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North Macedonia

Best Investor Program

Europe

Best Investor Citizenship Program



Launched by
Government in 2019



In the Balkans

North Macedonia is geographically located in the Balkan Peninsula in Southeast Europe. Even though it is a small landlocked country, it borders five neighboring countries. These are Kosovo and Serbia on the north, Bulgaria on the east, Greece on the south, and Albania on the west.

NORTH MACEDONIA

RENAMED FROM MACEDONIA (FYROM) SINCE FEB 2019

In June 2018, Macedonia and Greece resolved the dispute with an agreement that the country should rename itself "Republic of North Macedonia". This renaming came into effect in February 2019 from Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)



MACEDONIA

HISTORY

- North Macedonia geographically roughly corresponds to the ancient kingdom of Paeonia
- **The Romans** established the province of Macedonia in 146 BC
- 13th century, a revived **Bulgarian Empire** gained control of the region
- In the 14th century, it became part of the **Serbian Empire**
- **The Ottoman Empire** lasted from 14th to 19th century for five years
- During the **First World War**, most of today's North Macedonia was part of the Bulgarian occupied zone of Serbia
- In 1929, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes was officially renamed the **Kingdom of Yugoslavia**.
- During **World War II**, Yugoslavia was occupied by the Axis powers from 1941 to 1945.
- North Macedonia was formerly part of Yugoslavia until it became **independent in 8 September 1991**

MOTHER TERESA

DO YOU KNOW?

Mother Teresa of Calcutta was born in Skopje, Macedonia despite being Albanian ethnicity.

Awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

MACEDONIAN DENAR



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The Macedonian denar is the currency of North Macedonia. It is subdivided into one hundred deni (дени), which is no longer in use since 2013.

"The name denar comes from the name of the ancient Roman monetary unit, the denarius. "

The first denar from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was established on 26 April 1992. It replaced the 1990 version of the Yugoslav dinar at par. In May 1993, the currency was reformed.



ALEXANDER THE GREAT


A GREAT CONQUEROR

Alexander the Great, who was king of the former Kingdom of Macedonia, was the first world-size conqueror who extended his empire across Greece and Persia to India and Egypt.

During his time, the Kingdom of Macedonia was the most powerful state in the world; but after his death, the empire fell apart and it became the first Roman province in 146 B.C.



MOST MOUNTAIN PEAKS IN THE WORLD



The country has as many as 34 mountain peaks, each with a height of more than 2,000 meters above sea level; with Mount Golem Karb being the highest at 2,753 meters above sea level.

CITIZENSHIP IN A LOW TAX COUNTRY

North Macedonia

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT



Trusted

Trusted CIP in North Macedonia since its inception backed by CBI legislation and Acts

Powerful

North Macedonia is ranked 44th powerful passport in 2022 with visa free access to 125 destinations

Globally Respected

A very well run, competitive and transparent CIP in North Macedonia with excellent reputation



NORTH MACEDONIA

CITIZENSHIP INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

The Citizenship by Investment program of Republic of North Macedonia by which FITD (Fund for Innovation and Technology Development) determines the economic interest for citizenship, was launched by the Government of North Macedonia on the 13th December 2019.

The Program allows foreigners that have invested capital in the amount of at least 200,000 € per person, in a private investment fund established in accordance with the laws of the Republic of North Macedonia, to be eligible to apply for citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia.

INVESTMENT FUNDS

APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT FOR CIP

The following two funds have been currently approved to participate in the program.

North Macedonia Economic Development

Registered Symbol: MKED

SEC No: RPIF 2225022020NOMAEKDE7385200

Fund Management by: Economic Development doel Skopje

Fund Management Registration No: 7385200

North Macedonia Industrial Innovation Fund

Registered Symbol: MKII

SEC No: RPIF 2325022020NOMAININ7385404

Fund Management by: Industrial Innovation doel Skopje

Fund Management Registration No: 7385404



Republic of North Macedonia

Government of the Republic of North Macedonia





PROCESSING TIME

CBI APPLICATION PROCESS

3-4 MONTHS

CIP Applications are processed within 90-120 days completing background checks.



CIP DUE DILIGENCE

The Citizenship Investment Unit performs several layers of background checks on applicants and their family members before being approved of citizenship and passports.

Authorized agents are required to perform KYC and initial due diligence checks on applicants as per government rules.

Certain country nationals such as North Korea, Iran may not apply to citizenship program unless they live in a different country on long term resident status for more than 5 years.

Applications may be refused for non-compliance such as fraud, concealment, previous visa denials, criminal background, money laundering and previous convictions.

All Candidates are required to seek CIU approval first before making the required investment (donation or real estate)

HOW TO APPLY

1. Prepare initial documents: Police certificate, Birth Certificate, Passport ID copy and Medical certificate
2. Hire an Authorized lawyer (we help you free of charge)
3. Pay Due diligence fee plus 50% of lawyer fee to submit file
4. Wait for CIP approval letter (3 months)
5. Pay your full investment to Government and remaining fee.
6. Collect your passport from consulate abroad

Any applicants who would present security or reputational concerns to the CBI programme and to the nation of NM, are turned away. Applicants from Afghanistan, Cuba, Iran and North Korea are not permitted to apply to CBI programme.

WHY NORTH MACEDONIA

- Strategic geographical position at the crossroads of 2 main European transport corridors
- Member of NATO and EU candidate country
- Highly liberalized foreign trade policy and has signed various bilateral agreements that give local producers free access to the European Union and other markets, making North Macedonia a highly competitive production and export platform
- Stable monetary environment with one of the lowest inflation rates (2.3% in 2020) in the region and stable currency (1€=61.5MKD)
- Very favorable tax environment (10% personal and corporate income tax and 18% general VAT rates)
- Several investment zones with 10 years tax holidays for corporate profits, employment income, VAT, customs duties and others
- Fast company registration – one stop-shop system for company registration within 4 hours
- Highly – qualified workforce and one of the most competitive labor costs in EU



ECONOMY

- Economy
- **Real GDP growth rate:** 0% (2017 est.); 2.9% (2016 est.); 3.9% (2015 est.)
- **Inflation rate** (consumer prices): 0.7% (2019 est.); 1.4% (2018 est.); 1.3% (2017 est.), country comparison to the world: 78
- **Credit ratings:** Fitch rating: BB+ (2019); Standard & Poors rating: BB- (2013)
- **Real GDP** (purchasing power parity): \$34.333 billion (2019 est.); \$33.268 billion (2018 est.); \$32.331 billion (2017 est.)
- **GDP** (official exchange rate): \$12.696 billion (2019 est.)
- **Currency: Macedonian denar (MKD)**

GOVERNMENT

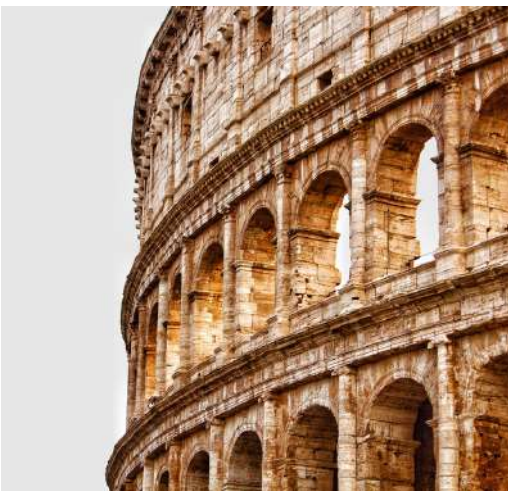
Government type: parliamentary republic

KEY INDUSTRIES

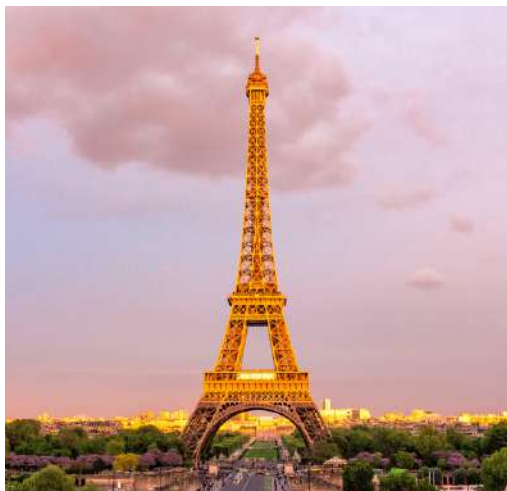
- Machine and automotive components
- Information and Communication Technology
- Agribusiness and Food Processing
- Textile and clothing
- Energy
- Pharmaceuticals and Medical devices
- Wine industry

VISA FREE

ROME



PARIS



EGYPT

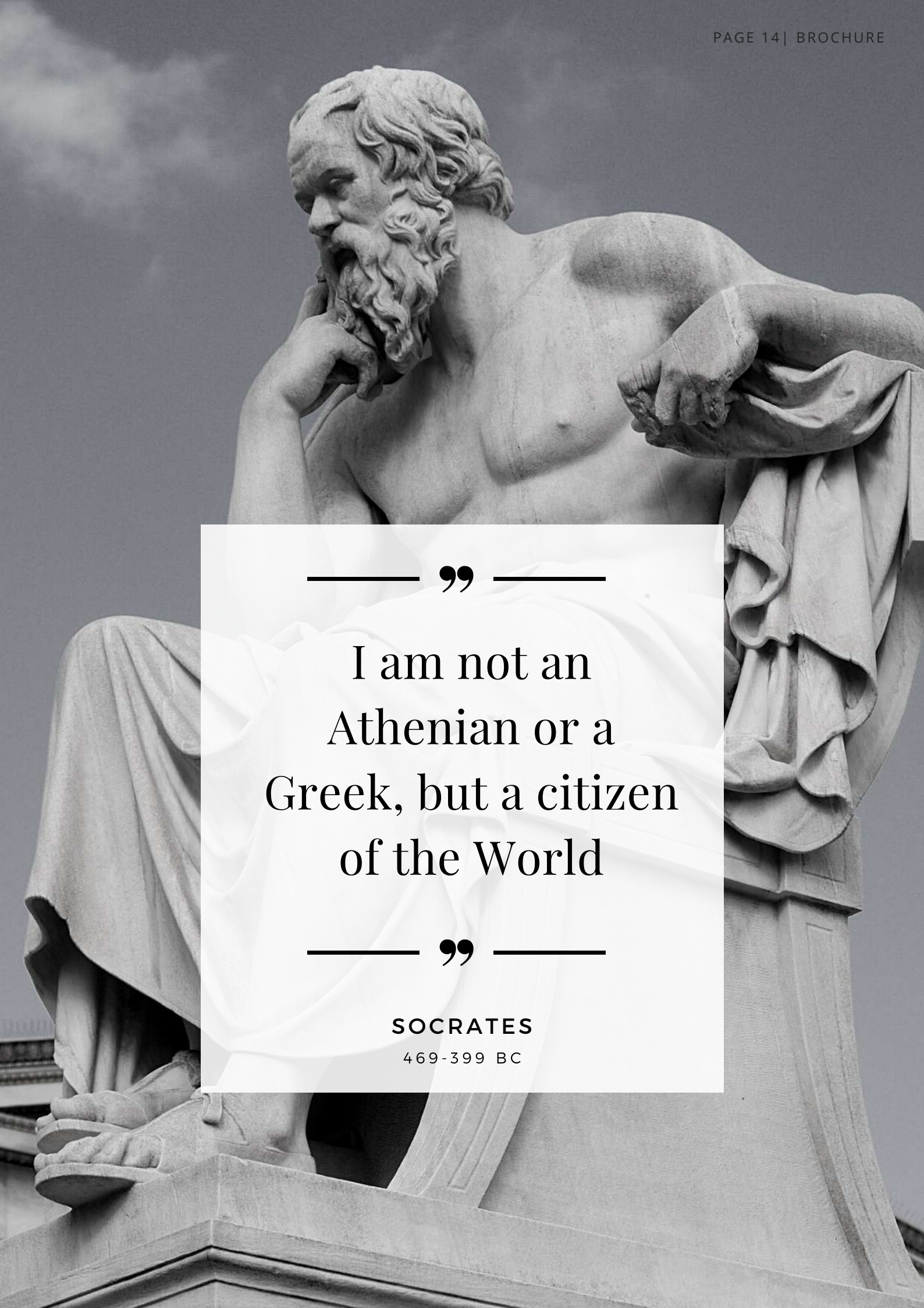


NORTH MACEDONIAN
PASSPORT

THINK GLOBAL

BECOME A
WORLD
CITIZEN

THE WORLD IS OPEN FOR YOU



— ” —

I am not an
Athenian or a
Greek, but a citizen
of the World

— ” —

SOCRATES

469-399 BC

FOR NORTH MACEDONIA PASSPORT

VISA FREE LIST

List of Countries & Territories 2022

ASIA

Bangladesh *

Cambodia *

Hong Kong (SAR China)

Indonesia

Japan

Kyrgyzstan *

Laos *

Macao (SAR China)

Malaysia

Maldives *

Nepal *

Singapore

Sri Lanka **

Taiwan (Chinese Taipei) *

Timor-Leste *

Uzbekistan

EUROPE

Albania

Andorra

Austria

Belarus

Belgium

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bulgaria

Croatia

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Faroe Islands

Finland

France

Germany

Greece

Greenland

Hungary

Iceland

Italy

Kosovo

EUROPE

Latvia

Liechtenstein

Lithuania

Luxembourg

Malta

Moldova

Monaco

Montenegro

Netherlands

Norway

Poland

Portugal

Romania

San Marino

Serbia

Slovakia

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

Turkey

Ukraine

Vatican City

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*Visa on Arrival

CONTINUED...

AFRICA

Cape Verde
 Islands *
 Comoro Islands *
 Egypt *
 Guinea-Bissau *
 Madagascar *
 Malawi *
 Mauritania *
 Mauritius *
 Mayotte
 Mozambique *
 Reunion
 Rwanda *
 Senegal *
 Seychelles *
 Somalia *
 Tanzania *
 The Gambia
 Togo *
 Tunisia
 Uganda *
 Zambia *
 Zimbabwe *

CARIBBEAN

Aruba
 Bahamas
 Bonaire; St. Eustatius
 and Saba
 Cuba
 Curacao
 Dominica
 Dominican Republic
 French West Indies
 Haiti
 Jamaica *
 St. Kitts and Nevis
 St. Maarten
 St. Vincent and the
 Grenadines

AMERICAS

Argentina
 Bolivia *
 Brazil
 Chile
 Colombia
 Ecuador
 El Salvador
 French Guiana
 Guatemala
 Honduras
 Nicaragua
 Panama
 Peru

OCEANIA

Cook Islands
 French Polynesia
 Micronesia
 New Caledonia
 Niue
 Palau Islands *
 Samoa *
 Tuvalu *

MIDDLE EAST

Armenia *
 Iran *
 Israel
 Jordan *
 Lebanon *
 Oman
 Palestinian Territory
 Qatar

** eTA

* Visa on Arrival

Source: Henley

OHRID LAKE

A WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Ohrid Lake is the oldest and one of the deepest lakes in Europe.

It is estimated to be around **4 million years old** and has **200 endemic species** that haven't been found at any other place in the world.

It was also declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1979



NORTH MACEDONIAN CITIZENS

APPLY FOR

E-1/E-2 VISA

IMMIGRATE TO UNITED STATES

Nationals of North Macedonia are eligible to apply for special E-1 (Trader) and E-2(Investor) Visas to Invest and Immigrate to United States



E VISA & ELIGIBILITY

What is E Visa?

The E visa category includes treaty traders and investors who come to the United States under a treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States and the country of which they are a citizen or national.

How to File?

To begin the petition process to adjust your status, you or your employer must:

- Read the instructions for [Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker](#);
- Complete and sign your Form I-129;
- Pay filing fee(s), if applicable; and
- Provide all required evidence and supporting documentation.

After you File?

Once we receive your Form I-129, we will process your application and you will receive a:

- Receipt notice confirming we received your petition;
- Biometric services notice, if applicable;
- Notice to appear for an interview, if required; and
- Notice of our decision.

After the visa petition is approved, you can apply for an E-1 or E-2 at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. For more information on visa application processing and issuance fees, see the [Department of State](#) website.

ELIGIBILITY

Before entering the United States, treaty traders or investors must apply and receive an E-1 or E-2 visa from a U.S. consulate or embassy overseas. A U.S. company may also request a change of status to E-1 or E-2 for a nonimmigrant that is already in the United States.

Treaty traders (E-1) conduct substantial trade in goods, including but not limited to services and technology, mainly between the United States and their country of origin of which they are citizens or nationals.

Treaty investors (E-2) invest a substantial amount of money and direct the operations of an enterprise they have invested in, or are actively investing in.

E-1 Visa

E-1 TREATY TRADERS

The E-1 nonimmigrant classification allows a national of a treaty country (a country with which the United States maintains a treaty of commerce and navigation, or which the United States maintains a qualifying international agreement, or which has been deemed a qualifying country by legislation) to be admitted to the United States solely to engage in international trade on his or her own behalf. Certain employees of such a person or of a qualifying organization may also be eligible for this classification.

**E-1 TREATY
AGREEMENT WAS
SIGNED ON
NOVEMBER 15,
1982**

Period of stay

Qualified treaty traders and employees will be allowed a maximum initial stay of two years. Requests for extension of stay in, or changes of status to, E-1 classification may be granted in increments of up to two years each. There is no limit to the number of extensions an E-1 nonimmigrant may be granted. All E-1 nonimmigrants, however, must maintain an intention to depart the United States when their status expires or is terminated.

Family of E-1 Treaty Traders and Employees

Treaty traders and employees may be accompanied or followed by spouses and unmarried children who are under 21 years of age. Their nationalities need not be the same as the treaty trader or employee. Spouses and children may seek E-1 nonimmigrant classification as dependents and, if approved, generally will be granted the same period of stay as the employee.

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify for E-1 classification, the treaty trader must:

- Be a national of a country with which the United States maintains a treaty of commerce and navigation or with which the United States maintains a qualifying international agreement, or which has been deemed a qualifying country by legislation;
- Carry on substantial trade; and
- Carry on principal trade between the United States and the treaty country which qualified the treaty trader for E-1 classification.

Trade is the existing international exchange of items of trade for consideration between the United States and the treaty country. Items of trade include but are not limited to:

- Goods
- Services
- International banking
- Insurance
- Transportation
- Tourism
- Technology and its transfer
- Some news-gathering activities.

General qualifications of the Employee of a Treaty Trader

- Be the same nationality of the principal noncitizen employer (who must have the nationality of the treaty country)
- Meet the definition of "employee" under relevant law
- Either be engaging in duties of an executive or supervisory character, or if employed in a lesser capacity, have special qualifications that make the employee's services essential to the efficient operation of the treaty enterprise.

E-2 Visa

E-2 TREATY INVESTORS

The E-2 nonimmigrant classification allows a national of a treaty country (a country with which the United States maintains a treaty of commerce and navigation, or with which the United States maintains a qualifying international agreement, or which has been deemed a qualifying country by legislation) to be admitted to the United States when investing a substantial amount of capital in a U.S. business. Certain employees of such a person or of a qualifying organization may also be eligible for this classification.

**E-2
AGREEMENT
WAS SIGNED
ON NOVEMBER
15, 1982**

General Qualifications of a Treaty Investor

To qualify for E-2 classification, the treaty investor must:

- Be a national of a country with which the United States maintains a treaty of commerce and navigation;
- Have invested, or be actively in the process of investing, a substantial amount of capital in a bona fide enterprise in the United States; and
- Be seeking to enter the United States solely to develop and direct the investment enterprise. This is established by showing at least 50% ownership of the enterprise or possession of operational control through a managerial position or other corporate device.

A substantial amount of capital is:

- Substantial in relationship to the total cost of either purchasing an established enterprise or establishing a new one
- Sufficient to ensure the treaty investor's financial commitment to the successful operation of the enterprise
- Of a magnitude to support the likelihood that the treaty investor will successfully develop and direct the enterprise. The lower the cost of the enterprise, the higher, proportionately, the investment must be to be considered substantial.

A bona fide enterprise refers to a real, active, and operating commercial or entrepreneurial undertaking which produces services or goods for profit. It must meet applicable legal requirements for doing business within its jurisdiction.

Period of stay

Qualified treaty investors and employees will be allowed a maximum initial stay of two years. Requests for extension of stay in, or changes of status to, E-2 classification may be granted in increments of up to two years each. There is no limit to the number of extensions an E-2 nonimmigrant may be granted. All E-2 nonimmigrants, however, must maintain an intention to depart the United States when their status expires or is terminated.

General Qualifications of the Employee of a Treaty Investor

- Be the same nationality of the principal alien employer (who must have the nationality of the treaty country);
- Meet the definition of "employee" under relevant law; and
- Either be engaging in duties of an executive or supervisory character, or if employed in a lesser capacity, have special qualifications.

Family of E-2 Treaty Investors and Employees

Treaty investors and employees may be accompanied or followed by spouses and unmarried children who are under 21 years of age. Their nationalities need not be the same as the treaty investor or employee. Spouses and children may seek E-2 nonimmigrant classification as dependents and, if approved, generally will be granted the same period of stay as the employee.



FOOTBALL

In November 2003, to celebrate UEFA's jubilee, Darko Pančev was selected as the Golden Player of Macedonia.

He was the winner of the European Golden Boot award in 1991.

In 2020, the national team qualified for UEFA Euro 2020 (held in 2021).



HANDBALL

Handball is the other important team sport in the country. Macedonian clubs have enjoyed success in European competitions. RK Vardar won 2016–17 and 2018–19 EHF Champions League, while Kometal Gyorče Petrov Skopje won the 2002 EHF Women's Champions League

The North Macedonia national basketball team represents North Macedonia in international basketball. Pero Antić became the first Macedonian basketball player to play in the National Basketball Association. He also won three EuroLeague trophies.



BASKETBALL

BECOME A EUROPEAN CITIZEN

NORTH MACEDONIA

This nation offers the possibility of becoming a citizen through investments. With one of the easiest investment paths available and the whole process can be completed within 90-100 days.



NORTH MACEDONIA

NATO MEMBER

On 27 March 2020, the Republic of North Macedonia became the 30th Member State of the Alliance. Hence, one of the three strategic priorities of the country's foreign policy was implemented, around which the broadest political consensus was built, followed by strong support from the citizens of the country.



A POWERFUL EUROPEAN PASSPORT

The North Macedonian passport remains 44th powerful passport in the World with visa free access to 125 countries and territories in 2022, according to Henley Passport Index

Passports are issued to citizens of North Macedonia for the purpose of international travel. Responsibility for their issuance lies with the Ministry of the Interior. The validity of the passport is 5 years for persons 4 to 27 years of age, and 10 years for those 27 years of age and older.

PASSPORT HISTORY

From 1945 to 1991, when present-day North Macedonia was a constituent republic of Yugoslavia, citizens traveled with Yugoslav passports. Under the Yugoslav federal system, each republic had its own variety of passport; in particular, Yugoslav passports issued in SR Macedonia were printed in Macedonian and French, rather than in Serbo-Croatian.

The first post-independence Macedonian passports were issued in 1991. The design and contents changed over the years. The first generation passports were blue with a silver color inscription without an emblem.

The second generation of Macedonian passports had a golden inscription on the cover and the third generation had the national coat of arms added. The first three generations had only "Република Македонија" and the English translation "Republic of Macedonia" inscribed on the cover page.

The fourth generation passport became red with the French translation of the official country name, "République de Macédoine", added above and "Passeport" below the coat of arms. It was a biometric passport which contained a RFID chip, enabling the storage of biometric and other retrievable data. Previously issued, non-biometric passports remain valid until their stated dates of expiration.

Effective 16 November 2009, the five-pointed red star that had been part of the national coat of arms was removed from the emblem.

After the Prespa Agreement ending the naming dispute with Greece coming in effect in February 2019, passports were stamped with the country's new name as an interim measure before new passports were issued.

The trilingual stamp states "This passport is property of the Republic of North Macedonia" in English, French, and Macedonian. The authorities began issuing the passports with the new country name starting from July 1, 2021 (postponed from September 2020).

Old name passports will remain valid until February 12, 2024.





EMBASSIES

List of High Commissions and Consular offices abroad for North Macedonia

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BEST CITIZENSHIPS



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faster and easfor
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We are a family of startups for the CBI industry.

Our online platforms directly connects clients to Govt authorized law firms and property developers without intermediaries, making it cheaper and faster for clients. We do not provide immigration advice to clients

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