



DOMINICA

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

Visa-free travel to 119 countries

Investment from US\$ 100,000

Citizenship in 2–3 months

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Commonwealth of Dominica established its Citizenship by Investment Program in 1991. The program is based on Section 101 of the Constitution and Sections 8 and 20 (1) of the Citizenship Act, allowing the government to operate a program under which citizenship is granted to persons who qualify under criteria set by the government in its policy guidelines.

COUNTRY FACTS

The Commonwealth of Dominica is an island in the Lesser Antilles region of the Caribbean of approximately 750 square kilometers (290 square miles) with a population of 72,000. Dominica is a parliamentary democracy within the Commonwealth of Nations and is a full and participating member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

KEY BENEFITS

Visa Free Travel to 119 countries

The Dominican passport provides visa-free travel to the Schengen area, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Visa Free Travel to Schengen area

Citizens enjoy unrestricted travel in all Schengen member countries for three months in any six-month period.

Irrevocable citizenship is granted

Citizenship granted under the program is irrevocable, life-long and heritable.

British Commonwealth member

Citizens have access to the consular services of any other Commonwealth country worldwide.

Recoverable investment option

Real estate and bond investments are fully recoverable following a three-year holding period.

No residential requirements

Applicants are not required to be physically present in Dominica after naturalisation.

Dual citizenship is recognized

Dominica imposes no restrictions on dual citizenship and applicants are not required to forfeit their other citizenships.

Democratic country

The country has a stable political environment with a democratically elected government and a common law legal system.

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INVESTMENT OPTIONS



US\$ 100,000
Contribution to the
National Transformation Fund

or



US\$ 200,000
Property
purchase

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The main applicant and any dependents must have a clean personal background with no criminal record and not be under any criminal investigation (other than in respect of a minor offence). A person that is deemed a potential security risk or who is or has been involved in any activity that is likely to bring disrepute to Dominica shall not be approved for citizenship.

The government authority responsible for administering the program, the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU), is responsible for the processing of all applications. The CIU examines the application thoroughly and undertakes strict due diligence checks. An application will be declined if the applicant makes a false statement or omits any relevant information in the application.

The documentary requirements of the program are reasonable and the procedures are quite straightforward. The process will take three to four months from submission of the application to issuance of the passport, assuming there are no areas of concern with the application. Under the real estate option the time frame may vary depending on the development.

Once Approval in Principle has been obtained on the application, you will be requested to make the payment of the contribution to the Economic Development Fund or complete the payment of the Property purchase.

REQUIREMENTS

The Citizenship by Investment Program requires a person to make a significant economic contribution to the country. In exchange, and subject to a stringent application process and due diligence checks, the applicants and their families are granted full citizenship. The main applicant must be at least 18 years of age to qualify and must meet the application requirements by selecting one of the 2 following investment options:

1. An investment in an approved Real Estate development with a minimum value of US\$200,000.

If the applicant chooses the real estate option, the following government fees will also apply:

Main Applicant	US\$ 25,000
Main Applicant + Spouse	US\$ 35,000
Family of up to 4 persons	US\$ 35,000
Family of up to 6 persons	US\$ 50,000
Family of 7 persons or more	US\$ 70,000

Additional costs may also be incurred depending on the real estate developer. The property must be held for a period of 3 years and may be eligible for re-sale under the Citizenship by Investment Program 5 years after the purchase date.

2. A non-refundable contribution to the Economic Development Fund of US\$100,000 (single applicant).

The Economic Development Fund was established as one component of a national mobilization portfolio towards an ultimate goal of national development for Dominica.

Generated funds are utilized for public and private sector projects where a need is identified. Projects identified include building of schools, hospital renovation and the building of a new national sports stadium. Private sector projects are based on tourism, information technology and agriculture.

An applicant may make the contribution under one of the four following categories:

Main Applicant	US\$ 100,000
Main Applicant + Spouse	US\$ 175,000
Main Applicant and up to 3 dependents (spouse and 2 dependents <18 years)	US\$ 200,000
Main Applicant and up to 4 dependents (spouse and 2 dependents <18 years plus additional dependents)	US\$ 200,000 plus US\$ 25,000 per additional dependent
Family of 5 or more	US\$ 25,000 per additional dependent

The following fees are charged in addition on both investment options:

Due Diligence Fees

Main Applicant	US\$ 7,500
Dependent 16 years +	US\$ 4,000
Certificate Issuance Fee	US\$ 250 per person
Passport Application Fee	US\$ 1,200 per person

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