



# VANUATU

## CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT



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# WHY VANUATU?



Vanuatu, a collection of over 80 islands formerly referred to as the New Hebrides, gained its independence from France and Britain in 1980. The majority of these islands are inhabited, and several among them have active volcanoes. Vanuatu is characterized by its mountainous terrain, with a significant portion blanketed by lush tropical rainforests. Like much of the surrounding region, it is susceptible to both earthquakes and tidal waves. In 2015, Cyclone Pam struck, resulting in extensive damage. Most of the population resides in rural areas and engages in subsistence agriculture. Local customs and traditions hold a prominent role. For instance, women generally occupy a lower social status compared to men and have limited access to educational opportunities.

## Country Profile

**Capital:** Port Villa

**Population:** 336,721

**Area:** 12,190 sq km (4,707 sq miles)

**Major Language:** Bislama, French, English

**Major Religion:** Christianity

**Life Expectancy:** 70 (men) 74 (women)

**Currency:** Vatu (VUV)

**Exchange Rate as of May 2024:** USD 1 = 118.72 VUV

The Vanuatu citizenship-through-investment initiative stands as the sole program in operation within the Asia Pacific region. This initiative mandates a minimum financial contribution of USD 130,000 to the national development fund. The program is one of the quickest ways to acquire a second citizenship through investment.



**Time to Citizenship**

2 - 3 Months



**Visa-Free Travel**

94 Countries



**Residency Requirements**

None



**Passport Rank**

32nd in the World



## 94 VISA-FREE COUNTRIES

### EUROPE

Belarus  
Bosnia & Herzegovina  
Gibraltar  
Ireland  
Kosovo  
Moldova  
Montenegro  
Russian Federation

### ASIA

Bangladesh  
Cambodia  
Hong Kong  
Laos  
Macao  
Malaysia  
Maldives  
Nepal  
Phillipines  
Singapore  
Sri Lanka  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste

### MIDDLE EAST

Armenia  
Iran  
Israel  
Jordan  
Palestinian

### AMERICAS

Bermuda  
Bolivia  
Costa Rica  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
Nicaragua  
Panama  
Peru  
Suriname

### CARIBBEAN

Anguilla  
Antigua & Barbuda  
Bahamas  
Barbados  
British Virgin Islands  
Cayman Islands  
Dominica  
Dominican Republic  
Grenada  
Haiti  
Jamaica  
Montserrat  
St. Kitts & Nevis  
St. Lucia  
St. Vincent & The Grenadines  
Trinidad & Tobago

### OCEANIA

Cook Islands  
Fiji  
Kiribati  
Marshal Islands  
Micronesia  
Nauru  
Niue  
Palau Islands  
Papua New Guinea  
Samoa  
Solomon Islands  
Tonga  
Tuvalu

### AFRICA

Angola  
Botswana  
Burundi  
Cape Verde Islands  
Comoro Islands  
Djibouti  
Egypt  
ESwatini  
Guinea-Bissau  
Kenya  
Lesotho  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mauritania  
Mauritius  
Mozambique  
Rwanda  
Senegal  
Seychelles  
Sierra Leone  
Somalia  
St. Helena  
Tanzania  
Gambia  
Togo  
Uganda  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

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## INVESTMENT TYPE

### Restricted Nationalities

Iran, Yemen, Syria, Iraq and N. Korea



#### Development Support Program (DSP Donation)

1. Main Applicant: \$130,000
2. Main Applicant + Spouse: \$150,000
3. Main Applicant + Spouse + 1 Child under 18: \$165,000
4. Main Applicant + Spouse + 2 Children: \$180,000

Additional Dependents: \$20,000

Government Pre-Approval Fee:

FIU Fee per Family Application: \$5,000 to \$7,500 (dependent upon nationality)

Dependent Age: Children up to 25 Years, and Parents above 50 Years

### Taxation



Corporate Tax Rate



Personal Income Tax  
Non-Residents



Global Income Tax



Capital Gains Tax



Inheritance Tax



Non-Domicile  
Principles

## STEPS AND TIMELINES

01

Onboarding: Client accepts Secondpass Global Quotation and sends the Main Applicant Passport copy for initial due diligence check. Once confirmed client signs Secondpass Global Retainer Agreement and sends the initial fund to start the process.

Immediate

02

Pre-Approval: Client sends their coloured certified passport copy, a police clearance report showing a clean criminal record and a personal profile (CV) to Secondpass Global along with the necessary FIU check government fee. Pre-approval letter is issued.

2  
Weeks

03

File Submission: Client makes full payment along with the remaining file submission documentation.

2  
Weeks

04

Approval: File is submitted to Vanuatu Citizen Commission for review and approval. Approval letter is issued.

1  
Month

05

Citizenship Certificate and Passport Issuance: The Citizenship Commission sends the Citizenship Certificate to the Prime Minister for signing. Client takes oath with the Citizenship Commissioner of Oaths over a Zoom call and signs the Oath Form. Passports are issued.

2 - 3  
Months