

# CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME)

## *Procedures and Requirements for FREE MOVEMENT*

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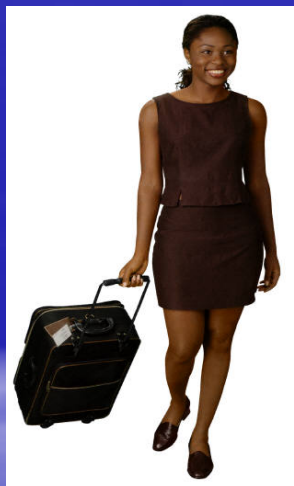
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# Institutional Arrangements

- Regional
- National

# FREE MOVEMENT



# Free Movement of Persons

- The movement of Community nationals is divided into the following categories:
  1. General hassle free travel (Art. 46 (2b))
  2. Movement of skilled community nationals (Art. 46 (I))
  3. Movement of persons to establish a business (Art. 32 (3(1)))



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# Definition of Skilled Community Nationals

- *University Graduates* are persons:
  - i) Who hold a degree from a university subject to its acceptability by the competent authority in the member state.
  - ii) Whose qualifications or combination of qualifications are certified by the Competent Authority





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## Definitions cont'd.

- **Media Workers** are persons whose primary source of income is drawn from media and media-related work or persons who have the qualifications to do such work:
  - Media managers/administrators
  - Editors
  - Reporters, producers, announcers and broadcasters
  - Camera operators, sound engineering and video technicians, production workers, photographers





# Definitions Cont'd.

- *Artistes* are persons who are active in or qualified to enter a particular field of art with the specific purpose to earn a living:
  - a) Visual artistes:
    - Costume builder/designer
    - Fashion designer, Make-up artistes, stylists
    - Interior designer, textile designer, Architects, graphic artistes, landscape artistes

# Definitions Cont'd.

## b) Performance artistes:

- dancer, actor, director, choreographer, storyteller, puppeteer, folk performer

## c) Literary artistes:

- Creative writer, novelist, poet, essayist, play writer, script writer, lyricist



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# Definitions Cont'd.

d) Cultural workers/managers/technicians:

- producer, stage manager
- Lighting designer, lighting technician
- Sound design, sound technician
- Arts administrator
- Holders of traditional knowledge



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## Definitions cont'd.

- e) *Musicians* are persons who are active in or qualified to enter a particular field of music for the specific purpose of earning a living:
- Players of musical instruments
  - Singer, songwriter
  - Band/orchestra leader
  - Conductor, promoter, events manager



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## Definitions Cont'd

- f) *Sportspersons* are persons who are active in or qualified in a particular field of sports with the specific purpose to earn a living as a professional or semi-professional:
- athletes, coaches, team leader, sports manager, sports promoter
  - Massage therapists
  - Events manager

# Procedures for Free Movement

- I) All community nationals traveling within the community should enter the special immigration lines designated for Community Nationals
- II) They should produce the following form of ID to the immigration officer at the point of entry: a valid passport or an approved Community identification

# Procedures for Free Movement

- III) The Community traveler should present his ED form indicating the required period of stay
- IV) The immigration official will then grant entry for a period of no less than six (6) months or for a time period as provided for in the nat'l legislation



# Procedures for Movement of Skilled Community Nationals

- I) A skilled Community national must provide the following documents to the Immigration Dept.
  - A valid passport or approved CARICOM identification
  - Certificate of Recognition of Skills qualification
  - Police certificate of character

# Procedures for the Movement of Skilled Community Nationals

II) Skilled nationals present the following additional information for use in processing the entry of their spouses/dependents:

- Marriage certificate
- Birth certificate of dependents
- Verification of relationship to dependents
- Police Certificate of Character

# Procedures for the Movement of Skilled Community Nationals.

III) The Immigration Department, on receipt of these documents, grants skilled national, spouse and dependents entry for an indefinite period of stay

IV) The Immigration official uses the information provided to record the entry of the skilled national and his dependents and makes this information accessible to all other relevant departments.

# Procedures for the Movement of Skilled Community Nationals

- V) The skilled national on entering the state can either:
- i) Pursue employment opportunities;
  - ii) Pursue self-employment activities

# Right of Establishment

Community nationals wishing to exercise these rights should be given:

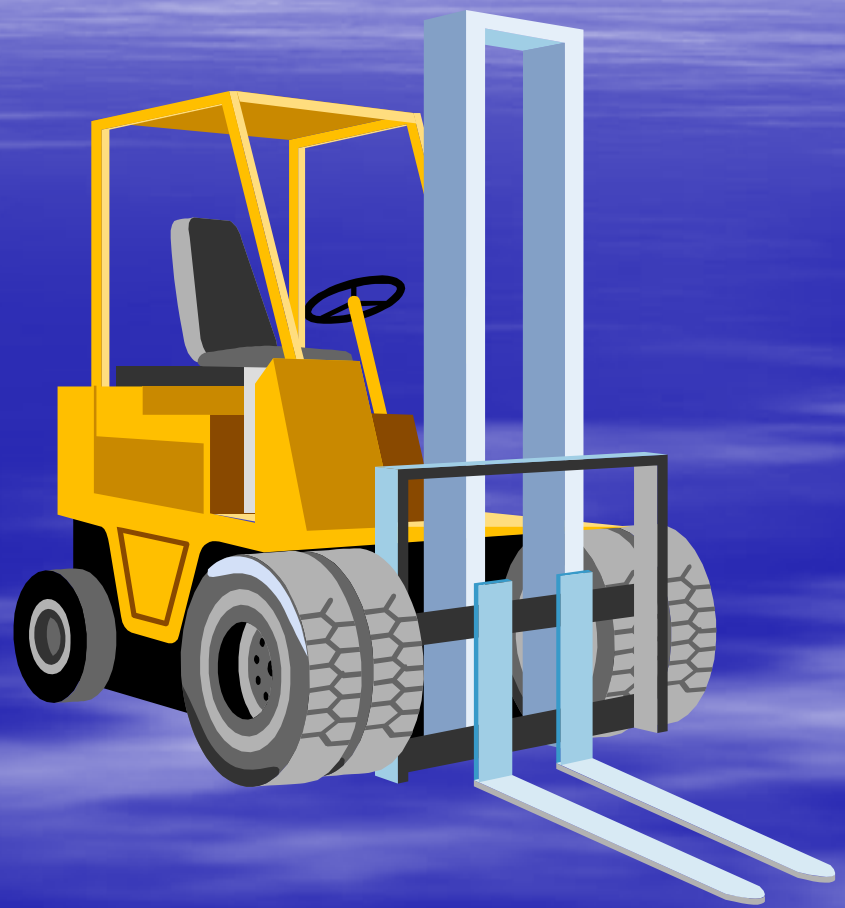
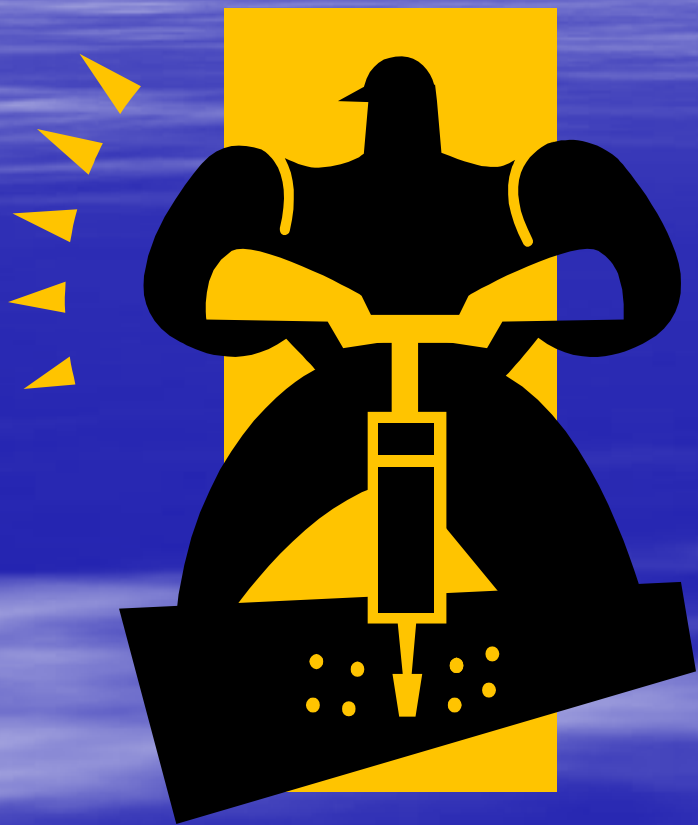
- 1) Ease of entry to establish a commercial presence and indefinite stay to do so.
- 2) Ease of administration for the registering and/or incorporating of companies.
- 3) Access to capital in the receiving Member State.



# Right of Establishment Cont'd.

- 4) Access to land, buildings and other property for the purposes directly related to the establishment of a business.
- 5) Freedom of entry for their managerial, technical and supervisory staff.
- 6) Freedom of entry for spouses and immediate dependent family members of managerial, technical and supervisory staff.





# Procedures for Entry to establish a Commercial Presence

- I) The entrepreneur/service provider must provide the following documentation to the Immigration dept.
  1. A valid passport; or approved Community Identification
  2. Certificate of incorporation or registration or business license
  3. Police Certificate of Character

# Procedures for Establishing a Commercial Presence

- l) Community nationals seeking to establish a business under the right of establishment may either:
  - a) Incorporate a new company
  - b) Register an external company
  - c) Continue an existing company in the jurisdiction of the receiving state
  - d) Register a business name under the relevant national legislation.

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