



ST. LUCIA

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

Visa-free travel to 132 countries

Investment from US\$ 100,000

Citizenship in 2–3 months

PROGRAM SUMMARY

St Lucia launched its Citizenship by Investment Program in January 2016, making it the newest program of its kind, enabling qualifying foreign nationals to gain citizenship. The laws regarding the Citizenship by Investment Program are contained in the Citizenship by Investment Act No 14 of 2015 and the subsequent legal regulations, Citizenship by Investment Regulations, No. 89 of 2015.

COUNTRY FACTS

St Lucia is an island in the Lesser Antilles region of the Caribbean of 617 square kilometers (238 square miles) and a population of 183,600 (2014 census). It is one of the Windward Islands and was named after Saint Lucy of Syracuse by the French who were the first European settlers. It is a beautiful island and a popular tourist destination and is the most mountainous of the Caribbean islands.

St Lucia is a parliamentary democracy within the Commonwealth of Nations. It is a full and participating member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the United Nations (UN).

KEY BENEFITS

Visa Free Travel to 132 Countries

The Saint Lucian 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, business and bond investments are fully recoverable following a five-year holding period.

No residential requirements

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

Dual citizenship is recognized

Saint Lucia 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



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

US\$ 300,000
Property
purchase

US\$ 500,000
Government bonds
investment

US\$ 3.5 million
Business
investment

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.

The documentary requirements of the St. Lucia Citizenship by Investment Program are reasonable and the procedures are quite straightforward. We anticipate the application process will take no longer than 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 complete the investment requirement within 60 days of approval being granted.

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, meet the application requirements and select one of the investment options below:

1. An investment in an approved Real Estate development with a minimum value of US\$ 300,000.

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

2. An investment in an approved enterprise project (as set out in the regulations) with a minimum investment of US\$ 3,500,000 plus the creation of no less than 3 permanent jobs.

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

Main Applicant	US\$ 50,000
Spouse	US\$ 35,000
Dependent < 18 years	US\$ 25,000
Dependent 18 years +	US\$ 35,000

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

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

Main Applicant	US\$ 100,000
Main Applicant and Spouse	US\$ 165,000
Main Applicant, Spouse and up to 2 other qualifying dependents	US\$ 190,000
Each additional qualifying dependent of any age	US\$ 25,000

4. Investment in non-interest bearing Government Bonds, which must be held for 5 years

A Government administration fee of US\$ 50,000 is payable with this option.

Main Applicant	US\$ 500,000
Main Applicant and Spouse	US\$ 535,000
Main Applicant, Spouse and up to 2 other qualifying dependents	US\$ 550,000
Each additional qualifying dependent of any age	US\$ 25,000

The following Due Diligence and processing fees are charged in addition on all investment options;

Due Diligence Fees

Main Applicant	US\$ 7,500
Each qualifying dependent aged 16 years and above	US\$ 5,000

Government Processing Fees

Main Applicant	US\$ 2,000
Each qualifying dependent	US\$ 1,000

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 St Lucia shall not be approved for citizenship.

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