



### **GRENADA CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT - INVESTING IN A US E2 VISA**

Migrating to the USA is the hope of many individuals around the world. Doing so legally can be accomplished through a few channels, including investing in business ventures that employ Americans. The EB-5 Programme is one such channel used popularly by high net worth individuals (HNWI) to migrate to the US. Another popular channel is the E2 Visa - accessible only by citizens of countries that have E2 Treaties with the USA.

### **KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE US EB-5 PROGRAMME AND THE US E2 VISA**

	<b>EB-5</b>	<b>E2</b>
Minimum Investment	\$900,000 (From Nov. 21, 2019)	No specified minimum. \$200,000 often invested
Approval Time	2 - 15 years	2 - 3 months
Ability to Recover Investment	Yes	Yes
Control Over Invested Funds	Only if invested into a specific business and not a Regional Center*	Yes
Provides a Green Card	Yes	Through a status change
Clear Path to US Citizenship	Yes	No
Enforces Global Taxes	Yes	No
Requires Job Creation	Yes - Minimum of 10 jobs	No minimum specified

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Family applications	Allows for main applicant, spouse and children under age 21	Allows for main applicant, spouse and children under age 21
Yearly cap per country	700	None specified
Work Requirement for Investor	Not applicable if investment is made into a Regional Centre	Yes
Ability to Renew	Green card renews every 10 years	Every 5 years**

\*A Regional Center is an organisation designated by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that sponsors capital investment projects for investment by EB-5 investors.

\*\* US E2 Treaties differ by country. Some countries E2 Treaties do not allow for multiple entries into the US; may last three (3) or twelve (12) months; and may not be renewed indefinitely. Grenada's E2 Treaty can be renewed indefinitely; lasts five years; and allows for multiple entries into the US.

## ABOUT EB-5

- Provides a conditional Green Card for two years before providing a permanent Green Card to an investor and family.
- Must invest \$1.8 million into a non-targeted employment area, or \$900,000 in a targeted employment area, or Regional Centre designated by US Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Investment must sustain an existing business or create a new enterprise, each of which must create and/or maintain a minimum of 10 jobs.
- Visa distribution is capped at 10,000 approvals a year.
- Demand by particular countries has created a backlog causing some applications to take as long as 10 years to be processed.
- The investor must be domiciled in the US during the conditional Green Card period.
- The Investor is required to pay taxes on all of his/her global income.
- Residency can be revoked after the conditional Green Card period of two years if the business fails to create the necessary employment or proves to be a scam.

## ABOUT E2 VISA

- Visa is valid for five years and can be renewed indefinitely.
- The Investor must renew his/her I-94 card every two years to remain in status.
- Investor must own at least 50% of the business in which the investment is made in the US.
- Investor must have a title in the business that indicates ownership or executive level employment.
- The business must be the sole employer of the investor in the US.
- E2 visas can be extended to spouses and unmarried children under age 21.
- Spouses are eligible to work in the US and children can access free public primary and secondary education, as well as qualify for in-state tuition in colleges and universities.
- Children with an E2 Visa will lose their E2 status at age 21.
- E2 Visa holders can transition to EB-5 status by initiating a status change.
- Investments made into an E2 business, as well as job creation, can be counted toward the minimum investment job creation requirements specified for EB-5 status.

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