



St Kitts & Nevis
CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME

Citizenship Unit

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To: Authorised Agents, International Marketing Agents

From: Office of the Chairman

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National Biometric Enrolment and Passport Modernisation Programme

The purpose of this memo is to outline the impending rollout of the biometric data collection programme.

Background

On 14 April 2026, the Ministry of National Security, Citizenship and Immigration in partnership with the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship Unit will begin the process of implementing biometric data capture across its global citizen base.

This step represents a major strategic upgrade for the market and the global investment migration industry.

Why is biometric enrolment being introduced now?

Biometrics have become the global standard for secure travel documents. Introducing biometric enrolment ensures St Kitts and Nevis remains trusted, respected, and aligned with international civil aviation and security requirements.

How it will work

Roll-out begins 14 April, 2026. New applicants will be required to submit their biometric data at approval-in-principle stage. Existing citizens will be required to complete the same process within a transition period that ends on 31 July 2027.

What biometric data is collected?

- Live facial image
- Fingerprints
- Digital signature
- Secure passport data capture

All data will be collected and stored in accordance with international data-protection and security standards.

- Biometric enrolment will be conducted only by authorised government officials or approved data capture centres.
- Data remains under full sovereign control.
- All international standards and best practices will be fully observed.



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Approved Biometric Enrolment Centres

- The Passport Office, Government Headquarters, Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis;
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- The St. Kitts and Nevis Consulate, Ottawa, Canada;
- The St. Kitts and Nevis Consulate, London, United Kingdom;
- The St. Kitts and Nevis Consulate, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates;
- The St. Kitts and Nevis Consulate, Taipei;
- The Eastern Caribbean Consulate, Rabat, Morocco;
- Such other officially designated government collection centres worldwide as may subsequently be approved.

Upon successful enrolment, citizens will receive an upgraded biometric passport, with additional benefits linked to passport tenure.

Key Information for Citizens and Applicants

- This programme does not affect citizenship status. It is a passport modernisation initiative aligned with international best practice.
- All dependants, including children, must complete enrolment in accordance with age-appropriate international standards.
- A dedicated support service will be available throughout the rollout, and authorised agents will receive full operational guidance ahead of launch.

What you should do now

Begin having conversations with your clients about this impending new requirement and ensure your team is abreast of the upcoming changes.

CIU is hosting the next in its series of professional development workshops for authorised agents on Monday 30 March 2026 during which we will provide further details on the roll out of this programme and what it means for your clients. Please ensure you RSVP to attend.

A circular will be sent out in the coming weeks providing detailed information on the biometric process, including fees, procedures, and appointment scheduling process.

Only new applications submitted on or after 14 April, 2026 will require biometric submission, at approval-in-principle stage. However, **all** citizens, acquired through the Citizenship Programme, must complete biometric enrolment within the transition period.

On this basis, there is no benefit to rushing applications before the April deadline. As usual, we encourage you to prioritise quality application preparation over speed, ensuring submissions are thorough and complete to minimise undue delay.

We look forward to partnering with you as we upgrade our procedures to remain aligned with the highest international standards.