

Caribbean Relocation Document Checklist (USA)

Most refused or delayed applications are paperwork problems, not eligibility problems. Tick each item as you obtain, certify and scan it.

Core documents for every route

- ☐ US passport valid at least six months beyond arrival, plus copies of the biodata page.
- ☐ Certified long-form birth certificate for each applicant.
- ☐ Marriage certificate, divorce decree or death certificate where status or name changed.
- ☐ Passport-standard photographs to the destination's specification.
- ☐ Completed and signed application forms, notarised where required.
- ☐ FBI Identity History Summary, plus a state police check if requested.
- ☐ Medical certificate or health declaration with required tests.
- ☐ Proof of health insurance valid in the destination country.

Apostilles and certification

- ☐ Apostille each document individually — bundle certification is usually rejected.
- ☐ State records apostilled by the issuing state's Secretary of State.
- ☐ Federal records apostilled by the US Department of State.
- ☐ Confirm the destination's maximum document age (often three or six months).
- ☐ Approved translations, apostilled or certified, for non-English destinations.
- ☐ Extra certified copies ordered — authorities often retain originals.

Route-specific documents

- ☐ Descent: parent's or grandparent's birth certificate, their marriage certificate, unbroken family link, their passport or naturalisation record.
- ☐ Digital nomad: employment or client contracts, employer letter, pay evidence, bank statements meeting the income threshold.
- ☐ Work permit: employer's application, job offer, local advertising evidence, qualifications and registrations.
- ☐ Family sponsorship: sponsor's ID and status, marriage certificate, relationship evidence, proof of support.
- ☐ Retirement: pension, annuity and investment statements plus bank references.
- ☐ Business or investor: business plan, company registration, source-of-funds evidence, references.
- ☐ Citizenship by investment: full due-diligence pack via a licensed agent, source of funds, sworn declarations.

Shipping, vehicle and pets

- ☐ Detailed packing list and valuation for every item in the container.
- ☐ Bill of lading and original receipts for high-value goods.
- ☐ Vehicle title, registration and proof of ownership period.
- ☐ Returning-national or duty-concession application forms.
- ☐ Pet import permit, rabies titre results and USDA-endorsed veterinary certificate.

US-side records to settle

- ☐ Copies of recent federal tax returns.
- ☐ Records of foreign account reporting obligations.
- ☐ Certified school transcripts and immunisation records for each child.
- ☐ Professional licences, degree certificates and transcripts.
- ☐ Durable power of attorney for anyone handling US affairs.
- ☐ High-resolution scans of everything, stored in the cloud and offline.

Important note

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