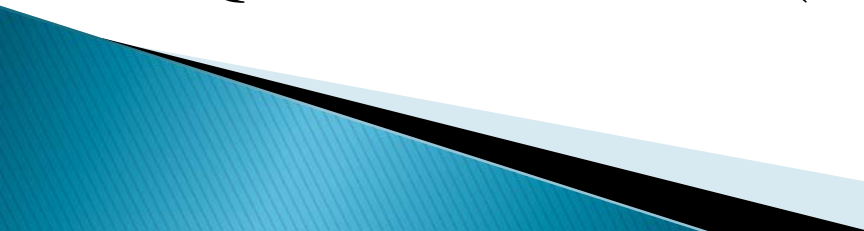


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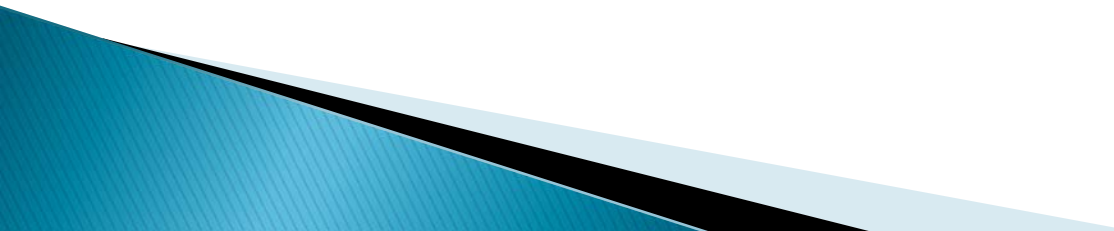
IS THERE INTEREST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION OF CARICOM SKILLS
QUALIFICATION?

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MEANINGS/OPINIONS

- ▶ “Free movement is not a dream ; it’s a reality said former Secretary- General mr. Edwin Carrington
- ▶ “This thing (integration) is not for free. It costs money to do; all of it. It costs money to set up new institutions. One of the reasons why some of these implementation tasks have not been done is because Governments are checking to see if their fiscal capacity can afford them. The same people who are complaining about the [lack of] speed at which it is happening have to be prepared to pay their taxes so that the Governments can contribute to the requirement of putting the measures and institutions in place. The idea that integration is not moving quickly has to be disabused of people’ minds because it is not for free; it costs money,” said mr.Ivor Carryl,programme manager of the CSME unit in Barbados.

Continued meanings/opinions

Professor Norman Girvan said: whether the lack of CARICOM Single Market awareness is the fault of government, the CARICOM Secretariat, the University, or the media, hardly matters. For my own parts, I believe in self-responsibility. I hold that it is the job of graduates themselves, as the core of the educated elite of Caribbean society, to acquire information about the rights and opportunities it confers on them and to press responsible agencies to put these into effect.

The development of free persons

- ▶ 1989: Free movement initiative by the 1989 Grand Anse Declaration.
- ▶ Jan 1996: CARICOM nationals, who are University Graduates are allowed to move freely within CSME without a work permit.
- ▶ Caricom nationals are: According to article 32.5(a) of the Revised Treaty, a person who is regarded as a National of a Member State. This is the case if such person:
 - ▶ Is the citizen of that State;
 - ▶ Has a connection with that State of a kind entitles him/her to be regarded as belonging to, or if it be so expressed, as being a native or resident of the State for the purpose of the laws thereof relating to immigration.
- ▶ July 1996: The categories of persons who are allowed to move freely are expanded to artistes, sportspersons, musician and media-workers.
- ▶ July 2009: Domestic workers were included in the number for movement.

The procedure to a certificate of recognition of CARICOM skills qualification (certificate)

- ▶ What is needed to move freely?

A so called Certificate of Recognition of CARICOM Skills Qualification which can be obtain, which is a document that is issued to any CARICOM National that falls under the approved categories. This certificates eliminates the need for a work permit in a CARICOM country.

- ▶ What I should do to have a Skill Certificate:

One have to fill in a application form for Recognition of Caribbean Community Skilled National Status with also some required documents such as:

- a deposit receipt

- a Skill certificate issued in another member State of the Caribbean community if the applicant is in possession of such a valid birth
- a photocopy of a valid birth certificate
- a photocopy of the pages from the valid passport
- Four identical passport size photographs with good resemblance
- a police certificate
- a marriage certificate

Apart from the above every category has some other document.

If the application, is granted, after some 5-6 weeks, the applicant will be awarded a Certificate of Recognition of Caribbean Community Skills Qualification abbreviated to Skills Certificate

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This Skills Certificate shall be valid for an unlimited period of time and consequently does not expire.

- ▶ An applicant being holder of a Skills Certificate issued in another member State and whose application is granted will receive a stay at the reverse side of this certificate.

Which countries are currently in the Free Movement regime (Jan 2009):

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| -Antigua and Barbuda | - Barbados | -Belize - | Dominica |
| -Grenada | - Guyana | - Jamaica | St. Lucia |
| - St. Kitts and Nevis | - St. Vincent and the Grenadines | | |
| - Suriname | -Trinidad and Tobago | | |

Table II: Skills Certificates issued by CARICOM Member States:

Country	Non national SNC holder	National SNC holder	Total
Guyana 1997-2010	20	2709	2729
Jamaica	704	1098	1802
Montserrat		0	
St. Kitts & Nevis	151	49	200
St. Lucia	280	308	588
Suriname	18	47	65
Trinidad and Tobago	1055	501	1556
Barbados	762	248	1010
St. Vincent	50	199	249
Grenada (2004-2007)	62	43	105
Dominica	136	0	136
Belize	57	19	76
Total	3295	5221	8516

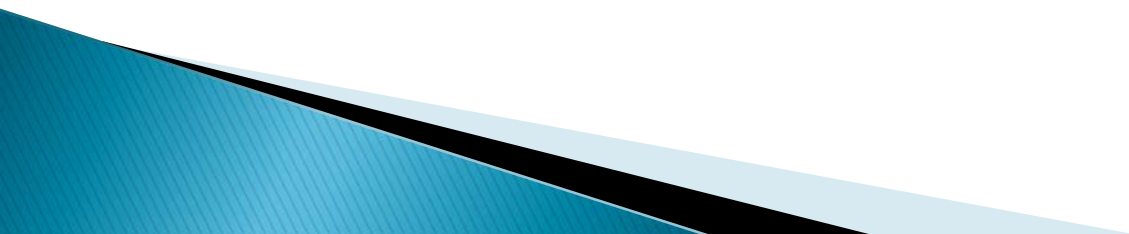


OPPORTUNITIES

CARICOM NATIONALS HAS NOW A MUCH MORE BIGGER LABOUR MARKET WITHOUT THE NEED FOR A WORK PERMIT

MEMBER COUNTRIES HAS NOW THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE USE OF THIS BIGGER LABOUR MARKET TO FILL CRITICAL VANCIES

FOR THE CARIBBEAN AS A WHOLE THIS IS A MAJOR OPPOTTUNITY AGAINS OUTWARDS MIGRATION ,WHICH CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM





SURINAMES SAYING

NANGA WAN FINGA NOMO
BRAVU NO KAN NJAN TEK JU
ANU HOR ING LEKI SPUN

THANK YOU

