



# 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.



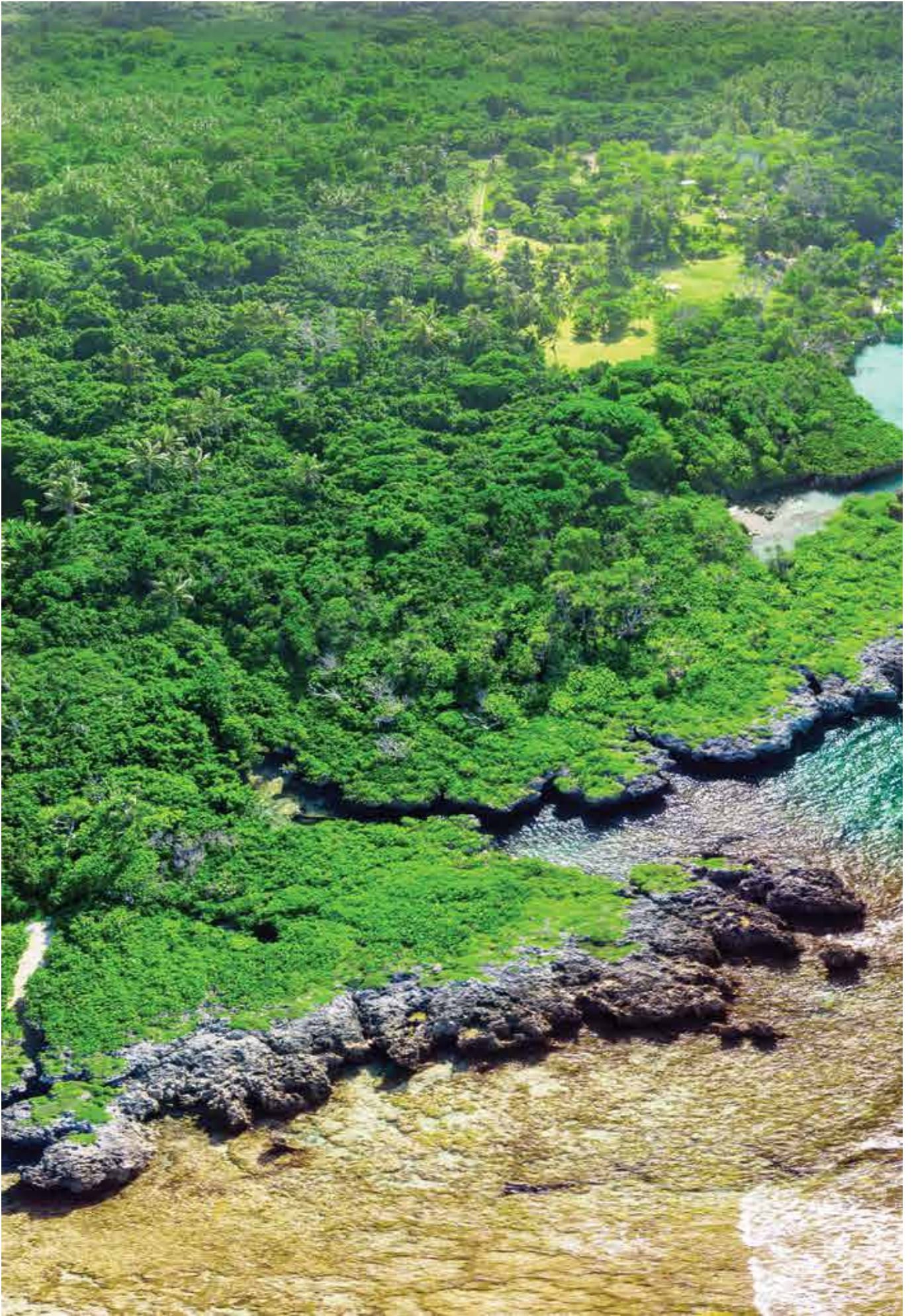
## Process & Time Frame

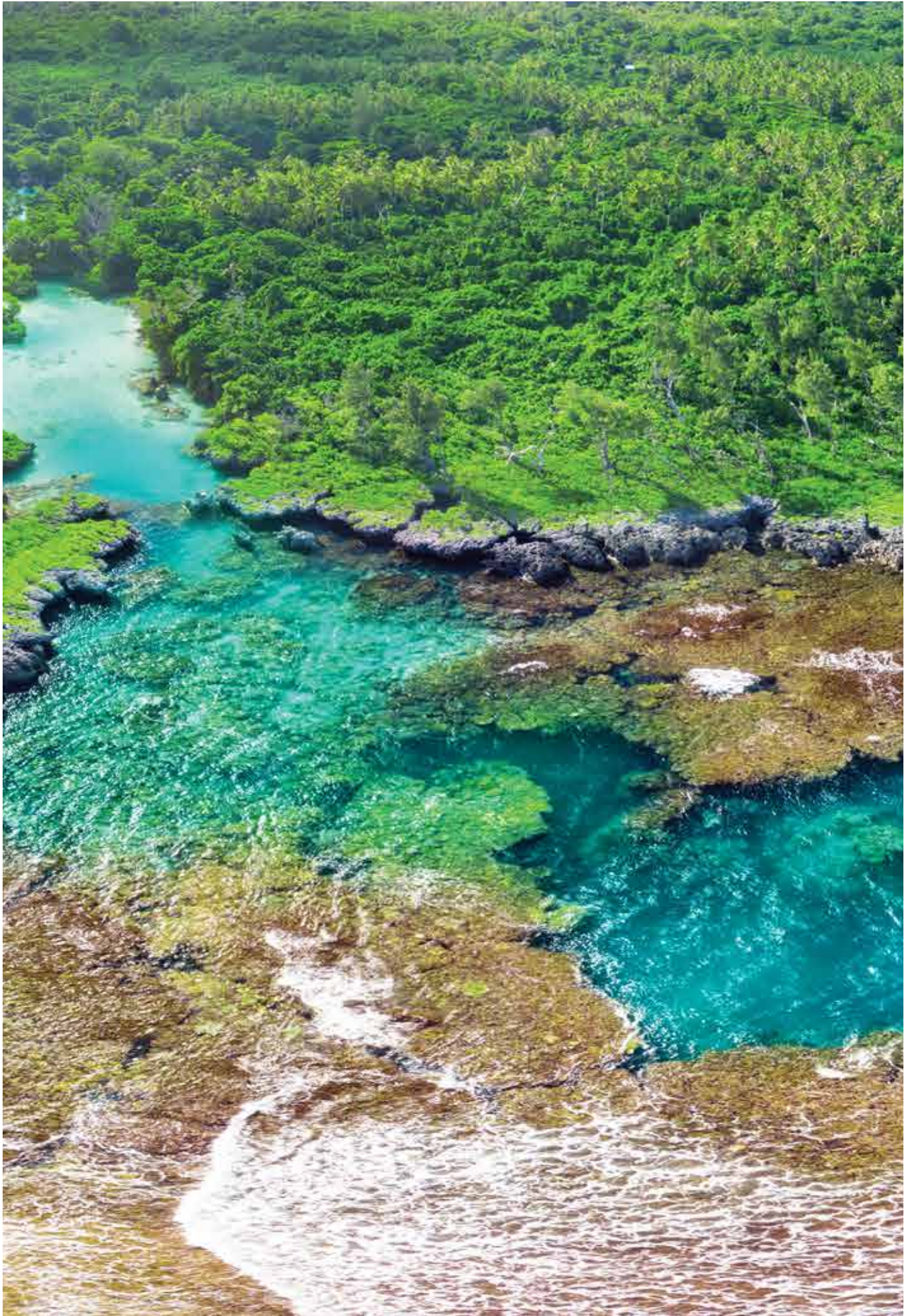
The Investment or Funding Criteria should be determined first with reasonable options for your budget offered by GIS. After that, we will take care of preparing, notarizing all the documents in English including the official forms, medical test and other documents that will be submitted to Vanuatu's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







## Dual Citizenship

Vanuatu allows dual citizenship. No need to visit or reside to retain a passport.

## Taxation

**Personal Income Tax:** there are no taxes affecting individuals (Tax free).

**VAT tax rate:** 12.5%

**Tax on rental income:** over VUV\$ 200,000 (US\$ 1,700) in a 6-month period of 12.5%

**Corporate Income Tax:** Zero (0%) corporate income tax for both domestic as well as International Business Company.

Vanuatu: there are no taxes on profits, dividends or income; there is no capital gains tax, no withholding tax and no sales tax.

## Program Benefits

- ✓ Vanuatu passport provides visa-free access to approximately 130 countries, including the UK, Europe's Schengen area, Singapore, and Russia.
- ✓ Full citizenship with passport is granted to the applicant and family.
- ✓ Vanuatu is a safe place to call home in the event of economic instability and in times of political unrest.
- ✓ Safe program with pre-approval confirmation before transferring in full investment amount, you receive a pre-approval confirmation.



# 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!

### ASIA

 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

## 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... ✓	

\* Refer to the International Air Transport Association (IATA)

# 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... * ✓	
 Fiji ✓	 Nauru * ✓	 Papua New... * ✓	
 French Poly... ✓	 New Caled... ✓	 Samoa * ✓	
 Guam	 New Zealand	 Solomon Is... * ✓	


























## CARIBBEAN

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















## 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	

## 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
<b>Preparation time (approx. 1 month)</b>		<b>Citizenship Application Processing Time (approx. 1-2 months)</b>	
<p>Pass initial due diligence checks and engage GIS to proceed with application.</p> <p>First deposit payment and a US\$2,000 (non-refundable) fee for KYC clearance.</p> <p>Receive Citizenship Application Package.</p>	<p>Collect all the required documents, and complete government forms.</p> <p>KYC clearance by FIU Clearance within 7- 14 days.</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.</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>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 fees</p> <p>US\$ 280 Passport fee</p> <p>US\$ 200 Citizenship Certificate fee</p>	<p>US\$ 130,000 Contribution</p> <p><i>*(minus the deposit fee at payment 1)</i></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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