

# Getting a Green Card: Buying Business in Florida

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09/28/13 — For centuries, people from all over the world have been lured in by the American Dream and have relocated stateside in the hope of a better life. Fast forward a couple of hundred years and people are still hoping to relocate in the hope of settling in

one of America's 'promised lands'. Florida, New York and California are all hot spots for those looking to settle down in the USA, but getting a permanent visa can be tough. One way you can get a visa processed within 4-6 weeks is by investing \$100,000 in a business, and there's never been a better time to do it.

## Lure of the Sunshine State

Florida is famous for its theme parks and amazing weather, making it a tourist hot spot. However, many visiting for a few weeks' holiday find it almost impossible to tear themselves away and consequently 1,000 people move to the sunshine state every day. To keep the population at a sustainable level, immigration laws have to be strict, and getting a Green Card is certainly no easy task.

## Perfect Timing

The US has been out of recession for two years now, and the recovering economy has seen a steady improvement in business health. Sterling is

strong, meaning it's now more possible than ever for British investors to buy a business and get their American Green Card. Under US immigration laws, thanks to the 'friendship' between the two countries, citizens from the UK can live and work in Florida through purchasing a business. So, there's never been a better time to move across the pond.

## **Green Card's the Goal**

Most Brits move to America on a visa, as getting a Green Card is reserved for those investing big bucks in the US economy. In the grand scheme of things though, the \$500,000 investment in US business that's required in order to be granted a Green Card isn't actually very much. In fact, under the current exchange rate, it actually equates to £ 311,685.73, which in terms of investment really isn't all that much.

## **It Works both Ways**

Of course, your heart has got to be in it, but for those looking to invest overseas, it could come hand-in-hand with a new life in the Sunshine State. Likewise, Americans can apply for an entrepreneurial visa if they invest £200,000 by buying a business from a broker like [Axis Partnership](#) and employing at least two people. Somehow though, the dull drizzle of the UK's many counties doesn't quite have the same appeal.

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