

St. Lucia's Citizenship by Investment Programme

About St. Lucia

St Lucia is located in the East Caribbean region on the boundaries with the Atlantic Ocean. St. Lucia became an independent state of the Commonwealth of Nations in 1979, and is a full and participating member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States. The volcanic island of Saint Lucia is more mountainous than most Caribbean islands and consists of a total area of 616 sq. kilometres, with a population of over 182.000.

The capital city (Castries) is located in the northern section of the island and represents approximately 40% of the population. Other major population centres include Vieux-Fort and Gros-Islet. St Lucia has a hot tropical climate, balanced by the northeast trade winds.

The Programme

Saint Lucia's Citizenship by Investment Programme

The St. Lucia Citizenship by Investment legislation was supported by all elected members of the parliament and began to accept applications from 1 January 2016. St Lucia's CIP is the Caribbean's newest citizenship programme and was established following the enactment of the Citizenship by Investment Act 2015 (Act No. 14 of 2015). The Act also created the Citizenship by Investment Unit, responsible for processing all citizenship applications.

Investment Options

St. Lucia's Citizenship Program for Foreign Investors

To qualify for citizenship of St. Lucia, the primary applicant must be over 18 years old, meet the application requirements and select one of the following investment options:

DONATION OPTION: The National Economic Fund (NEF)				
	Main Applicant	Main Applicant and Spouse	Family of four	Additional dependents
Donation Amount	US\$100.000	US\$165.000	US\$190.000	US\$25.000 for each additional dependant
Processing Fees	US\$2.000	US\$2.000 for main applicant US\$1.000 for spouse	US\$2.000 for main applicant US\$1.000 for each dependant	US\$1.000 for each additional dependant
Due Diligence Fees	US\$7.500	US\$7.500 main applicant US\$5.000 for spouse	US\$7.500 main applicant US\$5.000 for spouse and each additional dependant over the age of 16	US\$5.000 for each additional dependant over the age of 16
INVESTMENT IN REAL ESTATE OPTION (held for a minimum period of 5 years)				
	Main applicant	Main Applicant and Spouse	Family of four	Additional Dependents
Investment Minimum	US\$300.000	US\$300.000	US\$300.000	US\$300.000

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Due Diligence Fees	US\$7.500	US\$7.500 main applicant US\$5.000 for spouse	US\$7.500 main applicant US\$5.000 for spouse and each additional dependant over the age of 16	US\$5.000 for each additional dependant over the age of 16
Government Fees	US\$50.000	US\$50.000 for main applicant US\$35.000 for spouse	US\$50.000 US\$35.000 for each dependant over 18 US\$25.000 for each dependant under 18	US\$35.000 for each additional dependant over 18 US\$25.000 for each additional dependant under 18
INVESTMENT IN PRE-APPROVED ENTERPISE PROJECT				
	Single Applicant		Joint Investment	
Investment Minimum	US\$3.500.000 and creation of 3 permanent jobs		US\$6.000,000 (minimum US\$1.000.000 per investor) and creation of minimum 6 permanent jobs	
Processing, Due Diligence and Government Administration Fees apply as above.				

Additional Requirements:

- Clean criminal record
- Good heath

***Qualifying Dependents**

- Children under 18 years old
- Parents over 65 years old who are fully supported by the applicant
- Children between the age of 18-25 who are fully supported by the main applicant and students at a higher institution

Application Process

Procedure for Saint Lucia's Citizenship by Investment application

We set-out below the steps of the process of applying for citizenship of St. Lucia:

1. Preparation and filling of application forms
2. Submission of applications and supporting documentation
3. Submission of all required funds in an escrow account until the application is processed
4. Government processing of the applications and due diligence checks (up to three months)
5. Government approval of application (and funds are released from the escrow account)
6. Investment in real estate or contribution to the National Economic Fund
7. Issuance of citizenship certificate
8. Application for passport and issuance of passport

The process to obtain the citizenship of St. Lucia is expected to take up to 4 months following the submission of the applications to the Government of St. Lucia.

Benefits

The Benefits of St. Lucia's Citizenship by Investment Program

- There are no restrictions on dual citizenship
- St. Lucia is ranked as the best nation among English-speaking Caribbean nations from 2007 to 2014 by the world bank
- Stable political society and high life quality
- A St. Lucia passport allows visa-free entry to more than 100 countries, including all EU countries, the UK, Argentina, Venezuela, Hong Kong, Singapore and the Caribbean and Commonwealth Nations
- St. Lucia imposes no taxes on international revenues
- Lifetime citizenship received by the applicant

Visa Free Travel

Successful applicants can benefit from visa-free travel to more than 115 countries, as listed below. It must be noted that visa-free travel to the countries listed below are subject to change. It is strongly advisable that the relevant Government authorities and agencies are contacted prior to travel arrangements made.

Andorra	Ecuador	Mauritius	The Netherlands
Antigua and Barbuda	Egypt	Micronesia	Tunisia
Argentina	El Salvador	Monaco	Tuvalu
Armenia	Finland	Mozambique	Uganda
Austria	France	Nepal	United Kingdom
Andorra	Fiji	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Antigua and Barbuda	Gambia	Norway	Vatican City
Argentina	Germany	Palau	Venezuela
Armenia	Grenada	Panama	Zambia
Austria	Guatemala	Peru	Zimbabwe
Bahamas	Guyana	Philippines	
Bangladesh	Haiti	Poland	
Barbados	Hong Kong	Romania	
Belgium	Honduras	Samoa	
Belize	Hungary	San Marino	
Bolivia	Iceland	Senegal	
Botswana	Italy	Solomon Isl.	
Bulgaria	Iran	Somalia	
Cambodia	Jamaica	Singapore	

Cape Verde	Jordan	Spain	
Chile	Kenya	South Korea	
Colombia	Kiribati	St Kitts and Nevis	
Colombia	Latvia	St Lucia	
Comoros Islands	Laos People's Dem. Rep.	St Maarten	
Costa Rica	Lesotho	St Vincent & the Grenadines	
Croatia	Liechtenstein	Suriname	
Cuba	Lithuania	Swaziland	
Czech Republic	Luxembourg	Sweden	
Cyprus	Madagascar	Switzerland	
Denmark	Malawi	Tanzania	
Djibouti	Malaysia	Timor-Leste	
Dominica	Maldives	Togo	
Dominican Republic	Malta	Tonga	
Estonia	Mauritania	Trinidad & Tobago	