



# ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

Visa-free travel to 141 countries

Investment from US\$ 150,000

Citizenship in 2-3 months

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Citizenship by Investment Program of St. Kitts and Nevis is the longest running economic citizenship program in the world, having been established in 1984. The Citizenship by Investment Program is legitimate, regulated and enjoys international approval and acceptance. The laws regarding the Program are contained in Part II, Section 3 (5) of the Citizenship Act, 1984, and the St Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Regulations, 2011.

## COUNTRY FACTS

The Federation of St Kitts and Nevis is a member of the British Commonwealth, the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States and Caricom.

A St. Kitts and Nevis passport allows visa free travel to over 140 countries, including the UK and the countries of the Schengen area in Europe.

## KEY BENEFITS

### Visa Free Travel to 141 Countries

The Kittitian 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

Due to the country's membership in the British Commonwealth, its 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 five-year holding period, during which time it can produce rental income.

### No residential requirements

Applicants are not required to be physically present in St Kitts & Nevis after naturalisation.

### Dual citizenship is recognized

St Kitts & Nevis 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\$ 150,000  
Contribution to the  
Sustainable Growth Fund

or



US\$ 200,000  
Property purchase  
to be held for 7 years

or



US\$ 400,000  
Property purchase  
to be held for 5 years

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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.

Documentary requirements are reasonable and straightforward and the process can take 3 months from submission to the issuance of the passport, assuming there are no areas of concern. Under the real estate option the time frame may vary depending on the status of the development. Once Approval in Principle has been obtained on the application, you will be requested to make the payment of the economic contribution to the SGF or complete the property purchase. Once the investment is complete, the certificate of naturalization will be issued allowing for the passport application to proceed.

## 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 opposite investment options.

The main applicant and any dependents must have a clean personal background with no criminal record. 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 St Kitts and Nevis shall not be approved for citizenship. A person who has been denied a visa to a country with which St. Kitts and Nevis has visa-free travel and who has not subsequently obtained a visa to the country that issued the denial shall not be eligible to apply.

### 1. A non refundable contribution to the Sustainable Growth Fund (SGF) of US\$150,000 (single applicant)

The Citizenship by Investment Unit has launched the SGF for the funding of school construction and education related initiatives, mitigate the effects of climate change, to support economic growth and more. The SGF replaced the Hurricane Relief Fund (HRF) in April 2018.

Main Applicant	US\$ 150,000
Main Applicant and up to 3 dependents	US\$ 195,000
All additional dependent	US\$ 10,000

### 2. 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\$ 35,000
Spouse	US\$ 20,000
Dependent	US\$ 10,000

Additional costs may also be incurred depending on the real estate developer. The property must be held for a minimum period of 7 years.

### 3. An investment in an approved Real Estate development with a minimum value of US\$400,000

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

Main Applicant	US\$ 35,000
Spouse	US\$ 20,000
Dependent	US\$ 10,000

Additional costs may also be incurred depending on the real estate developer. The property must be held for a minimum period of 5 years.

### Due Diligence Fees

Main Applicant	US\$ 7,500
Spouse	US\$ 4,000
Dependent 16 years +	US\$ 4,000

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