

# Government

**Names:**

*conventional long form:* none

*conventional short form:* Anguilla

**Digraph:** AV

**Type:** dependent territory of the UK

**Capital:** The Valley

**Administrative divisions:** none (dependent territory of the UK)

**Independence:** none (dependent territory of the UK)

**National holiday:** Anguilla Day, 30 May

**Constitution:** Anguilla Constitutional Orders 1 April 1982; amended 1990

**Legal system:** based on English common law

**Suffrage:** 18 years of age; universal

**Executive branch:**

*chief of state:* Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952),

represented by Governor Alan W. SHAVE (since 14 August 1992)

*head of government:* Chief Minister Hubert HUGHES (since 16 March 1994)

*cabinet:* Executive Council; appointed by the governor from the elected members of the House of Assembly

**Legislative branch:** unicameral

*House of Assembly:* elections last held 16 March 1994 (next to be held March 1999); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (11 total, 7 elected) ANA 2, AUP 2, ADP 2, independent 1

**Judicial branch:** High Court

**Political parties and leaders:** Anguilla National Alliance (ANA); Anguilla United Party (AUP), Hubert HUGHES; Anguilla Democratic Party (ADP), Victor BANKS

**Member of:** CARICOM (observer), CDB, INTERPOL (subbureau)

**Diplomatic representation in US:** none (dependent territory of the UK)

**US diplomatic representation:** none (dependent territory of the UK)

**Flag:** two horizontal bands of white (top, almost triple width) and light blue with three orange dolphins in an interlocking circular design centered in the white band; a new flag may have been in use since 30 May 1990

## Defense Forces

**Note:** defense is the responsibility of the UK

