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Where is Dominica?

Dominica, known as The Nature Isle of the Caribbean, is located in the Eastern Caribbean, between Guadeloupe to the north and Martinique to the south. Covering 751 km² (290 square miles) and featuring 148 km (91 miles) of untouched coastline, Dominica is positioned midway along the Caribbean archipelago. Its rugged terrain includes volcanic peaks, dense rainforests, and numerous rivers, making it a haven for those seeking natural beauty and adventure. With both the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean on its shores, Dominica is ideally located for diverse marine activities, such as diving and whale watching, amidst spectacular coastal and underwater landscapes.



Welcome from the Prime Minister

“ We are a nation deeply rooted in community values and a mindset of reciprocity. For this reason, we invite individuals and families from around the world to invest in our country, and in exchange we promise to provide them with citizenship of Dominica – a status that comes with a myriad of opportunities that transcend borders. ”

**Dr The Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit Roosevelt Skerrit
Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica**



About the Programme

History

The Commonwealth of Dominica Citizenship by Investment Programme, established in 1993, is one of the world's longest-running initiatives of its kind. Over the past three decades, the Programme has provided global investors and their families with the opportunity to invest in a second citizenship while contributing to Dominica's development.

Legal basis

The Commonwealth of Dominica has had a Citizenship by Investment (CBI) Programme since 1993, establishing a robust and structured pathway for non-citizen investors to obtain Dominican citizenship through contributions to the Economic Diversification Fund or investment in pre-approved real estate projects. The Programme's legal foundation ensures that all processes align with Dominican law, offering both transparency and security to applicants. Here we provide an overview of the legislative framework that underpins the Programme.

The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Dominica's Citizenship by Investment Programme is authorised under Section 101 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Dominica. This section empowers Parliament to enact laws allowing for the "acquisition of citizenship of Dominica by persons who are not eligible or who are no longer eligible to become citizens of Dominica." This constitutional provision is crucial, as it forms the cornerstone of the Programme, ensuring that the path to citizenship is supported by the highest legal authority within the nation.

Commonwealth of Dominica Citizenship Act

The Commonwealth of Dominica Citizenship Act, enacted in 1978, provides the legal framework for obtaining citizenship within Dominica. Sections 8 and 9 of the Act explicitly address the process of naturalisation, including for those participating in Citizenship by Investment. These sections stipulate that successful applicants who meet the investment and eligibility criteria will be issued a naturalisation certificate. This document confirms their status as citizens of the Commonwealth of Dominica and is a prerequisite for obtaining a passport through a subsequent application.

The Commonwealth of Dominica Citizenship by Investment Regulations (2024)

To reinforce the Programme's governance, the Commonwealth of Dominica Citizenship by Investment Regulations were updated on 28 June 2024. These updated regulations, known as the 2024 Regulations, replace all previous versions and amendments. The 2024 Regulations provide a comprehensive framework for the Programme.

These regulations are crucial in maintaining the Programme's high standards and transparency, thereby fostering trust among applicants, Authorised Agents, and the international community. By updating these regulations regularly, the Commonwealth of Dominica demonstrates its commitment to adapting to global best practices and ensuring the Programme remains a secure and attractive option for those considering investing in alternative citizenship.

Who is the Programme administered by?

The Citizenship by Investment Unit (CBIU), led by Ms. Marie-Therese Johnson, is responsible for overseeing the Programme. The CBIU ensures efficient processing, transparent management, and rigorous due diligence while exploring opportunities for continuous improvement.

About the Dominica CBIU

The CBIU is tasked with managing the Citizenship by Investment Programme in line with the government's high standards for transparency and integrity.

Who heads Dominica's CBIU?

Ms. Marie-Therese Johnson, a seasoned financial services professional, leads the CBIU. Her experience includes a previous role as General Manager of AID Bank, where she implemented strong compliance and governance frameworks. Johnson's leadership enhances Dominica's standing in the investment migration industry and contributes to the Unit's success.

A commitment to sustainable development

The CBIU supports Dominica's vision for sustainable development by ensuring investments benefit the island's infrastructure, healthcare, education, and tourism sectors. Under Ms. Johnson's leadership, the CBIU has upheld its rigorous due diligence standards, reinforcing trust in the Programme. Her role as a global representative for the Programme also involves promoting its benefits at international events.



Why the Dominica Citizenship by Investment Programme?

The unique benefits

Dominica's Citizenship by Investment Programme (CBI) stands out for its high standards, swift processing, and unwavering commitment to sustainable development. Established in 1993, it is one of the most respected programmes globally, offering individuals and families a pathway to citizenship in a nation celebrated for its natural beauty, vibrant culture, and eco-friendly values. Known as The Nature Isle, Dominica's unspoiled landscapes and rich biodiversity provide a unique backdrop for a new way of life. Investing here means joining a community that values conservation, resilience, and global connectivity.

Benefits of the Programme

Dominica's CBI Programme is tailored to offer substantial benefits that extend beyond alternative citizenship. By investing in Dominica, you unlock opportunities that include:

Full residency status: Enjoy the right to live and work in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Enhanced global mobility: Dominican citizenship provides access to a global community that transcends Dominica's borders, allowing you greater freedom to travel and explore.

Favourable tax environment: Dominica offers a tax-friendly setting that makes it an appealing option for individuals looking to manage their wealth effectively. This supportive environment provides financial flexibility for global investors.

Dual citizenship: Benefit from the flexibility of holding multiple nationalities without restrictions on repatriation of profits or imported capital.

Additional advantages include:

Double taxation treaties: As a signatory with the USA and CARICOM, Dominica helps you avoid double taxation.

Generous incentives: Corporate tax incentives, duty-free trading within the Caribbean, and relief from import duties provide additional financial advantages. The currency is pegged to the US dollar, offering stability in exchange transactions.



Benefits of Dominican Citizenship

Beyond the immediate benefits of investment, becoming a citizen of Dominica is an invitation to a lifestyle rooted in peace, natural beauty, and community spirit. Imagine residing in a country with 365 rivers, unspoiled coastlines, and access to one of the world's largest hot lakes. With an approval process that often takes as little as three months, the path to citizenship is both quick and rewarding.

Dominica offers an unmatched environment for those seeking a fresh start in a tranquil setting. As a citizen, you will enjoy:

A peaceful and ecologically rich environment: Dominica is committed to sustainability and preserving its natural wonders, such as the UNESCO-listed Morne Trois Pitons National Park.

A sense of belonging: From vibrant local festivals to a welcoming community, Dominican citizenship connects you to a culture that celebrates heritage, unity, and growth.

A secure investment in the future: By choosing Dominica, you are investing in a nation that prioritises the well-being of its people, the preservation of its natural resources, and the enhancement of its infrastructure.

In Dominica, citizenship offers not only an escape to paradise but also the freedom, security, and opportunities that come with being part of a globally connected community.



Who will be considered for a Citizenship by Investment application?

Dominica welcomes applicants from diverse backgrounds who demonstrate good character and financial stability. Applicants must generally have no criminal record and meet the investment criteria. The CBIU's stringent due diligence process, including a mandatory interview, ensures that successful applicants contribute positively to the Commonwealth of Dominica.

How to invest in the Citizenship by Investment Programme

Dominica's CBI Programme offers two investment options:

Economic Diversification Fund (EDF)

The EDF supports public and private sector projects in Dominica.

Minimum investment: US\$200,000 for a single applicant.

Additional fees: Processing fees and due diligence fees are applicable.

Qualifying dependants: Spouses, children, and parents may qualify.

Real estate investment

Applicants may invest in approved real estate projects that contribute to Dominica's economic development.

Minimum investment: US\$200,000.

Additional fees: Apply based on the number of dependants.

An overview of the process

- Select an Authorised Agent from the CBIU's official list.
- Submit your application, along with all required documentation, through your chosen Authorised Agent.
- Undergo due diligence, which includes background checks and an interview.
- Upon approval, proceed with your chosen investment.
- After making the investment, you will be issued a Certificate of Registration. This certificate may then be used to apply for a Dominican passport through a separate process.

Applying for Dominica Citizenship by Investment: A step-by-step guide

Step 1 - Choose an Authorised Agent



Your journey to Dominican citizenship begins by selecting an Authorised Agent from the official list maintained by the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CBIU). Only these licenced professionals are permitted to submit applications on behalf of main applicants. The CBIU does not accept direct submissions, so choosing an Authorised Agent is essential for guiding you through the application process.

Step 2 - Contact your Authorised Agent



Once you have chosen your Authorised Agent, reach out to them to discuss the documentation requirements for your application. They will assist you in preparing the necessary forms, arranging a medical examination, and gathering all supporting documents. All paperwork must be in English and properly notarised. If you choose the real estate investment route, your Authorised Agent will also help you secure a property through a sale and purchase agreement.

Step 3 - Processing of application



With all documents prepared, your Authorised Agent will submit your application to the CBIU and act as your representative throughout the process. They will handle all communications and respond to any inquiries from the CBIU, ensuring a smooth and efficient submission process.

Step 4 - Background checks



Your application will undergo a thorough due diligence check to verify the information you have provided. All applicants aged 16 and older are required to attend a mandatory interview as part of this process. The CBIU will review your application based on the due diligence findings and the interview, and they will notify you of the outcome via your Authorised Agent. You will receive a status update indicating whether your application has been approved in principle, delayed for further review, or denied.

Step 5 - Payment of investment and issuing of Certificates of Naturalisation



If your application is approved in principle, you will receive instructions to complete the required investment payment—either to the Economic Diversification Fund or for the real estate property. Once proof of payment is confirmed, the CBIU will issue your Certificate of Naturalisation. This certificate serves as official proof of your Dominican citizenship and can be used by you or your Authorised Agent to apply for your Dominican passport.

Who is eligible to apply?

Only Authorised Agents, approved by the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CBIU), are allowed to submit applications on behalf of investors. These agents are thoroughly vetted and equipped to navigate the complexities of the CBI Programme, ensuring a secure and efficient path to citizenship for eligible applicants.

To qualify for Dominica's Citizenship by Investment Programme, applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a clean criminal record
- Agree in writing not to change their name within five years of naturalisation, except through marriage
- Commit to making the required minimum financial contribution

Ineligibility Criteria:

Applicants will be disqualified if they:

- Have a criminal record (excluding minor offences)
- Are under criminal investigation without disclosure
- Have been denied citizenship in another country
- Have been denied a visa to the EU, UK, USA, Canada, or countries with visa-free travel to Dominica, without subsequently securing a visa or residency
- Are deemed a potential security risk or have submitted false information
- Have engaged in activities likely to damage Dominica's reputation
- Applications from nationals of Belarus, Iran, Northern Iraq, North Korea, Russia, Yemen, and Sudan are subject to additional scrutiny, limitations, or explicit bans.

What to look for in a Licenced Promoter or Authorised Agent

When selecting a Licenced Promoter or Authorised Agent to handle your application, consider the following:

Authorisation: Ensure the agent is on the official CBIU list of Authorised Agents. Working with an Authorised Agent guarantees that they are accredited to manage the application process legally and competently.

Experience and reputation: Look for an Authorised Agent with a proven track record in the investment migration industry, preferably with specific experience in Dominica's CBI Programme. Experienced agents can provide valuable insights, anticipate challenges, and streamline your application.

Transparency and communication: A trustworthy Authorised Agent will offer transparent guidance on fees, requirements, and timelines. They should be able to answer your questions, keep you updated on your application's progress, and address any concerns promptly.

Due diligence: Choose an Authorised Agent who prioritises thorough due diligence. As this is a cornerstone of the Programme, your agent should have a rigorous approach to background checks and compliance, ensuring that all legal requirements are met.

Where to find the Authorised Agent and Licenced Promoter lists

The CBIU maintains a comprehensive and up-to-date list of all Authorised Agents and Licenced Promoters. This list is accessible on the official CBIU website at <https://www.cbiu.gov.dm/dominica-citizenship/authorised-agents/>. By consulting this list, you can be confident that you are working with a legitimate and approved professional who meets the standards set by the Dominican Government.

Blacklisted agents

To safeguard applicants, the CBIU also publishes a list of blacklisted agents who are prohibited from representing clients. To safeguard applicants, the CBIU also publishes a list of blacklisted agents who are prohibited from representing clients in the CBI process. This list is regularly updated and available on the CBIU website. Before engaging with any agent, it is advisable to check this list to avoid any dealings with agents who have been banned due to non-compliance or other concerns. For your security, always refer to the official CBIU website to confirm the status of your chosen agent.

You can find a list of blacklisted agents here:

<https://www.cbiu.gov.dm/dominica-citizenship/blacklisted-agents/>

By carefully selecting a qualified and reputable Authorised Agent, you will ensure a smooth and compliant application process, making your path to Dominican citizenship an efficient and straightforward experience.

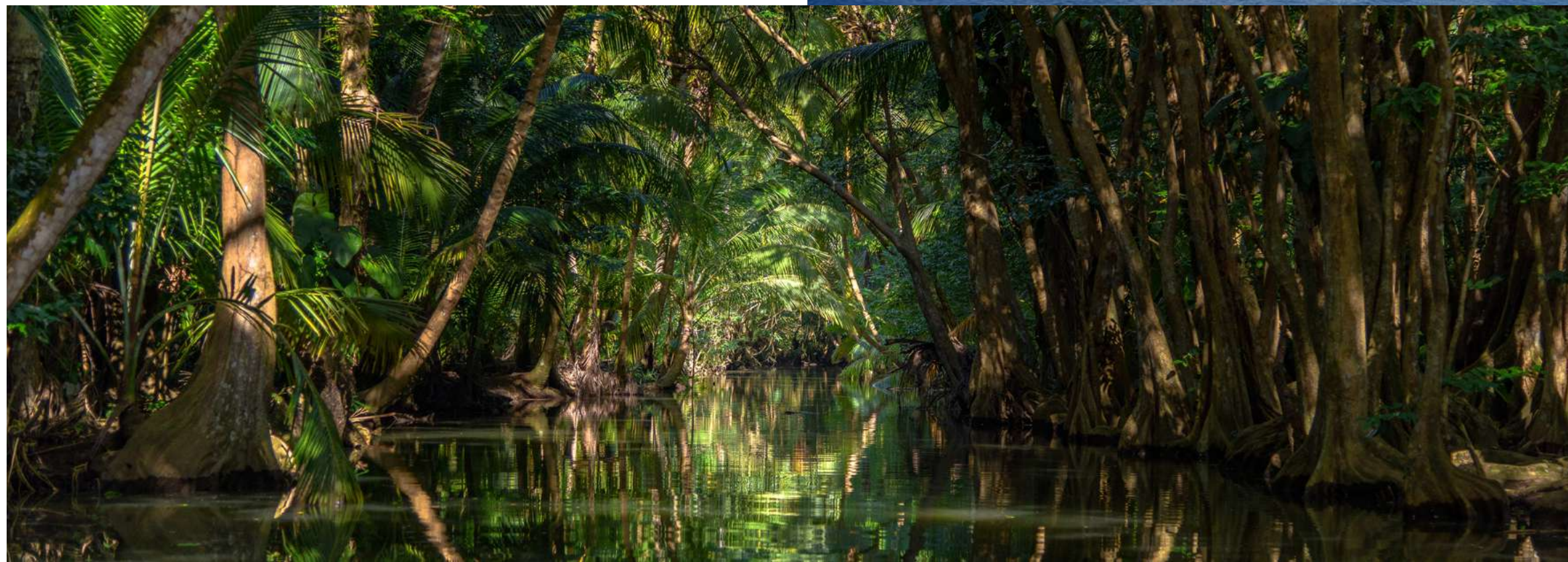
Country overview

About Dominica

The Commonwealth of Dominica, fondly known as The Nature Isle of the Caribbean, is a breathtaking blend of natural beauty, cultural richness, and a close-knit community spirit. Positioned halfway along the Eastern Caribbean archipelago, Dominica is bordered by Martinique to the south and Guadeloupe to the north. This 751 km² (290 square miles) island offers 148 km (91 miles) of stunning, untouched coastline and a landscape characterised by lush rainforests, majestic mountains, and pristine waterfalls. With both the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean on its shores, Dominica is ideally located for diverse marine activities, such as diving and whale watching, amidst spectacular coastal and underwater landscapes. Dominica's UNESCO World Heritage Site, Morne Trois Pitons National Park, is a testament to the island's dedication to preserving its unique environment, showcasing volcanic features, geothermal springs, and rare flora and fauna.

Dominica's official name, the Commonwealth of Dominica, highlights its distinct identity within the Caribbean. Beyond its scenic vistas, the island has a rich cultural heritage, with influences from the Indigenous Kalinago people, African, and European traditions. The island is home to one of the last remaining indigenous populations in the Caribbean, the Kalinago, whose vibrant culture offers a window into the island's history and traditions. This diverse cultural tapestry is celebrated in lively festivals, such as the World Creole Music Festival, which draws international artists and visitors each year.

Dominica's captivating landscapes and laid-back lifestyle have attracted visitors and residents alike, with many choosing to make the island their permanent home. Since 1993, the Dominica Citizenship by Investment (CBI) Programme has provided a pathway for investors to become part of this tropical paradise. As one of the world's longest-standing economic citizenship programmes, it offers individuals the chance to live, work, and even establish businesses in Dominica, all while enjoying a serene and enriching lifestyle in one of the world's most beautiful islands.



Interesting facts

Location and landscape: Dominica, also called The Nature Isle of the Caribbean, is situated between Martinique and Guadeloupe, covering 751 km² with 148 km of coastline. Known for its stunning natural beauty, the island has 365 rivers, lush rainforests, volcanic mountains, and geothermal features like the Boiling Lake, the world's second-largest hot lake.

Population and culture: Dominica has approximately 71,946 residents, making it one of the least-populated countries in the world. English is the official language, but Dominican Creole, influenced by French, is also widely spoken. The capital, Roseau, is known for its historical French architecture and bustling markets. Dominica has a rich cultural heritage, reflected in festivals like the World Creole Music Festival. Christianity is the dominant religion, with a majority practicing Roman Catholicism or Protestantism.

Unique biodiversity and ecotourism: Dominica is a haven for biodiversity, with the rare Sisserou Parrot as a national symbol. The island offers year-round whale watching and is home to the UNESCO-listed Morne Trois Pitons National Park, known for its geothermal features and diverse wildlife. Popular natural attractions include Champagne Reef and the Waitukubuli National Trail, a 185 km trail system showcasing Dominica's mountainous terrain.

Economic and trade advantages: Dominica uses the East Caribbean dollar (XCD), which is pegged to the US dollar, providing economic stability. The country has no wealth, gift, inheritance, or foreign income taxes and enjoys duty-free trade within the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States. Dominica also holds double taxation treaties with the USA and CARICOM countries, making it an attractive place for investors.

Government and legal system: Dominica is a parliamentary republic with a legal system based on English Common Law. The head of state is Her Excellency President Sylvanie Burton, who is both the first female and the first indigenous Kalinago president. Dominica celebrates Independence Day on 3 November each year, marking its independence from the United Kingdom in 1978. The country's motto, *Après le Bon Dieu, c'est la Terre* ("After God, the Earth"), embodies its commitment to environmental conservation.

Additional details: Dominica's main industries are agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing. The island grows bananas, coffee, and various fruits, and also produces goods like coconut soap and ceramics. Dominica operates on Atlantic Standard Time (GMT-4), drives on the left, and its calling code is +1 767. The main airport is Douglas-Charles Airport, which connects Dominica to other Caribbean destinations.

Dominica's extraordinary natural beauty, rich culture, and attractive economic conditions make it an appealing destination for those seeking a peaceful lifestyle in a community dedicated to preserving its natural heritage and promoting sustainable development.





Glossary of terms and acronyms

Citizenship by Investment (CBI): Dominica's Programme for obtaining citizenship through investment.

Economic Diversification Fund (EDF): A fund supporting public and private projects.

Citizenship by Investment Unit (CBIU): The government body overseeing the Citizenship by Investment Programme.

Qualifying dependant: Family members who may be included in the citizenship application.

Due diligence: A comprehensive review and background check conducted by the CBIU to ensure that applicants meet all legal and security requirements. This process is essential for maintaining the integrity of the Programme.

Real Estate Investment Option: A pathway within the CBI Programme where applicants can invest in approved real estate projects to qualify for citizenship. This option contributes directly to Dominica's sustainable development.

Authorised Agent: A professional or firm licenced by the CBIU to handle citizenship applications on behalf of investors. Only Authorised Agents are legally permitted to submit CBI applications.



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