VANUATU CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

Vanuatu Development Support Program (DSP)

CAPITAL CITY
Port Villa

TIME ZONE
GMT+11

TOTAL AREA
12,199 km²

NEAREST COUNTRIES
Fiji, Australia

LANGUAGES
English, French & Bislama

CURRENCY
Vatu

POPULATION
307,145

VISA FREE COUNTRIES
129 inc Schengen Area, UK & Russia

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VANUATU

The Republic of Vanuatu is a country located in the South Pacific Ocean close to Australia & Fiji. Vanuatu consists of a chain of 83 islands with a total land area of 12,199km². The country is a former joint protectorate of the UK and France and achieved independence in 1980. It is now a member of the United Nations and the Commonwealth. This settlement pattern resulted in the main languages spoken on the archipelago to this day being English, French and Bislama. The Vanuatu economy is primarily based on agriculture which makes the island self-sufficient. Cocoa, kava and timber are the most important exports, with Australia and New Zealand being the main export destinations. Tourism and financial services also make up an important part of the economy of Vanuatu. The Government has recently improved air connections, resort development and cruise facilities in order to boost the tourism sector. The main tourist attractions include the unique flora and fauna as well as one of the most easily accessible active volcanoes in the world.

LEGAL BASIS

The Vanuatu Development Support Program was launched in 2017 under the Citizenship Act, Chapter 112 of the Laws of Vanuatu. The Program is intended to raise funds to support Vanuatu’s infrastructure and to promote the economic development of the country. The Citizenship program is fully recognised by the Vanuatu Government and applicants granted citizenship under this program are regarded as Ni-Vanuatu and enjoy full rights to reside in Vanuatu.

BENEFITS OF VANUATU CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

- Fast Process: 2 months
- No Physical Residency Required
- No Tax on Worldwide Income
- Dual Citizenship Permitted
- Visa Free Travel
ELIGIBILITY

The Main Applicant under the Vanuatu Development Support Program must be at least 18 years of age. Eligible dependants include the spouse of the main applicant, economically dependent children up to the age of 25 who are attending full time education and the parents of the main applicant & the spouse over the age of 50 who reside with and is dependent on the main applicant. The Main Applicant must also provide evidence that he is in possession of at least $250,000 worth of assets.

Nationals of Iran, Syria, Iraq, Yemen & N Korea are ineligible to submit a citizenship application under the Vanuatu DSP unless they have permanently resided outside of these countries for at least five years and provide evidence of permanent residency abroad.

‘FIT AND PROPER TEST’

Vanuatu only grants citizenship to individuals of good repute and clean criminal record. In this regard, Vanuatu’s Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) conducts comprehensive checks on the applicant and qualifying family members, before allowing prospective applicants to submit a citizenship application.

GOOD HEALTH

Citizenship under the Vanuatu Development Support Program is only granted to individuals who are in good health. In this respect, the applicant as well as qualifying dependants included in the citizenship application must have an excellent health record and submit a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner.

INVESTMENT CRITERIA

The Vanuatu Development Support Program gives the right to foreign nationals to obtain citizenship by investment by making a non-refundable contribution to the country. The financial criteria are as follows:

- Single Applicant: $130,000
- Applicant & Spouse: $150,000
- Married Couple with 1 child <18: $165,000
- Married Couple with 2 children <18: $180,000
- Additional Dependent: $10,000

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

18+ + Clean Police Conduct + Certificate of Good Health + Donation: Min. USD $130,000 = PASS

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Application Timeline

1 MONTH PREPARATION
- Prepare and submit FIU documents
- Receive FIU Clearance

1 - 2 MONTHS PROCESSING TIME
- Prepare and Submit Citizenship Application & Supporting
  - Documents Pay 25% of Government Donation (Non-Refundable)

30 DAYS COMPLIANCE TIME
- Pay 75% of Government Donation
- Oath of Allegiance
- Passport Application

Engagement

Submit Citizenship Application

Letter of Approval

Certificate of Citizenship

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