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CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT | 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.

INVESTMENT FROM

USD 200,000

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At a glance

COUNTRY **Dominica**	ROUTE **Citizenship by Investment - Economic Diversification Fund**
MINIMUM INVESTMENT **USD 200,000**	TIMELINE **3–4 months to approval in principle, plus 3–6 weeks to naturalisation (CBIU)**
FAMILY MEMBERS **Spouse, children up to age 30, parents aged 65+**	LAST UPDATED **1 October 2026**

Overview

Dominica's **Economic Diversification Fund** is a non-refundable contribution to the government. Since **1 July 2024** the minimum is **USD 200,000** for a single applicant and **USD 250,000** for an applicant with up to three dependants, plus **USD 25,000** for each additional dependant under 18 and **USD 40,000** for each additional dependant aged 18 or over.

That figure doubled. Until 30 June 2024 a single applicant paid USD 100,000. Statutory Rules and Orders No. 8 of 2024 raised it to harmonise with the regional minimum agreed among the Eastern Caribbean states.

Government fees and timing

From the Citizenship by Investment Unit:

- Processing: **USD 1,000** per application.
- Due diligence: **USD 7,500** main applicant, **USD 4,000** spouse, **USD 4,000** each dependant aged 16 and over.
- Mandatory interview: **USD 1,000** per person aged 16 and over, conducted virtually.
- Certificate of naturalisation: **USD 500** per person. Passport: **USD 500** per passport.

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.

Travel access today

Here is where **Dominica** stands today:

United Kingdom: a visa is required. The UK removed visa-free access for Dominica on **19 July 2023**, citing what it called clear and evident abuse of the citizenship scheme.

United States: entry is partially suspended. Presidential Proclamation 10998, signed 16 December 2025 and effective **1 January 2026**, suspends immigrant entry and the B-1, B-2, B-1/B-2, F, M and J visa categories for nationals

of this country, and shortens validity for other categories. Existing valid visas continue to be honoured. If US travel or study is your reason for buying a passport, this route does not deliver it right now.

Canada: a visitor visa is required. None of the five Caribbean citizenship-by-investment countries has visa-free access to Canada.

On Schengen and the EU: access is currently in place, but the EU's revised visa suspension mechanism, adopted on 31 December 2025, makes operating a citizenship-by-investment scheme a self-standing ground for suspending visa-free travel. The European Commission wrote to Antigua & Barbuda in June 2026 seeking a phase-out, and an EU report is due in December 2026. Schengen access should not be treated as permanent.

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.

Key benefits

- 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.
- Include a spouse, dependent children, and parents or grandparents over 65 who are substantially supported, under a single application.
- Non-refundable EDF contribution supports Dominica’s national economic development projects.
- No requirement to reside in Dominica before or after citizenship is granted, and no visit to the island is needed during the application.
- Schengen visa-free access currently in place, subject to the EU's revised visa suspension mechanism.

Requirements

- Make a non-refundable contribution to Dominica's Economic Diversification Fund (EDF) at or above the published minimum.
- Maintain a clean criminal record and provide verified proof of a legitimate source of funds.
- Submit valid travel and identity documents, along with medical and health declarations for all applicants.
- Every applicant aged 16 and over must pass due diligence and attend a mandatory interview, conducted virtually.
- Comply with all Dominica nationality laws, sanctions, and legal regulations applicable under the CBI programme.

When this route may not fit

- Attempting to fund the Dominica Economic Diversification Fund (EDF) contribution through illegitimate or prohibited

sources.

- Providing false, incomplete, or misleading information in the Citizenship by Investment (CBI) application.
- Applicants or dependents with adverse background checks, criminal records, or sanctions restrictions under Dominica law.
- Failure to pass due diligence checks or to attend the mandatory interview with the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CBIU).

Document checklist

Identity & Civil

- Valid passport copies (minimum 12 months validity) for main applicant and dependents
- Birth certificates for main applicant, spouse, and children
- Marriage certificate if including spouse
- Police clearance / criminal record certificates for all applicants aged 16+
- Legal documents evidencing name changes, if applicable

Financial & Source of Funds

- Proof of funds / source of wealth to verify the legitimacy of EDF contribution
- Bank statements for the last 6–12 months
- Evidence of business income, salary, or other legal sources of funds
- Banker's reference letters or financial institution confirmation
- Notarised affidavit of source of funds for all applicants

Health & Compliance

- Health declaration / medical certificate for each applicant
- Completed citizenship application forms as provided by the CBIU
- Personal references or recommendation letters if requested by CBIU

Important notes

- The single-applicant contribution rose from USD 100,000 to USD 200,000 on 1 July 2024 under SRO No. 8 of 2024. Any quote of USD 100,000 reflects the rules before that date.
- The United Kingdom removed visa-free access for Dominica on 19 July 2023. A UK visa is now required.
- US Presidential Proclamation 10998, effective 1 January 2026, partially suspends entry for Dominican nationals including the B, F, M and J visa categories. Existing valid visas continue to be honoured.
- Indian citizenship ends automatically on acquiring Dominican citizenship; read the India section below before committing funds.

Compliance

- Economic Diversification Fund contribution: USD 200,000 for a single applicant, USD 250,000 for an applicant with up to three dependants, plus USD 25,000 per additional dependant under 18 and USD 40,000 per additional dependant aged 18 or over.
- Set by Statutory Rules and Orders No. 8 of 2024, gazetted 28 June 2024 and in force 1 July 2024, to harmonise

with the regional minimum.

- A mandatory interview applies to every applicant aged 16 and over, introduced by SRO 14 of 2023. It is conducted virtually and costs USD 1,000.
- There is no residency or visit requirement after grant.
- Dependants: spouse; children under 18, or 18 to 30 in full-time higher education and fully supported; parents or grandparents over 65 who are substantially supported. Siblings cannot be included.
- Dominica publishes only two routes — this fund and real estate. There is no bond, enterprise or university option.

Official sources: Dominica CBIU — Statutory Rules and Orders No. 8 of 2024; UK Government — check if you need a UK visa; 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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