



# ST. LUCIA CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

## UNLOCK THE DOOR TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

St Lucia is a sovereign nation, an independent territory with its own government. The current head of state is Queen Elizabeth II.

Located in the Eastern Caribbean, St Lucia is an island nation that is part of a chain of volcanic islands known as the Lesser Antilles.

The volcanoes are considered dormant now, with the last eruption occurring in 1766. Today, the island's volcanoes are a tourist attraction, with people from all over the world visiting to experience the natural hot pools.

Although St Lucia is a small island at around 43 KM (26 miles) long and 23 KM (14 miles) wide, it has an incredibly varied terrain. From white sand beaches to lush rainforests, St Lucia is an island of unspoilt beauty.

In 2016, the government of St Lucia launched its citizenship by investment (CBI) programme. The scheme allows foreign investors and their families to become citizens, allowing them to obtain a St Lucian passport and all of the benefits associated with holding one.



**185,000**

Population growth  
0.5%

**9,276 USD**

GDP (per capita)

**146**

Visa-free countries



# HOW TO OBTAIN CITIZENSHIP IN ST.LUCIA

Launched in 2016, the St Lucia Citizenship by Investment (CIB) scheme is one of the newest on the market. It is the only Caribbean country to offer government bond investments as a path to citizenship.

By obtaining citizenship, you are granted a St Lucian passport, giving you visa-free access to over 140 countries, including the UK and Singapore.

There are four investment options to obtain citizenship in St Lucia.

## INVEST IN THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC FUND (NEF)

The most cost-efficient way of gaining citizenship in St Lucia is to invest \$100,000 in the NEF. This is the cost for a single applicant. The cost increases as you add others to your application. For example, a family of four costs \$190,000

## GOVERNMENT BONDS

Invest \$500,000 in government bonds as the principal applicant. It costs an additional \$25,000 for each person you add to your application.

## REAL ESTATE

Invest \$300,000 in government-approved real estate projects. Be aware that by choosing this option, non-refundable government fees apply that increase depending on the number of applicants.

## ENTERPRISE INVESTMENT

Invest \$3.5 million in a government-approved enterprise. Alternatively, make a joint investment of \$6.5 million.





# BENEFITS OF CITIZENSHIP IN ST. LUCIA



## COST-EFFECTIVE

The country's investment scheme is one of the most cost-efficient in the world. You can obtain citizenship for a minimum investment of \$100,000.

## CITIZENSHIP FOR YOUR FAMILY

The scheme allows you to include family members, including children, spouse, parents and grandparents.

## NO TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

With flexible requirements, the whole application process can be completed remotely. There is no need to travel to St Lucia or remain there as a resident.

## VISA-FREE TRAVEL

St Lucia's powerful passport allows visa-free travel to over 140 countries across the globe, including the UK, Hong Kong and Singapore.

## CITIZENSHIP INHERITANCE

Once you obtain citizenship status in St Lucia, it is permanent, and you can pass it down to other generations.

## TAX BENEFITS

St Lucia offers a favourable tax system, with no inheritance, wealth or capital gains tax.



## TAXATION IN ST. LUCIA

As a citizen of St Lucia, you benefit from a favourable tax regime, including no inheritance, wealth or capital gains tax. This applies to worldwide income or assets.

Person income tax (PIT) applies to revenue generated within the country at the following rates:

- Up to 18,400 East Caribbean Dollars (XCD) - 0%
- 18,401 to 28,400 XCD - 10%
- 28,401 to 38,400 XCD - 15%
- 38,401 to 48,400 XCD - 20%
- Over 48,401 XCD - 30%

Residents and non-residents also pay a 5% tax on salaries earned in St Lucia to the social security fund.

VAT also applies in St Lucia at a rate of 15%, or 8% for hotel businesses.

# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications are assessed by the Citizenship by Investment Board (CBIB). The government also conducts due diligence checks on the main applicant and additional adult dependents included on the application.

The steps to obtaining citizenship will vary depending on the route you take. Below is a general breakdown of the process.

## STEP 1 - MONTH 1

Pick the investment route that suits your needs. An authorised expert will take care of your application and submit it along with all the required paperwork.

## STEP 2 - 1-3 MONTHS

Once your application is submitted, it will be assessed, and background checks carried out. Once approved, you have 60 days to make your investment and provide proof.

## STEP 3 - MONTH 5

When the investment is confirmed, you must pay the passport fee and obtain your Certificate of Registration. Once you have this, you will become a citizen of St Lucia.



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