if applicable)

Name of Spouse/Partner (Mr.*/Mrs.*/Miss*): _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Sex: Male Female

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year Country

Country of citizenship: _____
Name of Country

Former nationality (if applicable): _____
Nationality

Passport Number: _____

5. Dependants information (if applicable)

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

Yes No

(see definition in General Information – Definition of Terms)

Name	Date of Birth <i>(Month Day Year)</i>	Passport Number	Country of Citizenship

Schedule - (Cont'd)

Will dependants be attending school in Barbados? Yes No

If "Yes" choose

- Public school (link to student visa application)
- Private school (link to student visa application)
- Home school

Have you ever been convicted of a serious criminal offence? Yes No

6. Declaration

I hereby declare that I, my spouse, partner or dependants will not accept any employment from or offer any services to a citizen, permanent resident, immigrant, work permit holder or any person or entity carrying on business in Barbados.

I certify that I expect to earn an income of \$100 000 or more over the next 12 months and that I have the means to support myself, my spouse, partner and dependants accompanying me, during my stay in Barbados.

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 the grant of a Barbados Welcome Stamp.

Signature: _____ Date of Submission: _____
Signature *Month/Day/Year*

Schedule - (Concl'd)

INSTRUCTIONS

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Applicant: Individual who will be engaging in remote work in Barbados.

Family: Applicant, spouse, partner and dependant(s).

Dependant: (a) a child or step-child under the age of 26 years;
(b) any other relative who is, by reason of age or any infirmity of body or mind, wholly dependent on that person for his/her subsistence.

Duration of Stay: Maximum 12 months from date of approval."