

Daniel Brantley St. Kitts & Nevis Citizenship by Investment Update

National Biometric Enrolment and Passport Modernization Programme

The Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU) has introduced a National Biometric Enrolment Programme for all citizens of the Federation of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis (the “**Programme**”). The Programme launched on 14 April 2026. The Programme is mandatory and seeks to strengthen your travel credentials, allowing for smoother international travel and alignment with global standards. The Programme **does not** affect your citizenship.

Operational Timeline (Key Dates)

- (i) **14 April 2026** - Online biometric portal opens; Authorized Agents onboarded
- (ii) **20 April 2026** - Citizens may begin booking appointments
- (iii) **20 April 2026** - Biometric enrolment begins in St. Kitts & Nevis
- (iv) **1 May 2026** - Overseas biometric enrolment appointments commence
- (v) **31 July 2027**- Deadline to complete biometric enrolment
- (vi) **From 1 August 2027**- Passports issued prior to the launch of the Programme expire for travel and will be **deactivated**.

***PLEASE NOTE: All passports issued through the Citizenship by Investment Programme before 14 April 2026 will remain valid for international travel during the transition period. From 1 August 2027, only biometric-enabled passports will be accepted for travel. Re-enrolment will be required and additional penalty fees may apply.**

Approved Biometric Enrolment Locations

Currently established centres include:

- (i) Citizenship Unit Office, Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis
- (ii) Government designated service providers in key locations in Asia and UAE (from 1 May 2026)
- (iii) Additional locations across the SKN Consular network and key cities worldwide (Phase 2 — coming soon)

***PLEASE NOTE: Additional international locations will be announced through official government channels. Check ciu.gov.kn/biometrics regularly for newly available locations.**

Biometric Enrolment Process

- (1) Appointment of an Authorised Agent (AA): All citizens must act through an Authorised Agent who will provide the official portal access link.
- (2) Portal Registration: Citizens register using their Certificate of Registration number and personal details.

- (3) Civic Education Requirement: A short civic education video must be viewed on the portal before an appointment can be scheduled. This is mandatory for all renewals.
- (4) Appointment Booking: Citizens select an approved biometric collection centre and appointment date.
- (5) Biometric Enrolment: Citizens attend their appointment with their current passport for biometric data capture.
- (6) Passport Processing: Following enrolment, passport processing or renewals will be processed.

Authorised Agent Involvement

- Appointment bookings are linked to the Authorised Agent (AA) via a security system
- Agents must confirm appointments before biometric capture
- Agents do not have access to biometric data
- Agents assist with scheduling, compliance and client communication

Fees

The National Biometric Enrolment and Passport Modernization Fees cover biometric enrolment, secure identity verification and passport upgrade:

- Main Adult applicant (16 years and over) - USD\$2,500
- Second adult applicant - USD\$2,000
- Children (under 16 years) - USD\$1,300

***PLEASE NOTE: Only the official government portal may be used. Any third-party enrolment services are unauthorized and should be disregarded. Early enrolment is strongly encouraged for frequent travellers.**

Daniel Brantley would be delighted to assist you with your passport renewals.

Please feel free to contact us at any time regarding any queries.

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