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## All set for the issuing of CARICOM Special Visa

Cricket fans can start applying for their CARICOM Special Visa from Friday 15 December at several locations in the Caribbean and internationally.

News of this has come at a time of heightened expectation as the momentum continues to build for the hosting of Cricket World Cup 2007 in the West Indies.

In the Caribbean visa issuing sites will be located in the host countries namely Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago. These countries along with Dominica constitute the Single Domestic Space. Internationally visa issuing sites will be located in Toronto, New York; Miami in the USA; New Delhi, India; Sydney, Australia and London, England.

The CARICOM Special Visa is a critical part of the wide ranging security arrangements that the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) is putting in place for CWC 2007. Several components of these arrangements are already in place and the full complement will be in place by 15 January 2007, the date from which persons from several countries traveling to the Single Domestic Space will need a visa for entry. The visa requirement will be in place until 15 May 2007.

Chairperson of the CARICOM sub committee on security for CWC2007 and Deputy Prime Minister of Barbados Hon Mia Mottley underscored the importance of the visa within the context of security.

“The ICC has accorded the Caribbean a vote of confidence in our hosting of Cricket World Cup and we accept the responsibility that comes with this. The security of the fans is paramount and our governments have invested heavily in this area. The CARICOM Special Visa is a critical feature of the security arrangements and so too is the Single Domestic Space,” said Ms Mottley.

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She added that the visa will also allow for hassle free movement in the Single Domestic Space, thus preventing bottle necks at ports of entry.

Application for the visa could be completed and down loaded on-line via the CA Community Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACs) website at [www.caricomimpacs.org](http://www.caricomimpacs.org). A processing fee of US\$100 could also be paid on line through credit card facilities.

It is anticipated that the turn around time for persons receiving their visas would be a maximum of 21 days.

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