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# AN EXPLANATION OF THE CARIBBEAN CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM:

Caribbean CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT(CBI) is a program conducted by a select number of Caribbean countries namely:

- 1. St.Kitts & Nevis
- 2. Grenada
- 3. Dominica
- 4. Vanuatu
- 5. St Lucia
- 6. Antigua.

## These countries offer their citizenship/ passports to individuals who either:

- 1. Donate to a development fund (Donation option) or
- 2. Invest in a government- approved real estate.

## **BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAM:**

- 1. Freedom to travel visa-free to over 140 countries including the UK and the European Union
- 2. Ability to relocate your family to an alternative country in the event of an emergency.
- 3. Ability to obtain citizenship for your entire family in the same application.
- 4. The flexibility/option of doing business in another country.
- 5. Education benefits for children & Healthcare benefits for families.
- 6. Retirement options.
- 7. Easier opportunity to obtain US and Canadian visas.

## THE COUNTRIES:

## 1. DOMINICA :

- a) Most affordable in the Caribbean.
- b) Visa-free access to over 140 countries including UK and European Union.
- c) Donation....100k(non-refundable) or Property Investment(government- approved real estate)...200K.
- d) Entire Family is eligible(spouses, children upto 30 yrs, parents, unmarried dependent siblings upto 25 yrs).
- e) No physical presence requirement mandated.

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- f) Can invest for a minimum period of 3yrs and exercise the option of divestment/sale.
- g) No tax on income, wealth, or inheritance
- h) Investment(payment) comes only after citizenship application approval.
- I) 2-3 months processing before approval.

# 2. ST KITTS & NEVIS:

- a) Visa free access to over 155 countries including the UK and European Union.
- b) Fast-track acquisition (2-3 months).
- c) Donation to government fund....150K or Real Estate Investment....200K to 400K.
- d) Tax Benefits: No income tax collected from investment income and income earned outside the country; no inheritance tax or capital gains tax unless for property sold within one year.
- e) Investment funds only paid after approval of citizenship.
- f) No requirement of physical presence or visit to St Kitts during processing.
- g) St Kitts is a member of the British Commonwealth which allows its citizens enjoy Commonwealth privileges.
- h) Can add spouses, children under 30, unmarried siblings under 30yrs who are financially dependent on the investor to the application.

# 3. GRENADA:

- (a) Visa-free access to over 143 countries
- (b) Fast-track acquisition(3-4 months processing after application submission)
- (c) Donation option....150k
  - Property Investment option......220k to 350k
- (d) Allowed to dispose of property after 5 years
- (e) Attractive Tax Regime: No tax on income, inheritance and wealth/capital gains
- (f) Entire Family eligibility: spouses, children, parents, unmarried siblings and grandparents can be added to the application.
- g) Investment is made only after approval of citizenship application
- h) No residency/physical presence requirement.
- i) Easier access to US Nonimmigrant Visa. Grenada is the only Caribbean country holding the much sought-after E-2 Visa treaty with the US. With Canadian citizenship you can apply for US E-2 visa and reside there.
- j) Can enjoy the Commonwealth country privileges to which Grenadian citizens are entitled.

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# 4. VANUATU:

- (a) Commonwealth country with Commonwealth benefits;
- (b) Visa free travel to over 130 countries including UK and European Union;
- (c) Investment Options are: i) Donation ranges from 130K (single application) to 180K (family of 4)
- (d) Entire family eligibility
- (e) No visit or residency requirements to maintain a passport
- (f) No taxes or levies on income, inheritance, and capital gains
- (g) Investment made only after approval of citizenship application

# 5. ANTIGUA:

- a) Investment Options: (i) Donation of 100K to a government fund or Real Estate Investment ranging from 200K to 400K.
- b) No requirement to travel to the country during the application process but there is a requirement to reside in Antigua for a minimum period of 5 days during the first 5 years when the Investment must be maintained.
- c) Visa-free travel to over 160 countries including the UK, EU, Schengen zone, Hong Kong and Switzerland.
- d) Fast- track acquisition (3-4 months)
- e) No tax on income, wealth and inheritance.
- f) Entire Family eligibility- spouse, children, unmarried siblings, parents and grandparents.
- g) Investment/Donations made only after approval of citizenship application.

## 6. ST. LUCIA:

- a) Investment Options: i)Donation....100k(single applicant); 165k for a couple and 190k for a family of 4(ii) Real Estate...300k minimum and must be held for 5years (iii) Government bonds
- b) Visa-free travel to over 150 countries including UK and EU.
- c) Commonwealth country with Commonwealth benefits
- d) Entire Family eligibility- spouse, children, unmarried siblings below age 18, parents and grandparents.
- e) No residency/physical presence requirement during processing
- f) Investment made only after approval of citizenship application.
- g) Must retain property investment for a minimum 5-year period.

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h) Fast-track processing(3-4 months)

## List of the documents to be submitted by client:

- 1. Photocopy of Passport
- 2. Birth Certificate
- 3. Marriage Certificate(If relevant)
- 4. Children's Birth Certificate(If relevant)
- 5. Divorce Certificate (If relevant)
- 6. Identity Information(Driver's license, National ID etc)
- 7. Current Address
- 8. Police Clearance
- 9. Bank Statements and Bank Reference Letter(Upto twelve(12) months.
- 10. Certificate of Incorporation of relevant corporate entity
- 11. Letter of Employment(If required)
- 12. Education (Degrees, Certificates If required
- 13. Medical Certificate/Clearance
- 14. Photos