



# **MOLDOVA** CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

The Moldova Citizenship-by-Investment (MCBI) program is the latest European citizenship-byinvestment opportunity. It provides access to 122 destinations, including the countries in Europe's Schengen Area as well as Turkey and Russia. It is the first program of its kind to offer this unique combination of visa-free travel destinations.



#### Minimum Investment Requirement

A minimum non-refundable contribution to the Public Investment Fund: EUR 100,000/ INR 88 lacs for a single applicant/ EUR 115,000/ INR 1 crore for a couple/ EUR 145,000/ INR 1.27 crores for a family of 4/ EUR 155,000/ INR 1.3 crores for a family of 5 or more



## Nature of Investment

Non-refundable contribution to the Public Investment Fund



Investment Holding Period None



**Application Processing Time** 3 months



**Global Passport Index Ranking** 47



Visa Free & Visa on Arrival Access in 122



**Key Visa Free Travel Destinations** Turkey, Russia, Austria, Germany, Spain, Switzerland







**The Right to Live, Work and Study without Restrictions in** Moldova

Free Public Education for Citizens Yes



Free or Subsidised Primary Healthcare for Citizens Yes



**Dual Citizenship Permitted** Yes

# Key benefit

- Citizenship in a country that has a continental climate, a world-class wine industry, and picturesque, varied terrain, including forests and rocky hills.
- Visa-free access to 122 destinations around the world, including Russia, Turkey, and the countries in Europe's Schengen Area.
- Citizenship transferable to future generations.
- Easy inclusion of dependent children up to 29 years of age and parents (of either the main applicant or the spouse) from 55 years of age in the application.



Minimum Stay Requirement None



Visit required as a part of application process



Physical Presence Required None



Family Coverage Yes

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- Full citizenship, with passport rights, for the applicant and included family members.
- A reasonable contribution amount and a highly efficient application process.
- Citizenship in a member state of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the World Trade Organization, and many more.
- Citizenship in a state that has entered into an association agreement with the EU and is aiming to become a candidate country for EU membership.

## **Requirements for Moldova Citizenship by Investment**

The MCBI program requires applicants to make a defined economic contribution to the country through the Public Sustainable Development Fund of Moldova (Public Investment Fund). In exchange, and subject to a stringent vetting and due diligence process, including thorough background checks, applicants and their families are granted citizenship.

To qualify for citizenship, the main applicant must be over 18 years of age, meet the application requirements, and make the primary qualifying contribution:

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EUR 100,000 for a single applicant EUR 115,000 for a couple EUR 145,000 for a family of 4 EUR 155,000 for family of 5 or more Post-approval government service provider fees of EUR 35,000 per application.

## Procedure for Moldova Citizenship by Investment

Through the MCBI program, successful candidates can get Moldovan citizenship within a period of approximately 90 days, provided that the due diligence process can be completed without any hurdles. The key stages of the application process are outlined in detail below.

- Submission of the specified government forms and the required personal documentation, including passport copies, birth certificates, and police certificates confirming that applicants have no criminal record.
- Initiation of extensive due diligence processes.
- Verification of all the information provided and the sources of all funds.
- Announcement of the application decision.

- Fulfilment of outstanding financial obligations and collection of biometric data at a consulate or embassy.
- Issuance of the passport.

**IMPORTANT NOTE.** Moldova's Citizenship by Investment programme has been temporarily suspended by the Government. Investors are advised to look at suitable alternatives in Europe.

Moldova previously offered one of the lowest priced passport investment options in Europe through its Citizenship by Investment programme (MCBI). Originally launched on 5th November 2018 the east-European country was offering citizenship through donation from €135,000, plus costs. ]

Although not part of the EU, Moldova is in Europe and offered an alternative to the Caribbean passport programmes with residency a potentially attractive option and a passport offering visa free access to 122 countries.

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