Vanuatu Capital Investment Immigration Plan
Citizenship by Investment is a trend that is catching momentum as more and more people seek second passports to enhance everyday FREEDOMS.

An alternative passport allows the freedom to travel visa free to a multitude of countries; the freedom to work and conduct business around the world; and the freedom to live a high quality of life without government interference.

**Vanuatu's name is derived from the word vanua (“land” or “home”), which occurs in several Austronesian languages, and the word tu (“stand”). Together the two words indicated the independent status of the new country.**

The very essence of Citizenship by Investment (CBI) is building countries by obtaining investments from wealthy individuals looking for a safe place to invest their hard earned money with the added bonus of a second passport. Investors under CBI help create long- and short-term employment, implement social projects in schools and hospitals, and infrastructure improvements in local economies. Investments are contributed to the economy directly through a donation option that makes a great impact in tourism development, makes the lives of the local people better, and helps develop the islands sustainability, by smartly preserving nature, keeping the islands clean and beautiful for future generations of this beautiful paradise.
Vanuatu — Paradise Islands on the Earth's Edge

Made up of approximately 82 islands, the geologically active archipelago is a natural playground of colourful coral reefs, bubbling volcanoes, and lush rainforests. Visitors can drive up to the crater of Yasur, cited as the most accessible active volcano in the world, sea kayak round the islands' sandy shores, explore underwater WWII relics, or hike and bike through coconut plantations and steamy jungles.

Vanuatu, officially the Republic of Vanuatu, is a Pacific island nation located in the South Pacific Ocean. The archipelago, which is of volcanic origin, is some 1,750 kilometres (1,090 mi) east of northern Australia, 500 kilometres (310 mi) northeast of New Caledonia, east of New Guinea, southeast of the Solomon Islands, and west of Fiji. Vanuatu is a Y-shaped archipelago consisting of about 82 relatively small, geologically newer islands of volcanic origin (65 of them inhabited), with about 1,300 kilometres (810 mi) between the most northern and southern islands.

Vanuatu was first inhabited by Melanesian people. The first Europeans to visit the islands were a Spanish expedition led by Portuguese navigator Fernandes de Queirós, who arrived on the largest island in 1606. He then claimed the archipelago for Spain, as part of the colonial Spanish East Indies, and named it Australia del Espíritu Santo.

In the 1880’s, France and Great Britain claimed parts of the archipelago, and in 1906 they agreed on a framework for jointly managing the archipelago as the New Hebrides through a British — French Condominium. An independence movement arose in the 1970s, and the Republic of Vanuatu was founded in 1980.

The climate is tropical, with about nine months of warm to hot rainy weather and the possibility of cyclones and three to four months of cooler, drier weather characterised by winds from the southeast. The water temperature ranges from 22 °C (72 °F) in winter to 28 °C (82 °F) in the summer. Cool between April and September, the days become hotter and more humid starting in October. The daily temperature ranges from 20 to 32 °C (68 to 90 °F). South-easterly trade winds occur from May to October.
Vanuatu is home to several active volcanoes, including Lopevi, Mount Yasur, and several underwater volcanoes. Volcanic activity is common, with an ever-present danger of a major eruption; a nearby undersea eruption of 6.4 magnitude occurred in November 2008 with no casualties, and an eruption occurred in 1945. Vanuatu is recognised as a distinct terrestrial Eco region, known as the Vanuatu rain forests. It is part of the Australasia Eco zone, which includes New Caledonia, the Solomon Islands, Australia, New Guinea, and New Zealand.
The four mainstays of the economy are agriculture, tourism, offshore financial services, and raising cattle. There is substantial fishing activity, although this industry does not bring in much foreign exchange.

Tourism brings in much-needed foreign exchange. Vanuatu is widely recognised as one of the premier vacation destinations for scuba divers wishing to explore coral reefs of the South Pacific region. Tourism increased 17% from 2007 to 2008 to reach 196,134 arrivals, according to one estimate, and has been promoted, in part, by Vanuatu being the site of several reality television shows. The ninth season of the reality TV series Survivor was filmed on Vanuatu, entitled Survivor: Vanuatu — Islands of Fire. Two years later, Australia’s Celebrity Survivor was filmed at the same location used by the US version.

Financial services are an important part of the economy. Vanuatu is a tax haven that until 2008 did not release account information to other governments or law-enforcement agencies. International pressure, mainly from Australia, influenced the Vanuatu government to begin adhering to international norms to improve transparency. In Vanuatu, there is no income, withholding, capital gains, or inheritance tax and no exchange control. Many international ship-management companies choose to flag their ships under the Vanuatu flag, because of tax benefits and favourable labour laws (Vanuatu is a full member of the International Maritime Organization and applies its international conventions).

In 2015, The Heritage Foundation and The Wall Street Journal ranked Vanuatu the 84th most economically free country.
To facilitate and attract overseas investors, Vanuatu has passed and enacted all necessary legislation and regulations, even going so far as to change its Constitution to recognize dual and multiple citizenship, which was not recognized until the Constitution was changed by a two-thirds majority of Parliament in December 2012.

The Capital Investment Immigration Plan (CIIP) of Vanuatu was initially proposed in early 2012 and fully adopted by the Government of Vanuatu in April 2014. The objective of the Plan is to create local jobs, stimulate the economy and keep the national budget balanced.

The Vanuatu Capital Investment Immigration Plan is endorsed and guaranteed by the government of Vanuatu and was fully ratified in the constitution of the Nation on September 2013. The associated legislation includes section 13C of the Citizenship Act (Cap. 112), Immigration Act #17 of 2010 and #15 of 2013, International Companies Act (Cap. 222), Immigration Regulation Orders and International Companies Regulation Orders.

Vanuatu CIIP is one of the quickest options for the investors looking for a second citizenship and new passport. The processing can be completed in as little as one month with citizenship granted after this period, as long as the applicant meets all requirements.
Advantages of Vanuatu Citizenship

- A Vanuatu passport allows visa-free entry to more than 115+ countries including all European Union countries, the United Kingdom, and Ireland.

- Citizens of Vanuatu are permitted to apply for Australian Visitor Visa (subclass 600) and US Tourist Visa, amongst others.

- Family friendly citizenship programme: the successful application covers a family of three (main applicant, spouse, and one child under 18 years) with only nominal fees for additional dependents.

- The Republic of Vanuatu imposes no income, wealth, and inheritance taxes.

- Absence of tax treaty exchange and guaranteed bank and commercial privacy in the highly developed Vanuatu Banking sector (Vanuatu is the Bahamas of the Pacific, but without tax exchange treaties in place with most countries).

- Short period of required residence, which can be undertaken after citizenship has been acquired.

- All CIIP applicants will receive a Vanuatu International Company with an account in a Vanuatu bank, at no extra charge.
Visa-free travel with a Vanuatu passport

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Applicants must be over the age of 18 when submitting their application.

Applicants should have no less than US$ 260,000 of net personal assets when submitting their application.

Within one month after the application has been approved in principle, the applicant must deposit the full fee of US$ 260,000 with the Deputy Commissioner of the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission.

Applicants must submit an original certificate of no criminal record from the jurisdiction in which he/she has resided during the last 12 months and (if different) the jurisdiction of his/her principal nationality.

Applicants should provide evidence that they are solvent and financially able to maintain themselves and their dependents without depending on income from any employment or business arranged in Vanuatu.

CIIP Requirements
List of documents required to submit an application under the Vanuatu CIIP

- Application form (FORM D).
- Photographs (a high definition passport photo of each person included in the application, 40 mm x 50 mm, white background) — 2 pcs.
- Certified copy of Passport (spouse and child if applicable). Cover with first and last 3 pages. The colour copies should be attached.
- Certified copy of marriage certificate.
- Copy of Certification Letter from Commissioner of Vanuatu Financial Services Commission. *This letter to be prepared by VRSHK (Deputy Commissioner of the VFSC) and provided to the applicant.*
- Copy of the Vanuatu Permanent Residence Visa (if applicable).
- Copy of the Certification letter from the Director of Vanuatu Immigration Service. *This letter to be prepared by VRSHK signed by their special appointed Immigration Officer.*
- Police Clearance from State of Origin (Original Certificate of no criminal record for applicant, spouse and any permitted dependent over 18 years of age, dated no earlier than 6 months before submission of the application).
- Curriculum Vitae specifically for the applicant (does not apply to spouse and children).
- Thumb print in the presence of citizenship officer (children under the age of 12 are not required to process their Thumb Print).
- Certified copy of spouse and children's Birth Certificates.
- Copy of Passport and Birth Certificate for any additional child or dependent.
- Source of Funds Statement (this is a recommendation based on the KYC polices).
CIIP Application Process

1. Complete/Upload Application Form and copies of all Supporting Docs
   - Week 1 of the month

2. Commission undertakes initial KYC checks
   - Week 1-2 of the month

3. Approval in Principle (AIP) issued
   - Week 2 of the month

4. Pay US $260,000 to VRS
   - Week 2 of the month

5. Approval in Principle (AIP) issued
   - Week 2 of the month

6. Final Intelligence Unit does final Good Standing Check
   - Week 2-3 of the month

7. Citizenship Commissions Approves Application(s)
   - Week 3 of the month

8. Make Oath of Allegiance, give Thumb Prints, show originals of Supporting Documents
   - Week 4 of the month

9. Receive Citizenship Certificate(s), Passport(s) & Residence Card(s)
   - First Week of next month

*Children under 12 need not give thumb print. Parent can make Oath for children under 12
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On island experts

NTL Immigration’s citizenship coordinator works extensively with clients and closely with the government to ensure the best possible outcomes in the application process. The Vanuatu based coordinator reviews each application package before submitting to the Government and adds local knowledge to NTL’s worldwide clientele.

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