



CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

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WHAT IS CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT?

Citizenship By Investment ("CBI") programs offer fast track passports against investments such as donation to the state, real estate, businesses and creating jobs

All applicants and their family members undergo due diligence and background checks before being approved of citizenship and passports.

As of 2020, more than 10 countries that officially operate Citizenship by Investment Programs ("CIP").

CBI revenues were used for economic development, disaster recovery, reducing public debt and other social and welfare projects.

BENEFITS

- Second Passport in 3 months
- Visa free travel freedom
- Citizenship passed down to family generations
- Opportunity to invest in real estate
- No residence or living requirements
- No language test, no business experience required
- Education for children abroad
- Great future investment

CBI MARKET

\$5bn

ANNUALLY



BACKGROUND

Saint Kitts and Nevis first launched citizenship by investment scheme in 1984 being the oldest in the world. Later in the 1990's passport schemes in pacific countries became very popular

It was only after 2010, citizenship for investment programs gained mainstream attention. From just two, the number of programs ballooned into 10 within just a decade.

Three EU member states Malta, Cyprus and Bulgaria introduced investor citizenship schemes within the European Union requiring millions of euros atleast.

Launch

- 1984 - St Kitts and Nevis
- 1993 - Dominica
- 2013 - Bulgaria
 - Cyprus
 - Antigua and Barbuda
 - Grenada
- 2014 - Malta
- 2015 - Saint Lucia
 - Vanuatu
- 2017 - Turkey
- 2018 - Moldova
 - Montenegro

Officially there are 12 countries that operate legally trusted citizenship by investment schemes.

More countries likely to open citizenship by investment schemes in the future.

CBI industry is adding on an average \$3 billion every year as of 2020

Annual Investment

- Cyprus - \$1.5 billion
- Turkey - \$0.5 billion
- Malta - \$0.3 billion
- Vanuatu - \$0.2 billion
- Caribbean = \$1 billion

The CBI industry is expanding at an unprecedented rate, due to global volatility and geo-political activities (eg. Brexit, Hong Kong protests, Covid-19 Pandemic etc.) driving demand for the investment citizenship market.

Due to huge demand and popularity, Governments have simplified application procedure making it easy and straightforward making it only 3 months for citizenship.



GRENADA

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

Grenada is the No.1 citizenship by investment program in the world for its pricing and benefits that come with the passport.

Grenada is a superb travel passport perhaps only passport among CBI programs that has visa waivers with China, Russia, EU schengen and Schengen Area all in one passport.

The Grenada Passport + E-2 investor visa package has become lately popular to enter United States under non-immigrant status with a low investment and less than a month waiting times.

Besides citizenship in Grenada gives excellent tax planning benefits for HNWI

Donation: USD 150,000

Real Estate: USD 200,000

Passport time: 3 months

Physical Residence: Not required

Quotas: none

E-2 Visa: Yes

Visa Free countries: 143

- Schengen: Yes
- United Kingdom: Yes
- China - Yes
- Russia - Yes
- Canada - No
- USA - No
- Israel - Yes

Passport: CARICOM / Commonwealth



TURKEY

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

The Turkish Citizenship by Investment ("TCBI") regulations published in official gazette in 2018.

When Turkey cut the minimum investment to \$250,000 from \$1m), the program has scored big since then. In just two years collected excess of \$1.5 billion FDI through the citizenship scheme.

TCBI is very popular among middle east arab investors due to Turkey being economic powerhouse and proximity to the MENA region with excellent flight connections., despite turkish passport being a weak passport.

Turkey offers VAT and other tax cuts to citizenship investors.

Real Estate: USD 250,000

Passport time: 3 months

Physical Residence: Not required

Quotas: none

VAT: exempt for property

EU Candidate status: YES

E-2 Visa: Yes

Visa Free countries: 110

- Schengen: No
- United Kingdom: No
- Japan - Yes
- Russia - No
- South Africa - Yes
- Canada - No
- USA - No



VANUATU

DSP AND VCP SCHEMES

Vanuatu excels itself as the fastest passport program in the world with superfast processing times less than 2 months. It has also the easiest citizenship scheme requiring less complicated simple paper work.

Vanuatu is a pacific country offering commonwealth citizenship status to investors. There is no real estate investment option, just donation to the state option.

There is no required to visit or live in Vanuatu before or after receiving your passport.

Vanuatu is a pure tax haven with no income, corporate, wealth or inheritance taxes.

Govt Donation: USD 130,000 (DSP/VCP)

Real Estate: Not available

Passport time: 1.5 months

Physical Residence: Not required

Quotas: None

Passport: Commonwealth

E-2 Visa: No

Taxes: None

Visa Free countries: 129

- EU Schengen: Yes
- United Kingdom: Yes
- Russia - Yes
- Canada - No
- United States - No



DOMINICA

DOMINICA CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (DCBIP)

Dominica has the oldest and trusted citizenship by investment program since 1993

Dominica CIP is the most popular passport program in the Caribbean region. It remains the cheapest citizenship program for one or single persons.

Besides citizenship, Dominica is a very beautiful picturesque island to visit for tropical forests, waterfalls and mountains.

The Commonwealth of Dominica passport issued under DCBIP is valid for 10 years is universally accepted by all state parties to the UN and Commonwealth countries.

Donation: USD 100,000

Real Estate: USD 200,000 (3 yrs)

Passport time: 3 months

Physical Residence: Not required

Quotas: None

Passport: Caricom / Commonwealth

E-2 Visa: No

Taxes: None

Visa Free countries: 139

- EU Schengen: Yes
- United Kingdom: Yes
- Russia - Yes
- Canada - No
- United States - No



MALTA

INDIVIDUAL INVESTOR PROGRAM

Malta attracts UHNW families who bring wealth, business acumen, talent, those with excellent references are admitted into citizenship by investment program.

IIP has the strictest vetting standards in the world, only applicants with clean background are approved into the program. The EU citizenship is for life passed down to generations of family.

Malta remains one of the best countries in the world to live, work, study and retire. English is the official language and has world class healthcare and education system in the world.

The Maltese passport remains highly respected and powerful EU passport in the world.

Investment: EUR 900,000

Passport time: 13 months

Physical Residence: 12 months

Quotas: 1800

Passport: European Union / Commonwealth

E-2 Visa: No

Taxes: Standard

Visa Free countries: 183

- EU Schengen: Yes
- United Kingdom: Yes
- Russia - No
- Canada - Yes
- United States - Yes
- Australia - Yes
- Japan - Yes



CYPRUS

CYPRUS INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Cyprus is one of the safest countries in the world offering world class living, excellent healthcare and education system, low corporate taxes and most desirable country to invest and become a citizen.

Cyprus offers the fastest path to European citizenship investing in real estate market, a limited and exclusive opportunity for wealthy HNW investors acquire EU citizen status,

Cyprus actively pursues Schengen area membership and also Visa waiver program (VWP) with the United States.

Cyprus is visited by over 4 million tourists annually drawn by mediterranean sea and 300 days of sunshine per year. Cyprus as a former colony has long ties with UK and English widely spoken everywhere.

Real Estate: EUR 2.15 million

Passport time: 6 months

Physical Residence: 6 months

Quotas: 700 per year

Passport: European Union / Commonwealth

E-2 Visa: No

Taxes: Standard

Visa Free countries: 183

- EU Schengen: Yes
- United Kingdom: Yes
- Russia - No
- Canada - Yes
- United States - No
- Australia - Yes



ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

Antigua was first discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493 and later became a British settlement and naval base.

Antigua is a picturesque caribbean island with white beaches, turquoise waters, a true caribbean paradise.

Antigua and Barbuda citizenship program remains the cheapest family orientated citizenship program in the Caribbean. A family of four can qualify for passports in under 3 months paying just \$130,000 to Government.

Antigua requires all applicants to visit the island for just 5 days to renew the passport after initial 5 years.

Donation: USD 100,000

Real Estate: USD 200,000

Passport time: 3 months

Physical Residence: 5 days in 5 years

Quotas: None

Passport: Caricom / Commonwealth

E-2 Visa: No

Taxes: None

Visa Free countries: 147

- EU Schengen: Yes
- United Kingdom: Yes
- Russia - Yes
- Canada - No
- United States - No



SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

In 1493 Christopher Columbus landed on the islands and names St Kitts after his patron Saint Christopher

St Kitts and Nevis (SKN) remains the oldest and trusted citizenship for investment schemes in the Caribbean running for over 35 years.

St Kitts is also one of the top 10 richest islands in the caribbean in terms of GDP per capita with a population just over 50,000.

The SKN passport remains strongest passports in the Caribbean region with visa free access to over 150 countries and territories..

Donation: USD 150,000

Real Estate: USD 200,000 (7 yrs)

Passport time: 3 months

Physical Residence: None

Quotas: None

Passport: Caricom / Commonwealth

E-2 Visa: No

Taxes: None

Visa Free countries: 151

- EU Schengen: Yes
- United Kingdom: Yes
- Russia - Yes
- Canada - No
- United States - No



SAINT LUCIA

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

Saint Lucia is one of the most beautiful countries visited by 1.2 million visitors attracted by breathtaking views of mountain cliffs, rainforests and sandy beaches.

Saint Lucia opened a new citizenship for investment scheme in 2015, since then it remained the cheapest one person citizenship program as of 2020.

Saint Lucia distinguishes itself as the only citizenship program in the world that offers citizenship against purchase of interest free government bonds for \$250,000.

Application process has been streamlined to receive approvals within 80 days.

Donation: USD 100,000

Real Estate: USD 300,000

Passport time: 3 months

Physical Residence: None

Quotas: None

Passport: Caricom / Commonwealth

E-2 Visa: No

Taxes: None

Visa Free countries: 144

- EU Schengen: Yes
- United Kingdom: Yes
- Russia - No
- Canada - No
- United States - No



MONTENEGRO

SPECIAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

Montenegro comes from the name 'Black mountain'. Montenegro is a beautiful country in the adriatic sea visited by over 2 million visitor in 2018.

Montenegro offers a limited time exciting citizenship by investment opportunity to investors who make atleast EUR 250,000 in real estate development projects mostly hotels in Montenegro. There is a also fee of EUR 100,000 per application.

Montenegro with its EU candidate status is a forerunner of joining European Union and Schengen Area by 2025. With the property prices remaining lowest in Europe, the citizenship program is a great investment opportunity to foreign investors.

Real Estate: EUR 250,000

Passport time: 3 months

Physical Residence: None

Quotas: 2000

EU Candidate status: Yes

E-2 Visa: No

Taxes: Low

Visa Free countries: 122

- EU Schengen: Yes
- United Kingdom: No
- Russia - Yes
- Canada - No
- United States - No



BULGARIA

INVESTOR CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

Bulgaria is the third EU member state that has official scheme for citizenship by investments.

Foreign Investors qualify for fast track naturalization by investing €1 million in businesses or government bonds. Financing bond option remains the cheapest path to become permanent resident and then citizenship after 20 months. All investments must be maintained for 3-5 years

Bulgaria is on the path to join schengen area in the future. Bulgaria has an attractive tax regime with low corporate taxes.

Bulgarian passport offers full EU citizen status with full rights to live, work study across the EU/EEA countries.

Govt Bond Financing: USD 300,000

Passport time: 24 months

Physical Residence: 1 year

Quotas: None

EU membership: Yes

E-2 Visa: Yes

Passport: European Union

Visa Free countries: 171

- EU Schengen: Yes
- United Kingdom: Yes
- Russia - No
- Canada - Yes
- United States - No
- Australia - Yes

FAQ

What are the legality of these schemes?

Please refer to Citizenship by Investment Acts and Government websites for legal basis and credibility

What is the difference between passport and citizenship?

A citizenship is a legal status and bond between you and the state. It gives you full rights, protection, freedom and safety.

A passport is just a travel document. Only citizens are eligible for passports.

What are the benefits of buying real estate for citizenship?

Investing in real estate assets cannot be seized, plus buying a home is a genuine link to apply for passport. You also get local address. You can freely invest in hotel shares, residential homes etc.

What is the time frame from launching application to arrival of passport?

3-4 months, if all documents in order

Which is the best european citizenship program?

1. Cyprus
2. Malta
3. Montenegro

Are there any background checks?

Applicants must produce criminal record certificate, health certificate and explain source of funds.

What are reasons for citizenship refusals?

These are the common reasons for refusals

1. Visa denials from US/UK/Schengen etc.
2. Blacklisted country
3. High risk category of applicant

Can the permanent residence issued along with citizenship?

It is possible if you buy real estate.

Are there any restrictions?

Nationals of certain countries (eg. Iran, North Korea, Sudan) cannot apply depending on the program. Contact us explaining your nationality and country of living.

How to start the application process?

You can start the process by paying 10% retainer fee and rest after Government approval letter, gradually over months in installment. Dont pay for real estate before approval letter.

FAQ

Can stateless people apply?

Yes, only some programs accept stateless persons or families: Antigua, Vanuatu, Turkey and Cyprus.

Any personal visit required?

No personal visit - Vanuatu, St Kitts, Dominica, St Lucia

Required - Turkey, Malta, Cyprus, Antigua (5 days), Montenegro

Are you an authorized agent?

We work with trusted partners who are Government appointed authorized agents. We make it cheaper faster and easier for our clients.

Which is the easiest country to get citizenship?

Vanuatu citizenship program has pretty simple application process and less complicated.

Which is the best caribbean passport in terms of visa free travel?

1. St Kitts and Nevis
2. Grenada
3. Antigua and Barbuda

Do you offer passport and golden visa packages?

Grenada passport + E2 US visa
 Dominica passport + Greece Golden visa
 St Kitts passport + UK tier1 investor visa

How do i collect the passport?

You can make arrangements to get it from your authorized agent or at consulate in your country

Are there any discounts?

Discounts are possible only in agent fee. There are no discounts in Govt fees and contributions. These are the rules.

How do i renew the passport when it expires?

It can be done at the nearest consulate or embassy in your country

Are there any restrictions?

Nationals of certain countries (eg. Iran, North Korea, Sudan) cannot apply depending on the program. Contact us explaining your nationality and country of living.

Are there any hidden costs?

There are no hidden costs at all. We make the fees very transparent to our clients to avoid disappointments.

What are different types of fee for citizenship programs?

The fee varies depending on family members, age of children, adult dependants and elderly people. You have to pay due diligence fee, processing fee, administrative fee, contribution amount and agent fee.



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