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The 2nd Chance Programme

The Strengthening Second Chance Education Programme (2nd Chance Programme) is an initiative facilitated by the internationally recognised examination body, the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC).

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and CXC have formed a cooperative agreement to promote the strengthening of this programme in Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

The 2nd Chance Programme will provide youth who have been unable to complete their formal education, with another opportunity or second chance to access educational opportunities tailored specifically to them.

The Programme offers two paths of study that will lead to portable, recognised certification and incorporates practical assignment components into its syllabuses. This allows graduates to have the technical requirements, as well as invaluable experience needed when entering the workforce.



Antigua and Barbuda



Barbados



Dominica



Grenada



St Kitts and Nevis



St Lucia



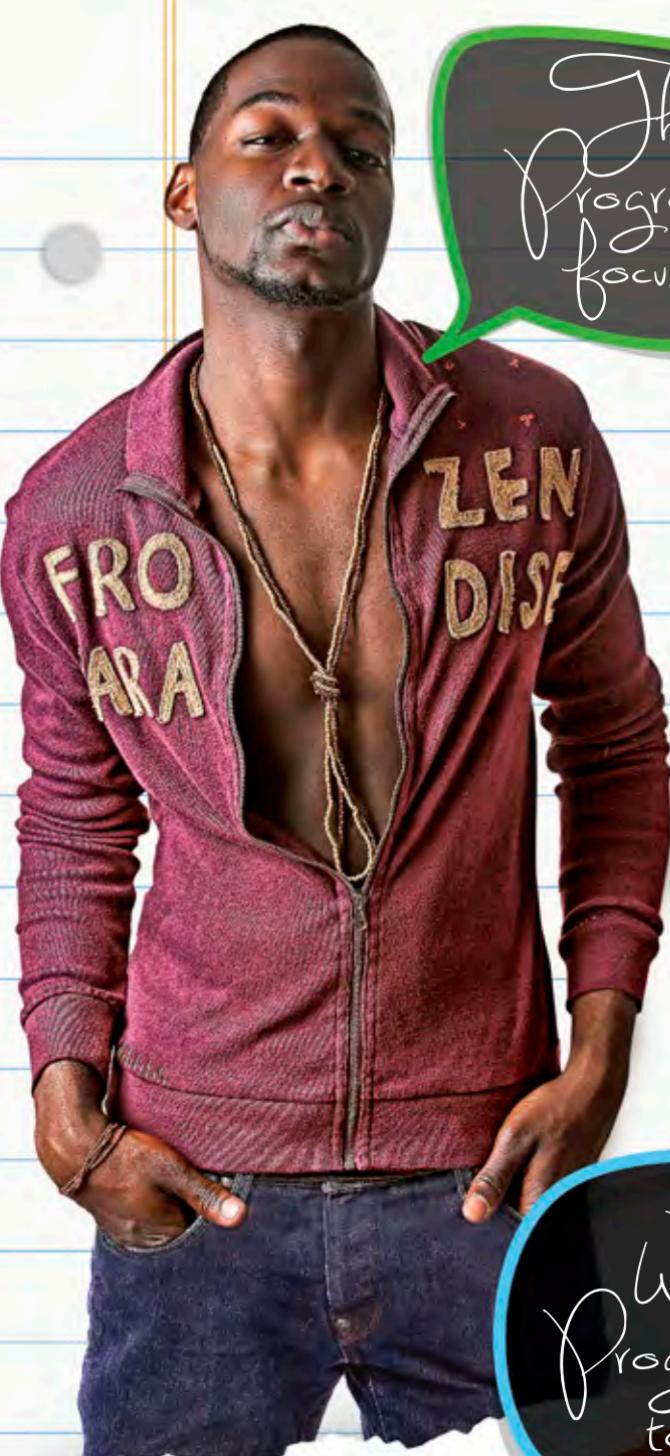
St Vincent and the Grenadines



Suriname



Trinidad and Tobago



The
Programme's
focus

Our main focus is young persons aged 16 – 30 years old who have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Teenage parents
- Limited or no academic certification
- Gaps in literacy and numeracy knowledge
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Need life and work skills and have behavioural challenges
- Drug use and abuse
- Criminal Record
- Prone to violence or victims of abuse and violence

Businesses, employers, educators, development agencies and the general public will gain a better understanding of the CVQ® and CCSLC® certifications and be in a better position to recognise and accept their quality and relevance.



What the
Programme seeks
to achieve

By equipping our youth with necessary technical skills, portable certification and invaluable experience needed to enter the workforce, this Programme will build self-esteem and confidence and ultimately improve their lives, ensuring that a greater number of young people become active participants in the development of our region.

The 2nd Chance Programme will seek to build a sustainable infrastructure that will provide persons of all interests and abilities with another avenue through which they can continue their education in an effort to positively influence their future, better their lives and contribute to the development of our communities and the society as a whole.

Students will receive
portable certification

Successful students will receive the CXC's Caribbean Certificate of Secondary Level Competence (CCSLC®) and/or the CXC's Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ®) certificates.

These are Competency-Based Education Training and Assessment (CBETA) qualifications. Structured to represent the integration of knowledge, competencies and affective qualities critical to the dynamics of lifelong learning, global competitiveness and sustainable development in the region, the Programme responds to the changing demands of education.

CBETA is now being used as an international vehicle for driving educational reforms.

The CCSLC® and CVQ® programmes provide a portable, recognised certification that would enable the out-of-school demographic to advance educationally from where they are to where they would like to go.

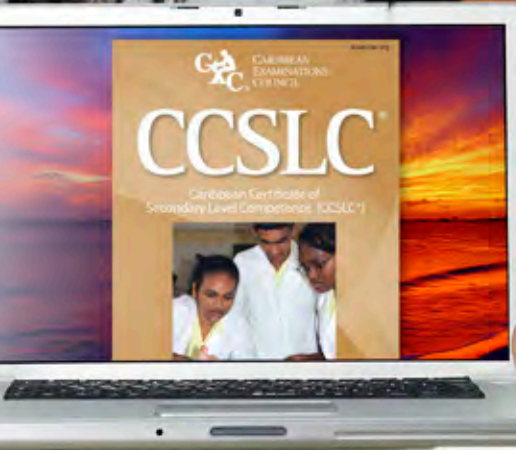
The suite of qualifications are refined and better articulated so that access is available to all and a trajectory for progressive improvement of educational level can be pursued; thereby providing the capacity for lifelong learning and educational progression.





Caribbean Certificate
of Secondary
Level Competence
(CCSLC®)

Caribbean Vocational
Qualification
(CVQ®)



The CCSLC® is different from other programmes offered by CXC in its philosophy and orientation since it is based on a core of knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that all secondary school leavers should have. The CCSLC® is very flexible and makes provision for students with a wide range of abilities.

The CCSLC® provides students with a foundation for further education and training that focuses on measuring the learner's several core competencies.

These competencies include: problem solving and critical thinking skills; the ability to make informed decisions, manage emotions in a public domain and work in groups; and the ability to communicate orally and in writing in addition to many others.

The CVQ® provides a more central focus on the learner's level of competency in the required courses needed to achieve the qualification. The principles of quality assurance involved in implementing the CVQ® are applied throughout the entire process of training, assessment and certification.

The development of training outcomes that reflect workplace requirements utilise approved CARICOM Occupational Standards. Assessments are conducted by trained assessors within approved schools or education institutions and verified by trained verifiers and occupational/industry experts.

The CVQ®, a vocational education and training programme, better prepares the individual for the world of work across various industries.



By supporting this initiative, **you are giving back to your community** and providing an excellent avenue for the youth to better themselves.

You will be recognised as someone who helps to showcase the opportunities available and who encourages our youth to provide themselves with a second chance to improve their circumstances.

The resultant increase in employability of our youth ensures the positive development of our people and provides an opportunity for greater spending power and a higher standard of living for all.



Businesses and Employers

- Gain a better understanding of the certifications as they relate to your industry. You may even consider working with students under the guidance of the tutors.
- Participate with the Second Chance Institutions in providing internships in your organisation.
- Talk about the Programme with your peers and colleagues.

Educational Institutions and Educators

- Gain a better understanding of the course of study that leads to the certifications.
- Work with businesses and employers in your area to gain their support and participation.

Everyone

- Keep the dialogue open. Talk to the youth about the 2nd Chance Programme and share positive stories. Show young people that there are opportunities for success, growth and achieving a better way of life.
- Acknowledgement and recommendation of the 2nd Chance Programme to the youth as a positive way forward.
- Assist with the dissemination of information related to the Programme. This would include elements such as links on your website to the Programme website, the display and availability of information about the Programme within your organisation and to all young persons.





Since 1979, the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) has provided examinations for secondary and post-secondary candidates in Caribbean countries.

CXC has established itself regionally and internationally as an examination body that adheres to high standards in syllabus development, examination administration and marking, and in the details of the certification that it provides.

Syllabuses for CXC examinations are developed by Caribbean educators who work in sixth form schools, community, state and teacher-training colleges and universities. Specialists from the private sector, commerce and industry are also consulted to ensure relevance. In addition, CXC provides technical assistance and consultancy services to both the public and private sectors across the region.

CXC brings recognised quality to the provision of certification.

DOWNLOAD MORE INFORMATION

- **The CCSLC® Booklet**
- **The CVQ® Booklet**
- **Second Chance Strategy Definition**

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