

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARICOM SINGLE MARKET AND ECONOMY (CSME)

Objective: Free movement of people

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FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE	Facilitation of Travel:	Status	Comment
	Elimination of need for passport.	Immigration Officials continuing their deliberations.	Issuance of a CARICOM ID by 2003 for intra-regional travel.
	Elimination of need for visa.	The Bahamas and St. Kitts and Nevis require visas for Suriname Nationals and Suriname requires visas for Nationals of the Bahamas.	St. Kitts and Nevis administratively facilitates entry for Suriname nationals.
	Common Lines.	Effective in most Member States; except Trinidad and Tobago and The Bahamas.	
	CARICOM E/D Forms.	Immigration Officials agreed on core elements for a revised CARICOM E/D Form.	
	CARICOM Passport.	Technical Proposal developed.	Main issue now is the need to make the CARICOM Passport attractive to general public.
	Free Movement of Skills		
	Eliminate Work permits for:		
	University Graduates.	Caribbean Community Skilled National Bill: Enacted in all States except Montserrat and Suriname	
	Media Workers.	Categories defined and legislation in place in Belize, Guyana, Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.	Requires legislation by other Member States.
	Artistes/Musicians.	Categories defined and legislation in place in Belize, Guyana, Jamaica,	Requires legislation by other Member States.

Sports Persons.	and St. Vincent and the Grenadines Categories defined and legislation in place in Belize, Guyana Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.	Requires legislation by other Member States.
Acceptance of Diplomas, Certificates and other Evidence of Qualifications	Establishment of a CSME Accreditation System Establishment of National Accreditation Agencies as at May 2001: Fully Functioning Bodies Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago (in process of integrating Academic and TVET) Limited Functions in St. Kitts and Nevis (off-shore institutions). In the process of establishing: Barbados, Saint Lucia, The Bahamas, Belize, Guyana and Suriname. OECS to advise if sub-regional agency will be established.	
Establishment of harmonised standards and measures for accreditation and mutual recognition of qualifications.	Work is about to start in Services Sectors - Engineering, Land Surveying, Tourism, Information Technology and Agriculture. Resources approved for regional accreditation	

<p>Agreement on transference of Social Security Benefits</p>	<p>body. Agreement entered into force on 1 April 1997 and is applicable to thirteen Member States excluding Suriname. Social Security</p>	<p>Thirteen Member States have signed, including The Bahamas. Suriname is yet to sign. It should be noted that Suriname does not have a Social Security System similar in nature to the other CARICOM Members.</p>
	<p>transfers being done by Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados.</p>	<p>Twelve have ratified. The Bahamas and Suriname to ratify.</p>
	<p>National legislation on transference of Social Security benefits enacted in all States except: Dominica Saint Lucia Suriname</p>	<p>Forms and procedures to pay benefits developed, approved, and in use.</p>