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Residency & Citizenship
by investment

VANUATU CITIZENSHIP

by Investment

GLOBAL MOBILITY:

**Visa-free access
to 90+ countries**

PROCESSING TIME:

From 2 months

KEY REQUIREMENT:

**Donation from \$130,000 to the
national development fund**

FAMILY INCLUSION:

**Spouse, children up to 28
years old, and parents**

Advantages of the Vanuatu Citizenship Programme

The Vanuatu Citizenship Programme offers one of the fastest processing times and the most affordable investment threshold among all global citizenship-by-investment programmes.



No Residency Requirement

No obligation to reside in or travel to Vanuatu, with a fully remote application process



Fast Processing

Citizenship granted within 3–4 months.



Minimal Documentation

A simple and efficient application process requiring minimal paperwork and involvement from the investor.



Global Mobility

Visa-free access to 90+ countries, including Singapore and Hong Kong.



Favourable Tax Regime

No wealth, inheritance, capital gains, or global income taxes.



Dual Citizenship Allowed

Vanuatu permits second citizenship, so there is no requirement to renounce your existing nationality.



Citizenship for the Entire Family

The application can include spouses, children up to 28 years old, and parents.



Access to International Banking

Holding a neutral-country passport makes it easier to open accounts in international banks.



Business Relocation Benefits

Foreign companies are exempt from corporate and capital gains taxes for 20 years, paying only a fixed annual fee of \$300 instead.



Simplified Visa Applications

Vanuatu passport holders can easily obtain visas for the USA, UK, and Europe.



Unrestricted Access to Global Residency Programmes

The passport allows participation in residency-by-investment programmes that are restricted for Russian and Belarusian nationals.



A Secure Backup Plan

A Plan B for investors and their families, offering protection in the event of geopolitical or economic uncertainty.

About the Vanuatu Citizenship Programme

The Vanuatu Citizenship-by-Investment Programme — the only one of its kind in Oceania — was launched in 2017 to attract high-net-worth investors worldwide.

The programme plays a key role in Vanuatu's socio-economic development.

Investment funds are allocated to upgrading public hospitals, road maintenance, and disaster relief efforts, addressing the region's frequent natural catastrophes.

The citizenship-by-investment programme contributes an average of 18% of the government's annual revenue. In 2024 alone, the programme generated \$60 million in investments.

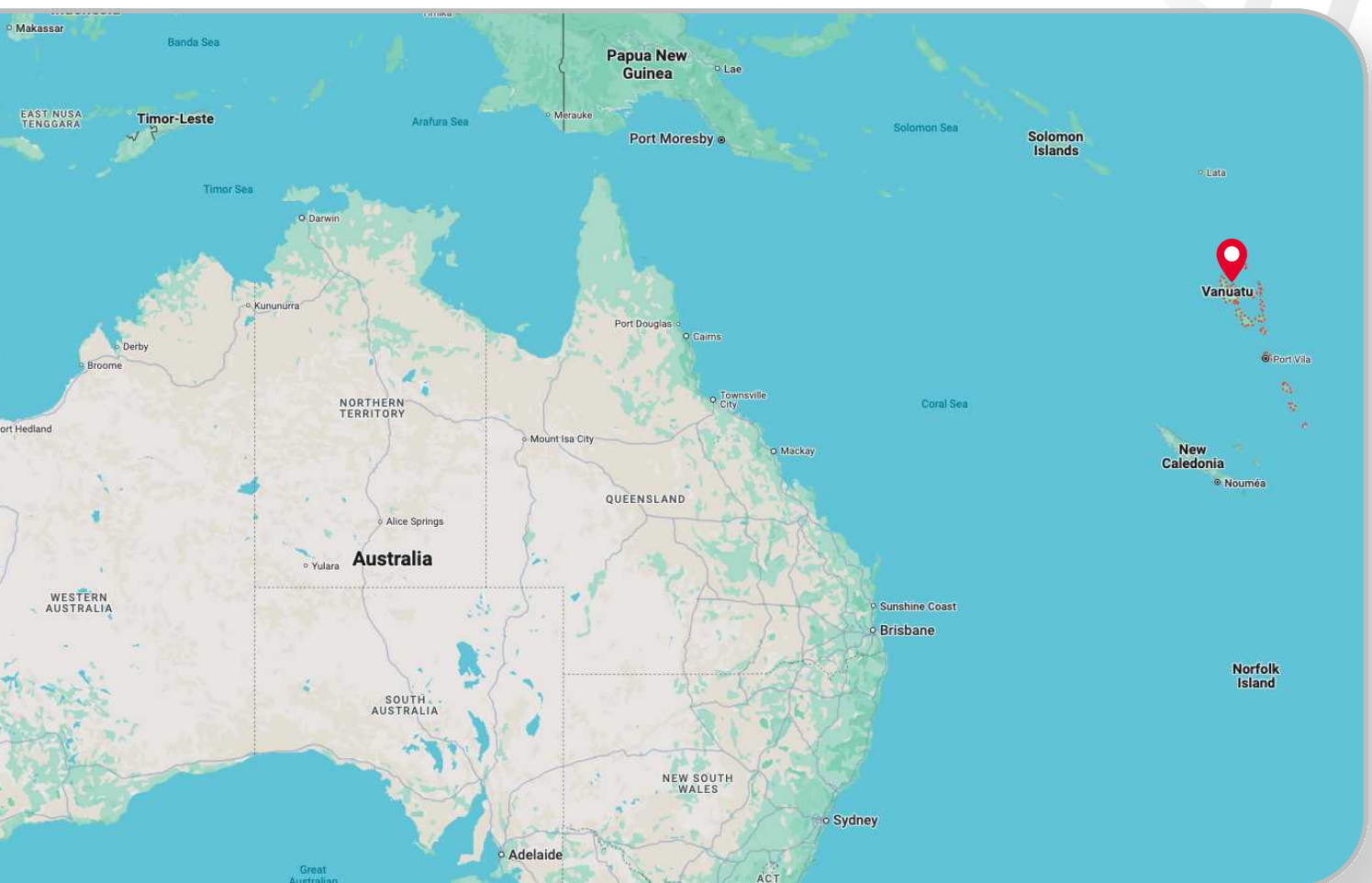
Vanuatu's strong appeal to international investors is due to its affordability and efficiency, making it **the world's fastest and most cost-effective citizenship-by-investment programme.**



Geography

The Republic of Vanuatu comprises over 80 islands in the Pacific Ocean, located near Australia, Fiji, and New Zealand. Its land area is 12,000 km². With a population of approximately 300,000, most residents are unevenly distributed across the islands.

6% of the population resides in the capital, Port Vila, and Luganville, the second-largest city. More than 65% of residents live in rural areas, though urban migration is steadily increasing.



Happiness Index

In 2006, Vanuatu ranked as the world's happiest country; in 2019, it secured second place. Researchers attribute this to strong community ties, active social engagement, and a deep connection with nature. The country enjoys a high safety level, a peaceful foreign policy, no standing military, and extremely low crime rates.

Economy

Vanuatu has successfully preserved its traditional way of life and unspoiled natural environment while also emerging as a leading offshore financial hub. The country attracts foreign entrepreneurs with its low tax burden and relaxed financial reporting regulations. The citizenship-by-investment programme also plays a key role in attracting international capital.

History

Vanuatu gained independence in 1980. Vanuatu means «Our Land Forever» in one of the local languages.

From 1906 to 1980, the New Hebrides (Vanuatu) was a joint colony of France and the United Kingdom. English and French remain equal official languages, alongside Bislama, a Melanesian dialect with English influences.

Religion & Culture

Traditional indigenous spiritual beliefs coexist with Christianity and other unique religious practices on the islands.

A legacy of British rule is the widespread popularity of football, cricket, rugby, and other outdoor sports. Vanuatu's national soccer team is a member of FIFA. The national athletics team has participated in almost every Summer Olympics since 1988.

Nature & Ecology

Vanuatu boasts a diverse natural landscape, featuring mountains, active volcanoes, pristine tropical rainforests, white sandy beaches, and crystal-clear waters.

Even on inhabited islands, towns and villages are concentrated along the coastline, while untouched rainforests and mountain ranges dominate the interior.

The country has no large-scale industries or polluting activities, preserving its pristine ecological balance. The Vanuatu government actively promotes environmental sustainability, continuously working on enhancing its green initiatives.



Requirements for Obtaining Vanuatu Citizenship by Investment

The citizenship application process typically takes between 1 to 3 months.

To participate in the Vanuatu Citizenship by Investment Programme, applicants must choose one of the following investment options:

- Investment in the Development Support Program (DSP)
- Investment in the Capital Investment Immigration Plan (CIIP) – Cocoa Development Fund (CDF)

Vanuatu Development Support Programme (DSP)

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Non-refundable contribution*	\$130 000	\$150 000	\$165 000	\$180 000		\$15 000 For an add. family member

Due diligence fee (Financial Intelligence Unit)— \$5 500

Capital Investment Immigration Plan – Cocoa Development Fund (CIIP, CDF)

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Non-refundable contribution*	\$165 000	\$165 000	\$165 000	\$165 000		\$25 000 For an add. family member

Due diligence fee (Financial Intelligence Unit) — \$5,000 (included in the total cost)

*The above fees do not include processing, legal, or consultancy fees. They represent the minimum investment criteria required for programme participation.

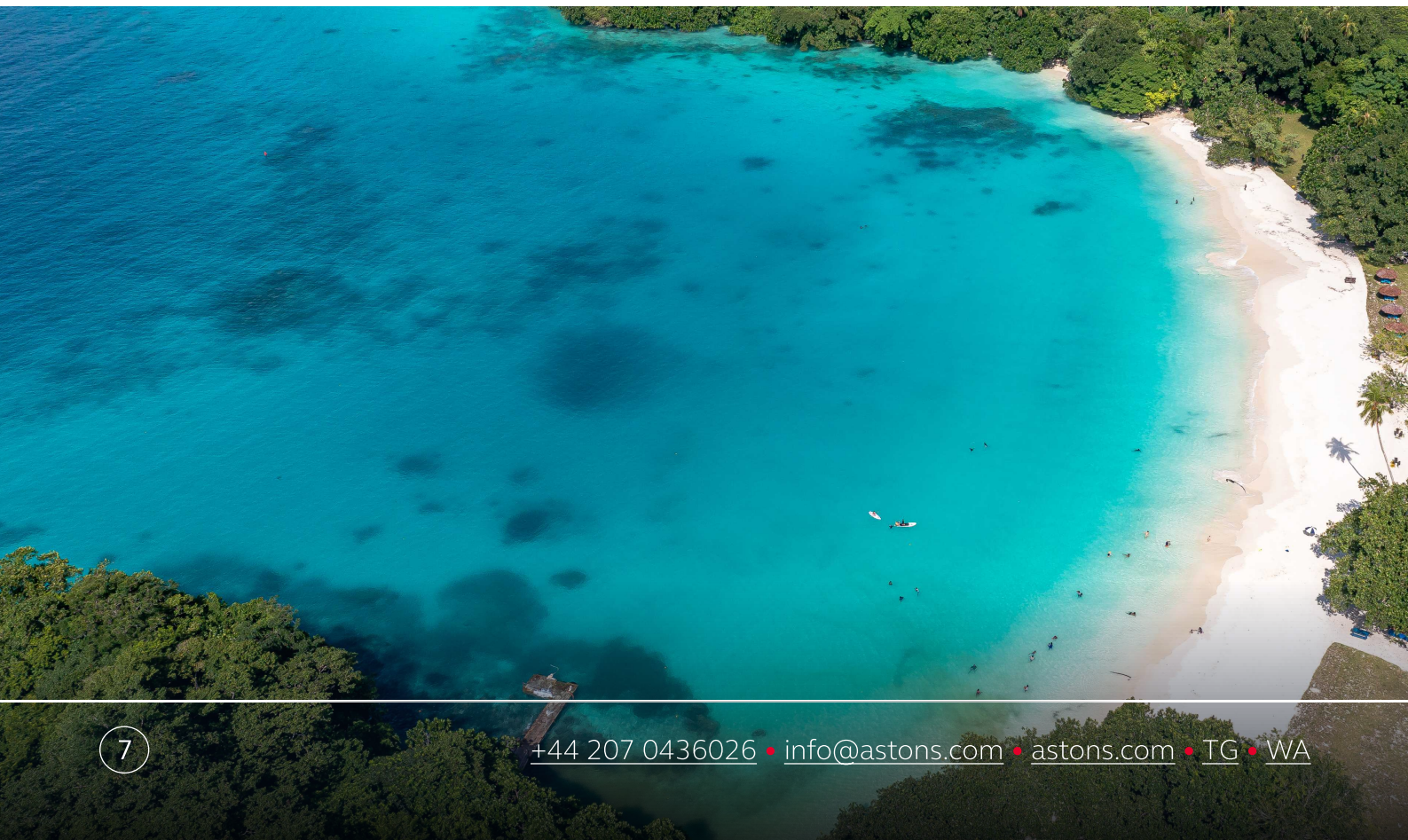
Additional Requirements

To be eligible for the Vanuatu Citizenship Programme, the applicant must:

- Be over 18 years old
- Have no criminal record (must provide a police clearance certificate from the country of residence)
- Provide proof of financial assets or funds of at least \$250,000
- Not be listed on any international sanctions lists

Citizenship for the Whole Family

Vanuatu is one of the few countries offering citizenship by investment that allows applicants to include not only a spouse and children (up to 28 years old) but also parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents.



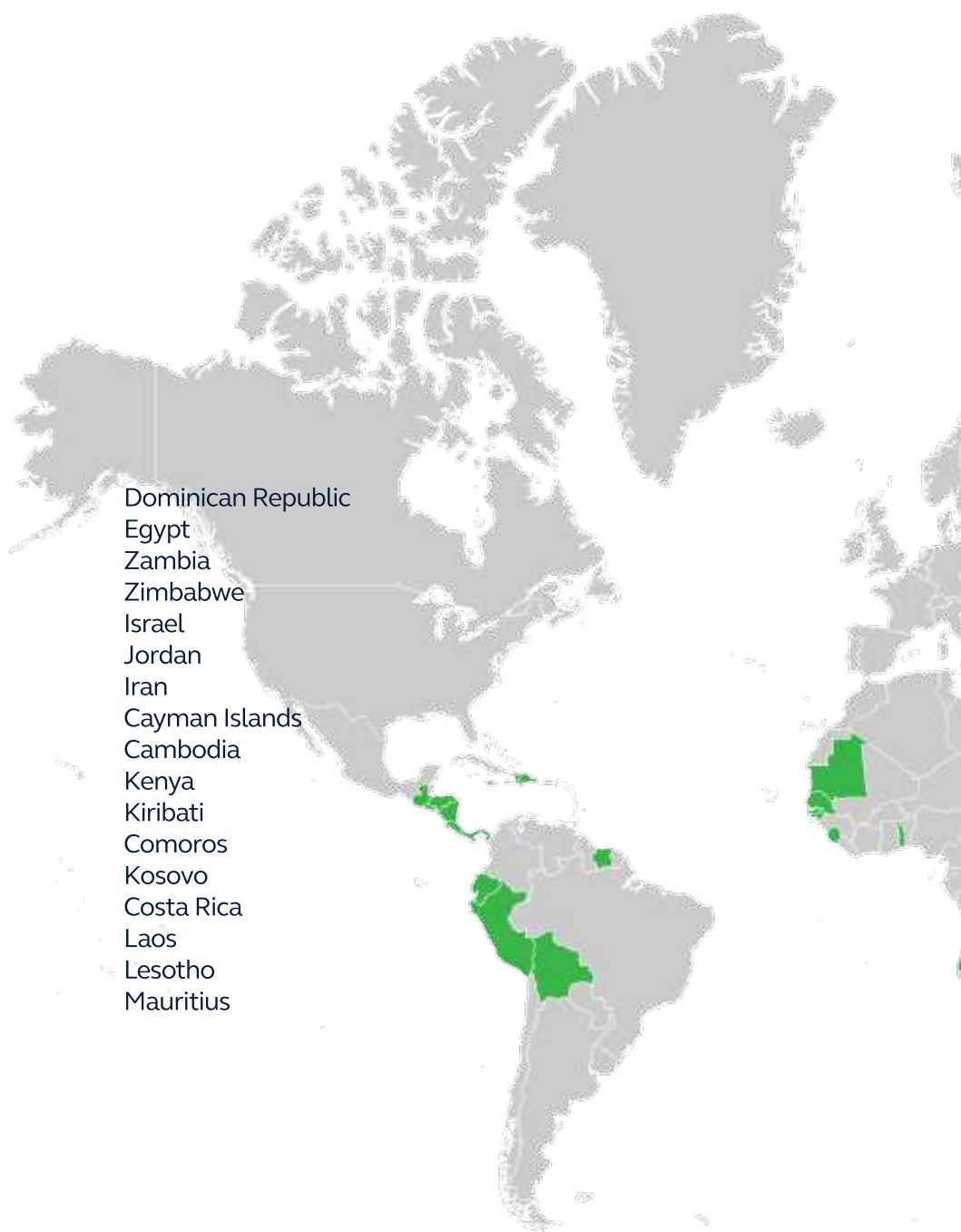
Visa-Free Access to 90+ Countries

Travel the world with a Vanuatu passport and enjoy visa-free access to numerous destinations, including Hong Kong and Singapore.

Visa-free access to the Schengen Zone for Vanuatu citizens was temporarily suspended in May 2022. Travelling to the Schengen Zone, the United Kingdom, or the United States requires a visa.

Anguilla
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Armenia
The Bahamas
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Bermuda
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
British Virgin Islands
Burundi
Haiti
The Gambia
Guatemala
Guinea-Bissau
Gibraltar
Honduras
Hong Kong (SAR China)
Grenada
Djibouti
Dominica

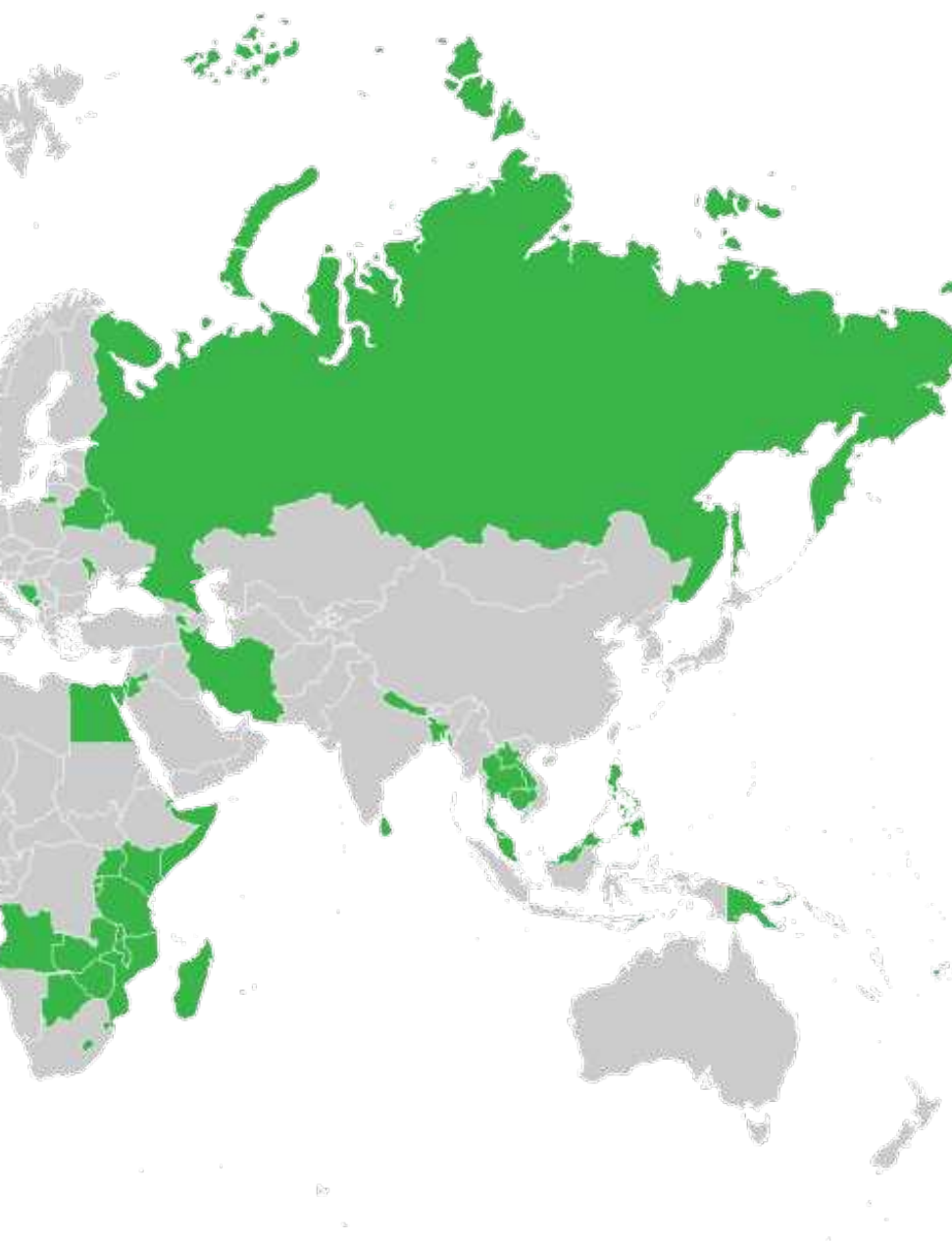
Dominican Republic
Egypt
Zambia
Zimbabwe
Israel
Jordan
Iran
Cayman Islands
Cambodia
Kenya
Kiribati
Comoros
Kosovo
Costa Rica
Laos
Lesotho
Mauritius



Mauritania
Madagascar
Macau (SAR China)
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Marshall Islands
Micronesia
Mozambique
Moldova
Montserrat
Nauru
Nepal

Nicaragua
Niue
Saint Helena
Cape Verde Islands
Cook Islands
Palau Islands
Palestinian Territory
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Russian Federation

Rwanda
El Salvador
Samoa
Seychelles
Senegal
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Somalia
Suriname



Sierra Leone
Thailand
Tanzania
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tuvalu
Uganda
Fiji
Philippines
Montenegro
Sri Lanka
Ecuador
Eswatini
Jamaica

Required Documents for Citizenship Application

STEP 1 – DUE DILIGENCE CHECK	Main Applicant	Spouse	Children (including financially dependent adults up to 25 years old)	Financially Dependent Parents
Copy of Passport	●	●	●	●
Resume (CV)	●	●		●
Police Clearance Certificate	●	●	FOR CHILDREN OVER 18 YEARS OLD	●
Proof of Address	●			
STEP 2 – CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION	Main Applicant	Spouse	Financially dependent child	Financially Dependent Parents
Government Form	●	●	●	●
Passport Application Form	●	●		●
Confirmation of Due Diligence Clearance (Step 1)	●		FOR CHILDREN OVER 18 YEARS OLD	
Foreign Residency Permit	IF APPLICABLE	IF APPLICABLE	IF APPLICABLE	IF APPLICABLE
Copy of ID Card	●	●	●	●
Birth Certificate	●	●	●	●
Marriage Certificate		●		●
One Digital Photo (.jpg format)	●	●	●	●
Bank Reference Letter	●			
Bank Statement (last 6 months)	●			
Proof of Funds	●			
Employment Letter / Business Licence Copy	●			
Letter from Educational Institution			FOR CHILDREN OVER 18 YEARS OLD	
Medical Certificate	●	●	●	●
University Degree Certificate	IF APPLICABLE	IF APPLICABLE	IF APPLICABLE	IF APPLICABLE
Reference Letter from Business Partner	●			

***All documents highlighted in red will be prepared by Astons' legal team.**

This list is not exhaustive – the Astons legal team will provide a personalised checklist based on each investor's circumstances following a detailed consultation.

Step-by-Step: How to Obtain Vanuatu Citizenship

We will guide you through the entire citizenship acquisition process, from preparing and correctly submitting your application to its approval and document issuance.

1

Consultation with an Astons Immigration Specialist

Our Vanuatu Citizenship Programme expert will thoroughly assess your personal circumstances and suggest the most suitable investment option. They will explain the process and provide detailed guidance on application requirements. After the consultation, you will receive a comprehensive and personalised list of documents required for approval.

2

Preliminary Due Diligence Check

The Government of Vanuatu will conduct a comprehensive background check on the main applicant, and all adult family members in the application to confirm eligibility.

The investor must pay the due diligence fee of \$5,000 – \$5,500 per family for the Vanuatu Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), depending on the selected investment option.

3

Preparation of the Citizenship Application

Once the government grants preliminary approval, our experts will prepare the full citizenship application and all required documentation. The submission and review process takes approximately **30 days**.

4

Investment in the Selected Fund

The investor must make an initial contribution of 25% of the total donation amount. The final donation sum depends on the family size and the chosen investment option.

5

Application Processing & Final Review

Applications are submitted to the Government of Vanuatu and reviewed by the Citizenship Commission at its next scheduled meeting, which takes place twice a month. This stage typically takes **around 4 weeks**.

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Final Approval & Payment of the Remaining Investment Amount

Once your application is approved, the investor must pay the remaining 75% of the donation amount.

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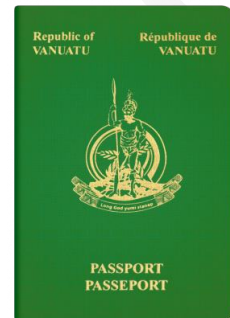
Biometric Enrolment

As part of the Vanuatu citizenship application process, all applicants are required to complete biometric enrolment. This can be done at one of the accredited biometric centres, including the Consulate of Vanuatu in Dubai.

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Issuance of the Vanuatu Passport

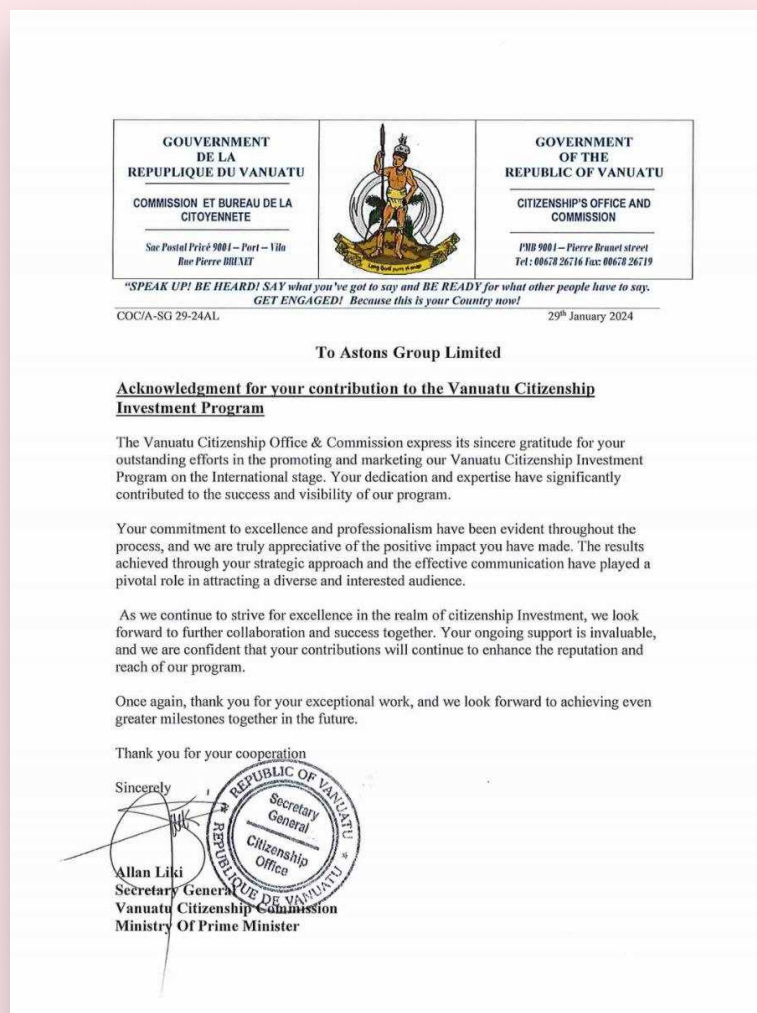
On the day of the Oath Ceremony, applicants receive their Vanuatuan passport giving them visa-free access to over 100 countries worldwide and a broad range of tax optimization and wealth preservation benefits. Passports issued to applicants aged 17 and over are valid for 10 years and must be renewed every 10 years, while passports issued to children aged 16 and under are valid for 5 years and must be renewed every 5 years.



Largest Trusted Agent of the Vanuatu Citizenship Programme

Astons has been recognised as the leading trusted agent for the Vanuatu Citizenship-by-Investment Programme in Russia and the CIS region.

This recognition results from our commitment to delivering the highest legal and consultancy services standards. For over 30 years, Astons has been dedicated to professional excellence and exceptional client service. We ensure every client receives a personalised approach and comprehensive support from expert advisors and legal professionals.



- Vanuatu passport in **1–3 months** —fully managed service
- Licensed agent of the programme
- Offices in Moscow, Dubai, and worldwide, with in-person consultations available
- **100% approval** rate for clients who have passed Astons' internal due diligence
- **Legal support** from experts with in-depth knowledge of the programme's requirements

Why Choose Astons?

Astons is a leading investment immigration and relocation firm, providing tailored solutions for obtaining residency and citizenship in Europe, the Pacific, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and the United States.



Over 30 Years of Expertise

Astons was founded in London in 1989 and played a pioneering role in the investment immigration industry. Today, Astons is an international group of companies headquartered in Dubai.



Trusted Partner

We have assisted over 9,000 clients worldwide, representing over 100 nationalities. Our team has facilitated over \$2.6 billion in investments in citizenship, residency, and real estate programmes.



Licensed Agent

Astons operates exclusively under official government licences, ensuring full compliance with the laws and regulations of each jurisdiction in which we conduct business. We guarantee zero risk to your reputation, brand, or investment, as well as transparent and secure application processes.



Unrivalled Expertise

100% of clients who pass Astons' internal due diligence receive programme approval. Our legal team has deep expertise in immigration law and client advocacy. We handle every step of the process with British legal precision, extensive experience, and a client-first approach.

Why Choose Astons?



Speed

Preliminary due diligence and eligibility assessment completed within 24 hours



Convenience

Most document processing can be handled remotely, without in-person visits



Global Leader in Immigration Services.

Ranked in the TOP-6 by MIGRATOP and the TOP-25 by Uglobal Immigration Magazine. Awarded Best European Citizenship Advisor 2018 and Best Full-Service Investment Immigration Firm 2019



Always Within Reach

Meet us in any of our offices: Moscow, Istanbul, London, Limassol, Dubai, Athens, Fort Lauderdale, and St. Julian's. Our experts are available online at your convenience



Personalised Approach

We offer the best citizenship and residency-by-investment programmes, as well as premium real estate options across 11 countries. Our specialists will tailor the perfect solution to meet your individual needs.



Comprehensive Services

In addition to real estate selection and immigration status, we can help with account opening, tax residency counseling, business relocation, children's education, health insurance, and settling in.



Market Experts

Regularly featured in top international media, including The New York Times, The Telegraph, The Times, CNBC, RBC, Forbes, and others.

Astons in the media

This section contains key publications in the press about Astons, as well as comments of experts on the planning of residence, investment citizenship and residence permit, and investments in foreign real estate.

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[Move fast: Greece's golden visa rules are changing](#)

The New York Times

[Americans Head to Europe for the Good Life on the Cheap](#)

The Telegraph

[Countries cut cost of citizenship to attract disillusioned British taxpayers](#)

THE HUFFPOST

[«Χρυσή Βίζα» στην Ελλάδα: Σημαντική αύξηση των αιτήσεων από τις ΗΠΑ](#)

 **CNBC**

[Many of Europe's 'golden visa' programs are closing — but demand is up in this Mediterranean hotspot](#)

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[Two per cent of Britons have applied for EU passport since Brexit vote](#)

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[Study: More US Buyers Tapping into Greece's Golden Visa Scheme](#)

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[Money on the move: why the world's wealthy are deserting the USA](#)

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[Spain is the best option for international investors looking for Golden Visas: Findings](#)

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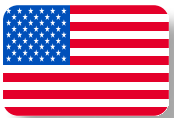
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