



DOMINICA

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

One of the most beautiful islands in the Caribbean, the Commonwealth of Dominica established its citizenship-by-investment program in 1993 to boost its investment. Dominica is a former British colony and a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, the UN, the Organization of American States, CARICOM (Caribbean Community), and other international organizations. The Dominica Citizenship-by-Investment Program operates under § 101 of the nation's constitution and § 8 and 20 of the Citizenship Act. The program allows the government to grant citizenship to persons who qualify under certain criteria and policy guidelines, while boosting Dominica's economic investment.



Minimum Investment Requirement

Minimum donation of USD 100,000/ INR 75 lacs or Real Estate investment of USD 200,000/ INR 1.5 crores



Application Processing Time

3 months



Global Passport Index Ranking

29



Nature of Investment

Economic Development Fund or Real Estate



Visa Free & Visa on Arrival Access in

143



Investment Holding Period

5 Years



Key Visa Free travel destinations

EU, UK, Singapore, Hong Kong amongst others



The Right to Live, Work and Study without Restrictions in

12 CARICOM Member Countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Haiti, Jamaica, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, St. Lucia, Suriname, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago)



Free Public Education for Citizens

Yes



Free or Subsidised primary healthcare for citizens

No



Dual Citizenship Permitted

Yes



Minimum Stay Requirement

No



Visit required as a part of Application Process

No



Physical Presence Required

None



Family Coverage

Yes- spouse, children under 31, unmarried siblings under 26, and parents and grandparents of any age, as well as to add dependents after citizenship has been granted to the main applicant

Key Benefit

The right of free movement to Europe's Schengen Area, Hong Kong, Russia, Singapore and the UK amongst others

Benefits of the Dominica Citizenship-by-Investment Program

- Visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to 143 destinations including Europe's Schengen Area, Hong Kong, and Singapore
- Ability to include a spouse, children under 31, unmarried siblings under 26, and parents and grandparents of any age, as well as to add dependents after citizenship has been granted to the main applicant
- Citizenship-by-descent available for future generations
- Right to live, work, and study in Dominica
- No restrictions on dual citizenship in Dominica
- No minimum stay required

Procedures and time frame of the Dominica Citizenship-by-Investment Program

The applicant and their family are required to take an oath of allegiance before an authorized notary, justice of the peace, or commissioner of oaths. After pledging allegiance, the application for citizenship is processed further and the citizenship certificates are duly issued. Finally, the passport application can then be lodged and the passports issued.

There is no physical residence requirement. However, the government encourages new citizens to become further involved in the economy, and substantial incentives are on offer to make increased involvement an attractive option. The successful applicant has the right to take up residence in Dominica at any time and for any length of time. Any applicant who has been denied a visa to a country with which Dominica has a visa-free travel agreement must subsequently successfully obtain a visa from that country in order to be eligible to apply.

Pre-existing dependents of the main applicant and future spouses of persons who obtained citizenship through the Dominica Citizenship-by-Investment Program can apply for citizenship, subject to additional fees. New born children of persons who obtained citizenship through the program, born after the citizenship has been obtained, can be registered for citizenship at any time.

Applications are processed by a citizenship-by-investment unit, a dedicated government authority within the Ministry of Finance that is responsible for the management of the program. Processing times for applications is currently 3 months from the receipt of a fully completed application.

Requirements of Dominican Citizenship-by-Investment

To qualify for citizenship under the current regulations, applicants may choose from one of 2 options:

- A non-refundable contribution to the Economic Development Fund of USD 100,000 (\$100,000 single applicant, \$150,000 main applicant & spouse, \$175,000 applicant with up to 3 dependents, \$25,000 for any additional dependent)
- An investment in an approved real estate development with a minimum value of USD 200,000

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