



# SAINT KITTS & NEVIS

## Citizenship by Investment Program

**The St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Program** was originally established in 1984. It has since become one of the most successful and reputable programs of its kind in the world and a very important contributor to economic growth and stability in the country. The legal basis regarding citizenship by investment is contained in Part II, § 3 (5) of the Citizenship Act, 1984 and the Saint Christopher and Nevis Citizenship-by-Investment Regulations, 2011.

St. Kitts and Nevis is an exclusive Caribbean destination with impressive natural beauty and has a rich history with varied influences from different cultures. This beautiful two-island

nation is blessed with tropical temperatures, clear blue waters and a bustling trade and tourism economy. It is well-connected by direct flights to and from Europe and the U.S and offers residents and citizens sought-after advantages, such as dual citizenship and tax-free worldwide income.

The federation is a member of the British Commonwealth, CARICOM, the Organization of American States, and many other international organizations. A St. Kitts & Nevis passport allows visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 154 destinations, including the UK and Europe's Schengen Area.

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## Requirements

The St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Program requires applicants to make a significant economic contribution to the country. In exchange, and subject to a stringent application procedure including thorough background checks, the applicants and their families are granted full citizenship. To qualify for citizenship, the main applicant must be over 18 years of age, meet the application requirements, and select one of the following options:

- ✓ A non-refundable contribution to the Sustainable Growth Fund (SGF) of an amount starting from **US\$ 150,000** for a single applicant.
- ✓ The purchase of real estate with a minimum value of **US\$ 200,000** from an approved real estate development. The real estate cannot be resold within a seven-year period.

- ✓ The purchase of real estate with a minimum value of **US\$ 400,000** from an approved real estate development. The real estate cannot be resold within a five-year period.

If the applicant chooses to purchase real estate from a government-approved development, this option may involve additional real estate purchase costs (depending on the developer) and government fees of US\$ 35,050 for the main applicant, US\$ 20,050 for the spouse, and US\$ 10,050 for each dependent, regardless of age.

There is also a due diligence fee of US\$ 7,500 for the main applicant and US\$ 4,000 for dependents over the age of 16. The real estate cannot be resold for a period of five or seven years (depending on the real estate option chosen) after citizenship is granted. Thereafter, however, the same property can qualify a subsequent buyer for citizenship.



The SGF is a fund established for the purpose of supporting economic growth and improving all sectors of the economy.

A single applicant is required to make a contribution of US\$ 150,000 plus US\$ 25,000 for a spouse and US\$ 10,000 for each additional dependent (SGF option).

Under SGF options, with each of the criteria listed, the total amount includes all government fees but excludes due diligence fees, which are the same for the real estate options.

All options allow for a dependent between 18 and 30 years to be included in the application of the main applicant, if the dependent is a full-time student and is financially reliant on them. The government also allows parents and grandparents over the age of 55 to be included in the application as dependents if they are living with and are fully supported by the main applicant.

All applicants must have a completely clean personal background with no criminal record. The regulations further provide that a person who has been denied entry to a country with which St. Kitts and Nevis has a visa-free travel arrangement and has subsequently not obtained a visa to the country after the first refusal shall not be eligible to apply under the program. A person who is deemed a potential national security risk, reputational risk, or is subject to criminal investigation will also be denied citizenship.

## Process & Time Frame

The St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU) is responsible for the processing of all applications. There is also an accelerated application process available with a 45 - to 60-day processing time frame. The CIU examines the application thoroughly and may request that the applicant attend an interview, although this is rarely necessary. The CIU undertakes strict due diligence checks and will decline an application if







the applicant makes a false statement or omits any relevant information.

The applicant must personally complete the prescribed government forms, which are only available from an authorized service provider. The documentary requirements of the program are reasonable and the procedures straightforward. Most applicants will normally visit the islands before deciding on the purchase of real estate, but it is not a prerequisite for the application process, which usually takes between three to four months from submission of the application to the CIU for approval. Under the real estate option, the time frame may vary depending on the development, so it is important

to choose a real estate project that complements the citizenship application efficiently.

Upon approval-in-principle of the application, the funds for the real estate, SGF contributions, government fees, and other fees will be released to the various parties. Thereafter, the prime minister will sign the certificate of registration, which confers citizenship status. Once the certificate of registration is issued, the applicant is entitled to apply for a passport.

## Dual Citizenship

There are no restrictions on dual citizenship in St. Kitts & Nevis.



# Taxation

## Dividends Tax

Tax Exempt (0%) by Saint Kitt & Nevis to another resident company.

## Capital gains

Tax Exempted

## There is no direct taxation in St. Kitts & Nevis (0%)

Even if citizens reside on the islands, they will not be subject to personal income tax, estate duty, inheritance or succession taxes, gift taxes, or net worth tax.

## Real Property Tax

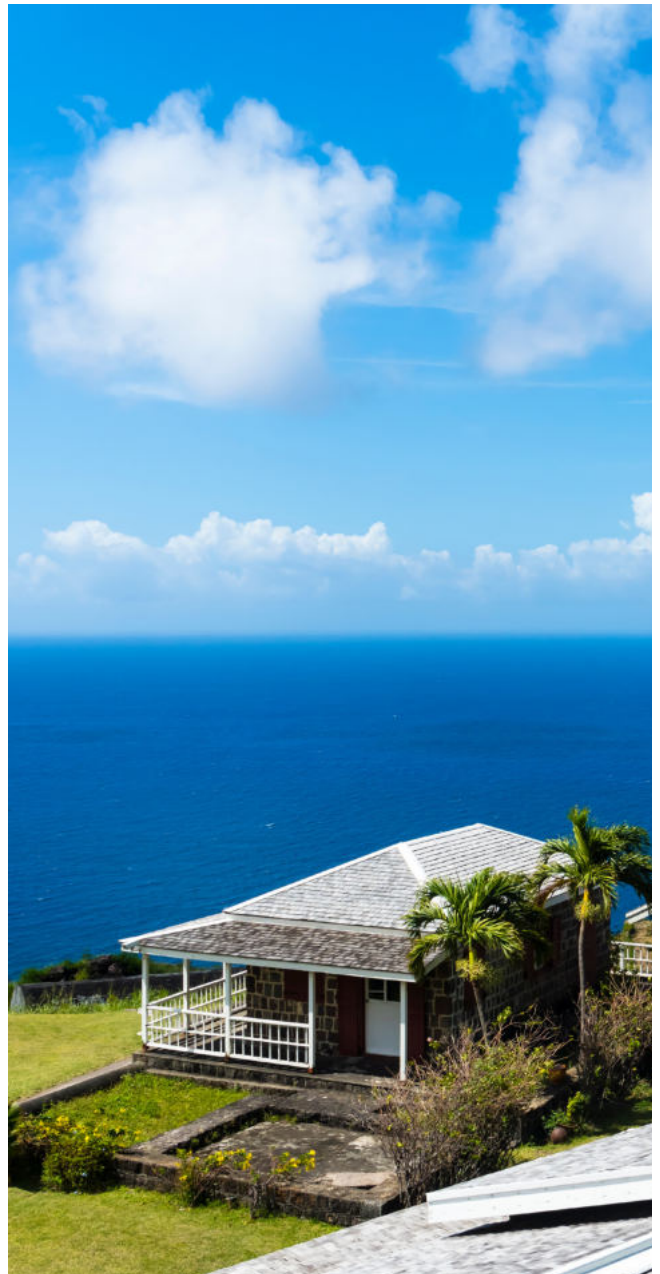
The amount of tax is determined by the market value of an item. It varies between **0.2% - 0.3%** depending on the intended use of the property.

## Corporate income tax

**35%** of net profits income from inside St. Kitts & Nevis. St. Kitts & Nevis International Business Company (income from outside) is Exempt (0%).

## VAT tax

in St. Kitts and Nevis is 17%. The reduced rate of 10% applied within the tourism sector and Certain goods and services may be zero-rated or exempt.



## Key advantages

- ✓ A St. Kitts & Nevis passport allows visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to 154 destinations including the UK, and Europe's Schengen Area.
- ✓ The applicant and their family receive full citizenship and passports.
- ✓ St. Kitts & Nevis is a member of the Commonwealth, which entitles citizens to certain privileges in the UK and other Commonwealth countries.
- ✓ The nation is an attractive location for owning a second home in the Caribbean, with good air links to Europe and North America.









## Visa Free Travel

With the 24th rank of Passport Index, Saint Kitts & Nevis passport will let you freely travel the world without a time-consuming visa and monetary challenge. Enjoy your freedom, global mobility and access to 154 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

(\* Visa on arrival \*\* eTA)

 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

(\* Visa on arrival \*\* eTA)

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



















## AMERICAS

(\* Visa on arrival \*\* eTA)

 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

(\* Visa on arrival \*\* eTA)

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



# Saint Kitts & Nevis Citizenship-by-Investment Process Timeline

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5	PHASE 6
4 days	1 month	1 week	1 week	3-4 months	1 month
<b>Preparation time (approx. 1 month)</b>		<b>Citizenship Application Processing Time (approximately 3 - 4 months)</b>			
<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),</p> <p>Select qualifying real estate.</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 &amp; 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"> <li>1) Approved</li> <li>2) Deny</li> <li>3) Delay of Cause</li> </ol>	<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"> <li>1) Making the necessary contributions to the Sustainable Growth Fund (SGF) or,</li> <li>2) Pay the remaining balance of the purchased Real Estate</li> </ol> <p>Following that, the Client will:</p> <p>Receive Citizenship documents: Certificate of Naturalization, Permanent Resident Card (if applicable) and a passport.</p>
<b>Payment 1</b>		<b>Payment 2</b>			<b>Payment 3</b>
<p>US \$15,000 of GIS application fee (50%) - Deposit payment</p> <p>US\$ 10,000 deposit of Investment Fee*</p>		<p>US\$ 15,000 - GIS application fee .</p> <p>US\$ 7,500 - Government due diligence fees</p> <p>US\$ 500 - Passport fees</p> <p>US\$ 35,050 - Government Processing fees ( for real estate investment only)</p>			<p>US\$ 150,000 – Contribution to SGF</p> <p>OR US\$ 400,000 – Property investment resalable after 5 years</p> <p>OR US\$ 200,000 – Property investment resalable after 7 years</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 Sustainable Growth Fund (SGF)

	Contribution	Government Processing Fees	Due Diligence Fees	Passport Fee	GIS Application Fee
Single	US\$ 150,000	Included in SGF Contribution, except for an additional sum of US\$ 50,000 for qualified dependents above the age of 18	US\$ 7,500	US\$ 500 per applicant	US\$ 30,000
Applicant + Spouse	US\$ 175,000		US\$ 11,500		US\$ 40,000
Family of 4 or less	US\$ 195,000		US\$ 7,500 for main applicant and US\$ 4,000 per dependent over 16		US\$ 40,000 for applicant + spouse and US\$ 2,000 for each additional dependent
Family of 5 or more	US\$ 195,000 for a family of 4 people, plus US\$ 10,000 for each additional dependent				

### Option 2: Real Estate Investment

	Minimum Investment Real Estate	Government Processing Fees	Due Diligence Fees	Passport Fee	GIS Application Fee
Single Applicant	US\$ 400,000 (real estate resalable after 5 years)	US\$ 35,050	US\$ 7,500	US\$ 500 per applicant	US\$ 30,000
Applicant + Spouse	OR	US\$ 55,100	US\$ 11,500		US\$ 40,000
Family of 4 or less	US\$ 200,000 (real estate resalable after 7 years)	US\$ 55,100 for main applicant + spouse, plus US\$ 10,050 for additional dependents regardless of age	US\$ 7,500 for main applicant and US\$ 4,000 per dependent over 16		US\$ 40,000 for applicant + spouse and US\$ 2,000 for each additional dependent
Family of 5 or more					

\* 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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