



# **REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**

**Citizenship by Investment Program** 

**The Vanuatu Citizenship by Investment Program** is the only program in the South Pacific. Also known as the Vanuatu Citizenship Development Support Program (DSP), it is the fastest route to alternative citizenship by investment acquisition. Citizenship and second passport program available for investors, within just one month, with no requirement for a physical presence in the country.

Vanuatu is an archipelago in the South Pacific Ocean, renowned for its natural treasures and

stunning beauty. The official languages are Bislama, French, and English. The official currency of the nation is Vanuatu Vatu (VUV).

The history of Vanuatu as an independent state is yet to be written, but its people are working towards a society based on hospitality, equality and business opportunities by establishing an environment that attracts ambitious investors with low taxation and a leading citizenship by investment program. Holders of the Vanuatu passport enjoy visa-free travel to approximately 130 countries, including , Singapore, Russia, the UK, and Europe's Schengen area.

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# Requirements

In order to obtain citizenship through the Vanuatu Citizenship Program, applicants are required to make a non-refundable contribution (donation) to the National Development Fund (NDF).

Citizenship is granted to applicants and their families in exchange and subject to a strict vetting and due diligence process, including thorough background checks. In order to qualify for citizenship, the main applicant must be over eighteen years of age and comply with the requirements of the application.

The minimum investment requirement for a single applicant is **US\$ 130,000** and US\$ 150,000



for both the main applicant and spouse, US\$ 165,000 for the main applicant and spouse and 1 child under 18, and US\$ 180,000 for the main applicant and spouse and 2 children under 18.

There are Citizenship Certificate Fee of US\$ 200 per certificate and US\$ 280 of Passport printing fee for each passport. And for KYC Clearance by FIU Clearance, applicant has to pay US\$2,000 (non-refundable) fee per person.

The main applicant and their dependents must have a clear personal background, have not received a free pardon and have never been convicted in any country of an offense for which the maximum custodial penalty is more than six months' imprisonment. Citizenship will also be denied to a person who is considered to be a potential national security risk, reputational risk or subject to a criminal investigation.

## **Process & Time Frame**

The Investment or Funding Criteria should be determined first with reasonable options for your budget offered by GIS. After that, we will take care of preparing, notarizing all the documents in English including the official forms, medical test and other documents that will be submitted to Vanuatu's Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU).

The CIU shall carry out stringent due diligence checks and shall deny the request if the applicant makes a false claim or fails to provide any relevant information in the application. No mandatory interview is required, however, it is requested in some cases. It is estimated that the process will take between one and two month s from the submission of the application for the issuance of a passport, provided that there are no areas of concern with the application.

Once you have been notified by letter from the CIU that your application was accepted, you can make your investment in the government fund or complete the payment on your selected real estate property. The government will not transfer or use the funds you deposit in the citizenship account until naturalization certificates have been issued to you and your family.

Once the CIU receives proof of payment on your investment, they will issue your certificate of registration (or naturalization), which you can then use to apply for your Vanuatu passport.









# **VISA-FREE TRAVEL OF VANUATU**

## Visa Free Travel

With the 40th rank of Passport Index, Vanuatu passport will let you freely travel the world without a time-consuming visa and monetary challenge. Enjoy your freedom, global mobility and access to 130 visa-free countries, including the Schengen area of the European Union, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Russia and many more!



EUROPE		(* Visa on arrival ** eTA)
Albania 🕂	Finland 🗸 🧲	Lithuania 🗸 🚸 San Marino 🗸
🔊 Andorra 🗸	France 🗸	Luxembourg 🗸 🥡 Serbia
Austria 🗸	Germany 🗸 🕈	Malta 🗸 😍 Slovakia 🗸
📒 Belarus 🗸 🚢	Gibraltar 🗸 👹	Moldova 🗸 🍎 Slovenia 🗸
🕒 Belgium 🗸 🧯	Greece 🗸 🧲	Monaco 🗸 💰 Spain 🗸
Bosnia and 🗸 🏾 🍮	Greenland 🗸 🄇	Montenegro 🗸 🛟 Sweden 🗸
🛑 Bulgaria 🗸 🧲	Hungary 🗸	Netherlands 🗸 🛟 Switzerland 🗸
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Czech Rep 🗸 🌔	Italy 🗸	Poland 🗸 🌸 Vatican City 🗸
Denmark 🗸 🌍	Kosovo* 🗸 🧕	Portugal 🗸
Estonia 🗸	Latvia 🗸 🌔	Romania 🗸
Faroe Islan 🗸 🧧	Liechtenste 🗸	Russian Fe 🗸

AFRICA			(* Visa on	arrival ** eTA)
💽 Algeria	Egypt * 🗸	Malawi *	✓ 📮	Sierra Leone * 🗸
Angola	Equatorial	Mali	♦	Somalia * 🗸
Benin	Eritrea	Mauritania *	<ul> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt;</li> </ul>	South Africa
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Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Mayotte	•	St. Helena * 🗸
Burundi	Gabon	Morocco	3	Sudan
Cameroon	Gambia 🗸	Mozambique	*√ 🏉	Tanzania 🗸
Cape Verde *	Ghana	Namibia	4	Togo * 🗸
Central Afri	Guinea	• Niger	0	Tunisia
Chad	Guinea-Bis * 🗸	Nigeria	6	Uganda 🗸
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Congo (Rep.)	Liberia	Sao Tome		
Cote d'Ivoir	Libya	★ Senegal	✓	
Djibouti	Madagascar * 🗸	Seychelles *	$\checkmark$	









# Vanuatu Citizenship by Investment Process Timeline

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	
4 days	2 weeks - 1 month	1 week	1 - 2 months	
Preparation time (approx. 1 month)		Citizenship Application Processing Time (approx. 1-2 months)		
Pass initial due diligence checks and engage GIS to proceed with application. First deposit payment and a US\$2,000 (non-refundable) fee for KYC clearance. Receive Citizenship Application Package.	Collect all the required documents, and complete government forms. KYC clearance by FIU Clearance within 7- 14 days.	Upon completion of application documents, GIS will do a thorough review before submission. During this phase, GIS will request for the application fees to be paid in full.	Local Government Unit will conduct due diligence checks on all applicants and revert with the outcome of the application. The outcome can be one of these three followings: 1) Approved 2) Deny 3) Delay of Cause Following that, the Client will: Receive Citizenship documents: Certificate of Naturalization, Permanent Resident Card (if applicable) and a passport.	
Payme	nt 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	
US\$ 15,000 of GIS Applicatio Deposit Payment US\$ 10,000 deposit of Invest		US\$ 15,000 GIS Application fees US\$ 280 Passport fee US\$ 200 Citizenship Certificate fee	US\$ 130,000 Contribution *(minus the deposit fee at payment I)	

\* 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.



# VANUATU Citizenship by Investment Schedule of Fees

### **Contribution to the National Development Fund**

	Minimum Contribution (included government contribution, due diligence fee & legal fee)	KYC Clearance	Passport Fee	Citizenship Certificate Fees	GIS Application Fee
Single Applicant	US\$ 130,000		US\$ 280	US\$ 200	US\$ 30,000
Applicant + Spouse	US\$ 150,000	US\$ 2,000			US\$ 40,000
Applicant + Spouse + 1 child under 18	US\$ 165,000	per person for each applicant		for each applicant	US\$ 40,000 for applicant + spouse and US\$ 2,000 for each additional dependant
Applicant + Spouse + 2 children under 18	US\$ 180,000 + Additional dependent US\$ 12,500				

\*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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