



DOMINICA

Citizenship by Investment Program

Developed in 1993 and reformed in 2014, this renowned Citizenship by Investment Program focuses on the overall quality and integrity of its applicants. Dominica was ranked No. 1 in 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the CBI Index, a publication by the Financial Times' Professional Wealth Management (PWM) magazine.

Dominica has become one of the most affordable and flexible second passport programs available.

Until 1993 it was not possible to gain Dominican citizenship without residing in the country. The Dominican government changed that with the Economic Dominica Citizenship programme whereby the need for residency to gain citizenship was waived. Applicants making such a contribution are granted full citizenship for themselves and their family allowing visa-free travel to 137 countries including the UK and the Schengen area.

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Requirements

The program requires applicants to make a significant economic contribution to the country. In exchange, and subject to a stringent application process and due diligence checks, the applicants and their families are granted full citizenship. The main applicant must be at least 18 years of age to qualify, meet the application requirements, and select one of the following options:

1. **The Economic Diversification Fund (EDF)** is a Government fund that supports socio-economic initiatives in Dominica.

- Single applicant
✓ **US\$ 100,000**
- Main applicant and spouse
✓ **US\$ 175,000**
- Main applicant with up to three family members
✓ **US\$ 200,000**
- Per additional dependant
✓ **US\$ 25,000**

2. Pre-approved real estate

Under the real estate option, applicants are required to purchase Government-approved real estate. The real estate must be held for a minimum of three years.

Minimum investment: US\$ 200,000

The following Government Fees apply:

- ✓ Single applicant
US\$ 25,000
- ✓ Main applicant and spouse
US\$ 35,000
- ✓ Family with up to four members
US\$ 35,000
- ✓ Family with up to six members
US\$ 50,000
- ✓ Family with up to seven or more members
US\$ 70,000



Dominican passport can also be obtained by:

- A spouse
- Adult children under 25 years of age
- Parents above 55 years of age

Approved citizens may add dependents to their application within five years of their application being submitted to the Citizenship by Investment Unit. All qualifying dependents must have a clean personal background with no criminal record and not be under any criminal investigation (other than in respect of a minor offense). A person that is deemed a potential security risk or who is or has been involved in any activity that is likely to bring disrepute to Dominica shall not be approved for citizenship.

Process & Time Frame

The application process should take no longer than three months from submission of the application to issuance of the certificate of citizenship, assuming there are no areas of concern with the application. Under the real estate option, the time frame may vary depending on the development.

The Citizenship by Investment Board, which provides oversight to a dedicated citizenship by investment unit (CIU), will consider an application for citizenship and its outcome may be to either grant, deny, or delay for cause. The average processing time from receipt of an application to notification of the outcome is three months. Where, in exceptional cases, it is expected that the processing time will be longer than three months, GIS will inform the applicant of the reason for the anticipated delay. A citizenship by investment application will be submitted in electronic and printed form by GIS on behalf of the applicant. All applications must be completed in English. All requisite supporting documents must be attached to an application before it can be processed by the CIU. All applications must be accompanied by the relevant non-refundable processing and due diligence fees for the principal applicant, their spouse, and each qualifying dependent. Where an application has been granted, the CIU will notify GIS that the qualifying funds and requisite government administration fees must be paid before the certificate of citizenship can be granted. Where





an application has been denied, the applicant may, in writing, request a review by the minister. The principal applicant must remit the required funds for the qualifying option within 90 calendar days after notice of approval of their application. In the case of the purchase of approved real estate or participation in an enterprise project, the principal applicant must pay the government administrative fees due within 90 full days after notice of approval of

their application. A successful applicant shall sign the oath or affirmation of allegiance before an attorney-at-law, notary royal, or notary public. The minister may, by order, revoke a grant of citizenship in exceptional circumstances as may be deemed necessary.

Dual Citizenship

There are no restrictions on dual citizenship in Dominica.

Taxation

Personal income tax	Dominican tax resident	Dominican non-resident
Condition	More than 183 days/ year in the country	Less than 183 days/ year in the country
Taxation Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First 20,000 (~ US\$ 7,400) East Caribbean Dollars (XCD) are subject to 15% tax - The next XCD 30,000 (~ US\$ 11,100) – 25% - Over XCD 50,000 (~ US\$ 18,500) – 35% 	Dominican source income only
Dividends Tax	15%	
Inheritance Tax	There is no inheritance tax in Dominica, but in some cases, gifts are subject to property transfer tax. In some cases, it is required to pay 1% of the transferred property cost to the financial guarantee fund, pay 2.5% of court fee and 3% of attorney's fee.	
Capital gains from the selling of shares	0% (Tax exempt)	

Dividends Tax: 15% paid to non-resident company as withholding tax.

Real estate property Tax for personal resident: Dominica does not have property tax. However, a municipal tax will be paid to the city and village councils. On average, its amount is 1.27% of the market value of the real estate item.

V.A.T. standard rate: 15% for all goods and services.

V.A.T. reduced rate on hotel accommodation and dive activities is 10%.

Corporate/Company tax: International Business Company is Exempt (0%). **25%** on the net profit for resident company.

Key advantages

- ✓ Visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to 137 destinations, including Europe's Schengen Area, the UK, and many others.
- ✓ No residence or visitation requirements.
- ✓ Attractive program and processing costs.
- ✓ Dual citizenship recognized.

























Visa Free Travel

With the 35th rank of Passport Index, Dominica passport will let you freely travel the world without a time-consuming visa and monetary challenge. Enjoy your freedom, global mobility and access to 137 visa-free countries, including the Schengen area of the European Union, the United Kingdom and many more.

ASIA


















































(* Visa on arrival ** eTA)

 Afghanistan	 Indonesia ✓	 Mongolia	 Sri Lanka ** ✓
 Bangladesh * ✓	 Japan	 Myanmar	 Taiwan
 Bhutan	 Kazakhstan	 Nepal * ✓	 Tajikistan
 Brunei	 Kyrgyzstan	 North Korea	 Thailand
 Cambodia * ✓	 Laos * ✓	 Pakistan	 Timor-Leste * ✓
 China	 Macau ✓	 Philippines ✓	 Turkmenistan
 Hong Kong ✓	 Malaysia ✓	 Singapore ✓	 Uzbekistan
 India	 Maldives * ✓	 South Korea ✓	 Vietnam

* Refer to the International Air Transport Association (IATA)

EUROPE

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 Albania	 Finland ✓	 Lithuania ✓	 San Marino ✓
 Andorra ✓	 France ✓	 Luxembourg ✓	 Serbia ✓
 Austria ✓	 Germany ✓	 Malta ✓	 Slovakia ✓
 Belarus ✓	 Gibraltar ✓	 Moldova ✓	 Slovenia ✓
 Belgium ✓	 Greece ✓	 Monaco ✓	 Spain ✓
 Bosnia and Herzegovina ✓	 Greenland ✓	 Montenegro ✓	 Sweden ✓
 Bulgaria ✓	 Hungary ✓	 Netherlands ✓	 Switzerland ✓
 Croatia ✓	 Iceland ✓	 North Mac...	 Ukraine
 Cyprus ✓	 Ireland ✓	 Norway ✓	 United King... ✓
 Czech Rep... ✓	 Italy ✓	 Poland ✓	 Vatican City ✓
 Denmark ✓	 Kosovo*	 Portugal ✓	
 Estonia ✓	 Latvia ✓	 Romania ✓	
 Faroe Islan... ✓	 Liechtenste... ✓	 Russian Fe... ✓	






















AFRICA

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 Algeria	 Egypt *	 Malawi	 Sierra Leone * ✓
 Angola	 Equatorial ...	 Mali	 Somalia * ✓
 Benin	 Eritrea	 Mauritania * ✓	 South Africa
 Botswana ✓	 Eswatini (S... ✓	 Mauritius ✓	 South Sudan
 Burkina Faso	 Ethiopia	 Mayotte	 St. Helena * ✓
 Burundi	 Gabon	 Morocco	 Sudan
 Cameroon	 Gambia ✓	 Mozambique * ✓	 Tanzania ✓
 Cape Verde... * ✓	 Ghana	 Namibia	 Togo * ✓
 Central Afri...	 Guinea	 Niger	 Tunisia
 Chad	 Guinea-Bis... * ✓	 Nigeria	 Uganda * ✓
 Comores Is... * ✓	 Kenya * ✓	 Reunion	 Zambia ✓
 Congo (De...	 Lesotho ✓	 Rwanda * ✓	 Zimbabwe
 Congo (Rep.)	 Liberia	 Sao Tome ...	
 Cote d'Ivoir...	 Libya	 Senegal	
 Djibouti	 Madagascar * ✓	 Seychelles * ✓	







OCEANIA

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 American S...	 Kiribati	 Niue ✓	 Tonga * ✓
 Australia	 Marshall Isl...	 Northern M...	 Tuvalu * ✓
 Cook Islands ✓	 Micronesia ✓	 Palau Islan... * ✓	 Vanuatu ✓
 Fiji ✓	 Nauru	 Papua New...	
 French Poly... ✓	 New Caled... ✓	 Samoa * ✓	
 Guam	 New Zealand	 Solomon Is... * ✓	


























CARIBBEAN

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 Anguilla ✓	 British Virgi... ✓	 French Wes... ✓	 St. Lucia ✓
 Antigua an... ✓	 Cayman Isl... ✓	 Haiti ✓	 St. Maarten ✓
 Aruba ✓	 Cuba ✓	 Jamaica ✓	 St. Vincent ... ✓
 Bahamas ✓	 Curacao ✓	 Montserrat ✓	 Trinidad an... ✓
 Barbados ✓	 Dominica ✓	 Puerto Rico	 Turks and ... ✓
 Bonaire; St.... ✓	 Dominican ... ✓	 St. Kitts an... ✓	 US Virgin Is...



















AMERICAS

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 Argentina	 Colombia ✓	 Guyana ✓	 Suriname ✓
 Belize ✓	 Costa Rica ✓	 Honduras	 United Stat...
 Bermuda ✓	 Ecuador ✓	 Mexico	 Uruguay ✓
 Bolivia *	 El Salvador	 Nicaragua *	 Venezuela ✓
 Brazil ✓	 Falkland Isl...	 Panama ✓	
 Canada	 French Gui... ✓	 Paraguay	
 Chile	 Guatemala	 Peru ✓	

MIDDLE EAST

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 Armenia *	 Iraq	 Oman	 Turkey
 Azerbaijan	 Israel ✓	 Palestinian ... ✓	 United Arab...
 Bahrain	 Jordan *	 Qatar	 Yemen
 Georgia	 Kuwait	 Saudi Arabia	
 Iran *	 Lebanon	 Syria	

Dominica Citizenship by Investment Process Timeline

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5	PHASE 6
5 days	1 month	2 weeks	1 week	3 months	2 weeks
Preparation time (approx. 1 month)		Citizenship Application Processing Time (approximately 3 months)			
<p>Pass initial due diligence checks and engage GIS to proceed with application.</p> <p>First deposit payment.</p> <p>Receive Citizenship Application Package.</p>	<p>Collect required documents, and complete all government forms.</p> <p>And (if applicable), Select qualifying real estate, and/or preparing a business plan.</p>	<p>Upon completion of application documents, GIS will do a thorough review before submission.</p> <p>During this phase, GIS will request for the application fees to be paid in full, government submission fees and any other fees that may apply.</p>	<p>Funds received will be remitted to the escrow account and our local agent will liaise with the local Government throughout the rest of the application.</p> <p>Under the Real Estate Option, GIS will include the signed Sales & Purchase agreement of selected property into the application.</p>	<p>Local Government Unit will conduct due diligence checks on all applicants and revert with the outcome of the application.</p> <p>The outcome can be one of these three followings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approved 2) Rejected 3) Cause of Delay 	<p>In the case of an Approval, GIS will request the remaining fees of your application, (in which):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Making the necessary contributions to The Economic Diversification Fund (EDF), or 2) Pay the remaining balance of the purchased Real Estate <p>Following that, the Client will:</p> <p>Receive Citizenship documents: Certificate of Naturalization, Permanent Resident Card (if applicable) and a passport.</p>
Payment 1		Payment 2			Payment 3
<p>US \$15,000 of GIS Application fee - Deposit Payment</p> <p>US\$ 10,000 deposit of Investment Fee*</p>		<p>US\$ 15,000 - GIS application fee .</p> <p>US\$ 7,500 - Due diligence fee</p> <p>US\$ 250 - Certificate of Naturalisation</p> <p>US\$ 25,000 - Government Processing fee (for Real estate investment only)</p> <p>US\$ 1,000 - Government Application fee (for EDF contribution)</p>			<p>US\$ 100,000 EDF contribution OR</p> <p>US\$ 200,000 for approved project (real estate) purchase</p> <p>*(minus the deposit fee at payment 1)</p>

* These fees are subject to change. All fees quoted are in US dollars.

* This document should be used as a guide only. The payments above are valid for one applicant.

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Citizenship by Investment Program Schedule of Fees

Option 1: Contribution to the National Fund

	Minimum Contribution	Government Fees	Government Due Diligence Fees	Passport Fee	GIS Application Fee
Single Applicant	US\$ 100,000	US\$ 1,000 per application	US\$ 7,500	US\$ 250 per person for Certificate of Naturalisation US\$ 1,200 if you would like to be issued an expedited passport.	US\$ 30,000
Applicant + spouse	US\$ 175,000		US\$ 11,500		US\$ 40,000 for applicant + spouse and US\$ 2,000 for each additional dependant
Family of 4 or more	US\$ 200,000 for main applicant and up to three dependents. An additional US\$ 25,000 is required for each additional dependent, other than a spouse		US\$ 11,500 for main application + spouse US\$ 4,000 for dependant aged 16 years or above		

Option 2: Real Estate Purchase

	Minimum Purchase Amount	Government Fees	Government Due Diligence Fees	Passport Fee	GIS Application Fee
Single Applicant	US\$ 200,000 property	US\$ 25,000	US\$ 7,500	US\$ 250 per person for Certificate of Naturalisation US\$ 1,200 if you would like to be issued an expedited	US\$ 30,000
Applicant + spouse		US\$ 35,000	US\$ 11,500		US\$ 40,000 for applicant + spouse and US\$ 2,000 for each additional dependant
Family of 4 or more		Family of up to 4 - US\$ 35,000 Family of up to 6 - US\$ 50,000 Family of 7 or more - US\$ 70,000	US\$ 11,500 for main application + spouse US\$ 4,000 for dependant aged 16 years or above		

**Upon signing the service agreement, a non-refundable retainer is due.*

** Please note that this is a guide only and a personalized summary of your charges will be clarified to you in writing, following your consultation with a GIS representative.*

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