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Dominica Citizenship by Investment

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PROGRAMMES	CAPITAL	CURRENCY	LANGUAGE
2	Roseau	XCD (East Caribbean Dollar)	English

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Dominica at a glance

CAPITAL **Roseau**	POPULATION **72,000**
LANGUAGE **English**	CURRENCY **XCD (East Caribbean Dollar)**
TIME ZONE **UTC-4**	CLIMATE **Tropical maritime**
PROGRAMMES WE ADVISE ON **2**	LAST UPDATED **1 October 2026**

Overview

Dominica's Citizenship by Investment programme has two routes: a non-refundable contribution to the Economic Diversification Fund (USD 200,000 for a single applicant, USD 250,000 with up to three dependants) or government-authorised real estate from USD 200,000, held for three years, plus government fees. Every applicant aged 16 and over undergoes due diligence and attends a mandatory interview, conducted virtually. The CBIU states that applications typically take 3 to 4 months from submission to approval in principle, followed by 3 to 6 weeks to naturalisation. There is no requirement to reside in Dominica before or after citizenship is granted. Dominican nationals have needed a visa for the UK since 19 July 2023, and US entry has been partially suspended under Presidential Proclamation 10998 since 1 January 2026.

Key points

- No requirement to reside in Dominica before or after citizenship is granted
- Family inclusion: spouse, dependent children, and parents or grandparents over 65 who are substantially supported; siblings are not eligible
- Two investment pathways: Economic Diversification Fund contribution or government-approved real estate
- Due diligence and a mandatory interview for every applicant aged 16 and over
- UK visa required since 19 July 2023; US entry partially suspended under Proclamation 10998 since 1 January 2026

Programmes in Dominica



Dominica Citizenship by Investment – EDF Contribution

Dominica's Economic Diversification Fund: USD 200,000 for a single applicant, or USD 250,000 with up to three dependants, set by SRO No. 8 of 2024.

From USD 200,000 | 3–4 months to approval in principle, plus 3–6 weeks to naturalisation (CBIU)



Dominica Approved Real Estate – Government-Approved Properties

Government-approved Dominican real estate from USD 200,000, held for three years, plus a government fee of USD 75,000 or USD 100,000 by family size.

From USD 200,000 | 3–4 months to approval in principle, plus 3–6 weeks to naturalisation (CBIU)

The five Eastern Caribbean programmes compared

	Antigua & Barbuda	Dominica	Grenada	Saint Lucia	St Kitts & Nevis
Donation, single	USD 230,000	USD 200,000	**USD 150,000**	USD 240,000	USD 250,000
Real estate from	USD 300,000	USD 200,000	USD 220,000	USD 300,000	USD 325,000
Holding period	5 years	3 years	Confirmed per project	Confirmed per project	**7 years**
US E-2 treaty	No	No	**Yes**	No	No
UK	Visa-free + ETA	**Visa required**	Visa-free + ETA	**Visa required**	Visa-free + ETA
US entry	**Partly suspended**	**Partly suspended**	Normal	Normal	Normal
Canada	Visa	Visa	Visa	Visa	Visa
Residency after grant	**5 days in 5 years**	None	None (per CIU)	None	None

What the table shows

Grenada is the only one of the five that is simultaneously a US E-2 treaty country, free of any US entry restriction, and still visa-free to the UK. If the United States is your objective, that is the deciding factor. Whether an individual qualifies for an E-2 visa is decided by US consular officers.

Dominica and Saint Lucia have both lost UK visa-free access — Dominica in July 2023, Saint Lucia in March 2026, both expressly because of their citizenship programmes.

Antigua and Dominica are both under US Presidential Proclamation 10998 since 1 January 2026, which suspends immigrant entry and the B, F, M and J categories.

No Caribbean citizenship-by-investment passport gives visa-free entry to the United States.

Passport-power rankings

Headline counts of visa-free destinations are compiled annually and change quickly, as the UK changes above show. XIPHIAS advises on the specific destinations that matter to your family, checked at the time you apply.

What this does to an Indian passport

India does not allow dual citizenship. Section 9(1) of the Citizenship Act 1955 provides that a citizen of India who voluntarily acquires the citizenship of another country **ceases to be a citizen of India**. Acquiring any Caribbean citizenship is voluntary, so your Indian citizenship ends **automatically on the day it is granted** — no Indian decision, no discretion, no deferral. The Indian passport must be surrendered and a Surrender Certificate obtained.

You can then apply for **Overseas Citizen of India** status. The Ministry of External Affairs states plainly that OCI is not dual citizenship: no vote, no constitutional posts, no equality in public employment, and **no acquisition of agricultural land, farmhouses or plantation property in India**.

This is a **replacement** for your Indian citizenship, not an addition. Plan around that.

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Dominica Citizenship by Investment

About Dominica

Dominica is one of the Caribbean island nations. It has many natural hot springs and tropical rainforests. It is a member of the common-wealth since 1978. It has rich alluvial and volcanic soils. Dominica has many rivers and high forest clad mountain ranges. Dominica’s forests are home for many different species of plants and animals. The population in Dominica is mostly of African descent. The official language of Dominica is English although, French is also widely spoken. Its economy is dependent on Agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Citizenship by Investment within 2 months

Qualified eligible interested professionals, can apply for Dominica Citizenship by Investment Program. Such individuals should have already proved themselves in the market. Such citizenship, can be extended to the applicant’s spouse and children too. Interested applicants will have to invest in either in the Government approved real estate of Dominica or in the country's fund for development. Citizenship is usually for life time, which can be passed on to the future generations of the applicant through naturalization. The biggest take away from this program, is that the applicant unless relocating need not pay any kind of taxes for his income either in Dominica or rest of the world in Dominica.

Taxation of New Citizens

Under this program, the Dominican citizen is not liable for any kind of tax from income earned in or outside of Dominica. New Citizens are exempted from tax on wealth, inheritance or capital gains.

It is based on the section 101 of the constitution of Dominica and section 8 and 20(1).

Benefits

- This program is extended to your family members
- Your citizenship with Dominica will not be revealed to your country of origin and hence you could maintain dual-citizenship

- The whole process with be confidential
- The taxes in Dominica are bare minimal

Eligibility

- You must not have any criminal record
- You will have to either

Process and Timeline

- After which, you have to comply with the rules. You need to make your donations or purchase a real estate property
- Followed by that, you receive your Citizenship Certificate

How the application works

1. **Appoint an authorized agent for guidance, including local and international representation.**
2. **Prepare all required documents, undergo due diligence, and attend the mandatory interview (every applicant aged 16 and over).**
3. **Receive approval in principle and complete the selected investment: EDF contribution or government-approved real estate purchase.**
4. **Take the oath of allegiance, receive the certificate of naturalisation, and apply for a Dominica passport.**

General requirements

- Clean background check and verified source of funds for all applicants.
- Qualifying Economic Diversification Fund (EDF) contribution or government-approved real estate investment.
- Valid travel and identity documents, plus medical and health declarations.
- Compliance with all nationality, legal, and sanctions regulations.

Questions clients ask

How long does the Dominica Citizenship by Investment process take?

The CBIU states that applications typically take 3 to 4 months from submission to approval in principle, followed by 3 to 6 weeks to naturalisation.

Can I include my family in the Dominica CBI application?

Yes. You can include a spouse; children under 18, or 18 to 30 in full-time higher education and fully supported; and parents or grandparents over 65 who are substantially supported. Siblings cannot be included.

What are the general investment routes for Dominica CBI?

Two: a non-refundable Economic Diversification Fund contribution (from USD 200,000) or government-approved real estate (from USD 200,000, plus government fees). There is no bond, enterprise or university option.

Are there residency requirements for Dominica citizenship?

No. Physical residence in Dominica is not required before or after citizenship is granted.

Is due diligence required for applicants?

Yes. Every applicant aged 16 and over undergoes due diligence and attends a mandatory interview, conducted virtually.

Official sources: US Department of State — treaty countries (Grenada E-2, in force 3 March 1989); UK Government — check if you need a UK visa; UK Government — electronic travel authorisation (ETA); Federal Register — Presidential Proclamation 10998 (16 December 2025, effective 1 January 2026); Government of Canada — find out if you need a visa; Citizenship Act 1955, Section 9(1) — Government of India; Government of India — passport surrender certificate; Ministry of External Affairs — Overseas Citizenship of India scheme; OECS — regional CBI standards.



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