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Vanuatu Citizenship by Investment

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PROGRAMMES	VISA-FREE DESTINATIONS	CAPITAL	CURRENCY
1	88	Port Vila	Vatu

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Vanuatu at a glance

CAPITAL **Port Vila**	POPULATION **333,252**
LANGUAGE **Bislama, English, French**	CURRENCY **Vatu**
TIME ZONE **Vanuatu Standard Time**	CLIMATE **Tropical**
PROGRAMMES WE ADVISE ON **1**	

Overview

Vanuatu grants citizenship for a contribution under the Citizenship Act [Cap 112], through the Development Support Programme and the Vanuatu Contribution Programme, with a Capital Investment Immigration Plan and a Real Estate Option Programme alongside them. Citizenship is lifetime and inheritable, dual citizenship is permitted, and there is no residence requirement. Travel access has changed fundamentally: Regulation (EU) 2025/11 permanently revoked the EU visa waiver with effect from 3 February 2025 — the only time this has happened to any country — and the United Kingdom removed visa-free access on 19 July 2023. Both decisions cite this citizenship programme. The passport now reaches roughly 88 destinations.

Key points

- Approximately 88 visa-free or visa-on-arrival destinations (Henley Passport Index, 2026). No EU, Schengen or UK access.
- No residency requirement; dual citizenship permitted
- Contribution routes (DSP and VCP), a capital investment plan, and a real estate option
- No income or corporate tax — but Vanuatu is on the EU tax blacklist and the EU AML high-risk list
- India does not permit dual citizenship. Indian citizenship ends on acquisition.

Programmes in Vanuatu



VDSP Donation – Vanuatu Citizenship by Investment

A contribution from USD 130,000. Vanuatu permits dual citizenship — India does not — and the passport no longer reaches the EU or the UK.

From USD 130,000 | No official government standard is published

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For whatever reasons possible, many countries across the world are struggling to meet up the expenses in the country. It no way means that the country is poor. What it means is that the country is trying to work up towards the requirements of current day and maintain a standard at par with the world around.

One such country is Vanuatu, a small archipelago country located in the oceans of the Pacific. The country is house for a few aboriginal tribes. And this program was designed to get foreign direct investments to ensure uninterrupted growth of Vanuatu. The president of Vanuatu endorses the program and gives guarantee too. This is part of the Vanuatu Development Support Program.

What Are the Benefits of Relocating/Obtaining the Citizenship of Vanuatu?

- It is one of the lowest Investment by Citizenship Programs in the world.
- The whole process is quite simple and easy
- There is no age bar for your children who would qualify for the citizenship along with you
- Any number of your children can apply for the program
- You will be part of a growing economy
- Vanuatu is blessed with strong governance
- From Vanuatu, you have easy access to New Zealand and Australian Ports
- You get to live in a country which is still blessed with clean fresh pure air
- Apart from your spouse and children, your parents can also accompany you to Vanuatu

Vanuatu Citizenship Process, Cost and Other Requirements

Mentioned below are the Vanuatu immigration requirements for Vanuatu immigration by investment which will make you eligible for Vanuatu investment opportunities:

- You should provide clean records about your background with zero criminal activities
- You should provide a medical certificate
- Spouses accompanying need to provide a marriage certificate
- You need to provide legal sources of your funding

Consult with our Vanuatu Immigration by Investment Consultant

Vanuatu, a beautiful island nation in the South Pacific, has emerged as a popular destination for investors and entrepreneurs seeking Vanuatu immigration by investment. The Vanuatu immigration requirements are straightforward and the Vanuatu investment opportunities are vast.

For aspirants interested in Vanuatu business immigration, our Vanuatu business immigration consultants in Dubai can provide valuable guidance and support throughout the application process. Our experts in Dubai can assist with everything from assessing investment opportunities to navigating the Vanuatu investment immigration visa requirements.

How the application works

1. **Consultation with XIPHIAS, including the loss of EU and UK access and the Indian citizenship consequence, before anything is committed.**
2. **Pre-screening and documentation, including police clearance and source-of-funds evidence.**
3. **Application submitted to the Vanuatu Citizenship Office through a designated agent.**
4. **Due diligence by the Financial Intelligence Unit, police and Immigration Services.**
5. **Contribution paid following approval.**
6. **Oath of allegiance within three months of approval, extendable by two, then passport issuance.**

General requirements

- At least 18 years old with a clean criminal record.
- Pass due diligence by the Financial Intelligence Unit and evidence lawful funds.
- Make the contribution for your family composition, from USD 130,000 for a single applicant.
- Take the oath of allegiance within three months of approval.

Questions clients ask

How long does the process take?

Vanuatu publishes no official processing standard. The only official duration is a three-month window after approval to complete the oath, extendable by two months.

Can family members be included?

For the Capital Investment Immigration Plan the official schedule confirms spouse, children under 18, and dependants aged 18 to 21 at a higher fee. For the contribution routes the dependant definition is set by Order No. 33 of 2019; XIPHIAS confirms the age limits that apply to your family on each file.

What is the minimum investment?

USD 130,000 for a single applicant, USD 150,000 for a married couple, USD 165,000 for a couple and one child, USD 180,000 for a couple and two children, and USD 10,000 for each additional applicant, plus a USD 5,000 Financial Intelligence Unit due diligence fee.

Can I travel to Europe or the UK visa-free?

No. Regulation (EU) 2025/11 moved Vanuatu into Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 with effect from 3 February 2025, permanently revoking the visa waiver — the only time the EU has done this to any country. The United Kingdom imposed a visa requirement on 19 July 2023. Both cite this citizenship programme.

Are there taxes on citizenship?

Vanuatu levies no personal or corporate income tax, confirmed by the IMF, and VAT is 15%. But Vanuatu is currently on the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes and on the EU list of high-risk third countries for anti-money-laundering deficiencies. Banks act on both, so the tax position should not be read in isolation.

Is residency required?

No, not for the investment routes. An oath is required; the official sources conflict on whether it must be taken in Vanuatu or can be done by video, so XIPHIAS does not promise a remote oath.



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Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will compare the Vanuatu routes that fit you, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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