

## Citizenship by Investment Programme

The beautiful, verdant two-island state of St Kitts and Nevis is in the eastern Caribbean, to the west of Antigua and the south of Anguilla.

Formerly a British colony, St Kitts and Nevis gained its independence in 1983. It has chosen to maintain links with its colonial past by maintaining King Charles III as the head of state. The islands cover 261 square kilometres, and the population of just under 50,000 enjoys a high standard of living in a federal parliamentary democracy.

Tourism is the nation's economic mainstay, attracting around 500,000 visitors every year. This contributes one third of its GDP.

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## Requirements/Investment Options

The St Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Programme requires you to make a significant financial investment in the country in return for citizenship for you and your family.

To qualify for citizenship, you must be over 18 years of age and meet the due diligence requirements. You may select one of the following four investment options:

1. Donation to the Sustainable Island State Contribution starting from USD250,000 and rising by USD25,000 for each additional dependent under 18 and USD50,000 for every extra dependent over 18
  2. Purchase of Real Estate in a government Approved Development from USD325,000
  3. Private Home Sale:
    - USD400,000 for a condominium
    - USD600,000 for a single-family private dwelling
  4. Contribution to an Approved Public Benefit Project starting from USD250,000
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## Donation

The Sustainable Island State Contribution (SISC) requires a contribution from you of USD250,000. For every additional dependent you add to your application aged under 18, you pay USD25,000. The SISC charge for extra dependents aged over 18 is USD50,000.

This progression aligns with the following seven pillars:

- Increasing local food production
- Transitioning to green energy
- Diversifying the economy
- Attracting and supporting sustainable industries
- Evolving the Creative Economy

- Recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Expanding social protection and safety nets to protect the most vulnerable



## Real Estate

There are two distinct real estate options. The first is an investment of at least USD325,000 in a government approved development. The property can be resold once to a new CBI applicant.

The second real estate option involves the purchase of a private home sale. The minimum price for a condominium is USD400,000 while a single-family home is USD600,000.

This property can only be resold to a new CBI applicant if the Federal Cabinet is satisfied that substantial further investment was injected into the property by way of further construction or renovation etc. With all real-estate options the minimum hold time is seven years.

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## Approved Public Benefit Project

Pledge at least USD250,000 to an Approved Public Benefit Project. More details will be shared once a project has been approved by the government.

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## Qualifying Dependants

As the main applicant, you must be capable of proving the legality of your investment. You can add your spouse as a dependant. Like you, they must be over 18 years of age, have a clean bill of health, have not been denied a visa from a country with visa-free access to St Kitts and Nevis, and have not been prosecuted for any crimes carrying a custodial sentence of more than six months. You can also include children up to 25 years of age who are enrolled full time in a post-secondary school.

You can also include dependant parents 55 years of age or older and mentally or physically challenged children of any age.



## Other Requirements

In addition to fulfilling one of the four economic contributions above, you and your dependants must have clean personal backgrounds.

The St Kitts and Nevis Government will reject applications from those denied a visa to a country that has a visa-free travel arrangement with them. They also will refuse to accept applicants identified as a potential national security risk or a reputational risk.

Likewise, they will exclude those subject to a criminal investigation.

## Procedures and Time Frame

The process will take between eight and nine months from submission of the application to issuance of the passport, assuming the application has no areas of concern.

## Dual Citizenship

St Kitts and Nevis has no restrictions on dual citizenship.

## Taxation

St Kitts and Nevis has no direct taxation. Even if citizens reside on the islands, they will not be subject to personal income tax, estate duty, succession or inheritance taxes, gift taxes, or net worth tax.

The corporate tax rate is set at 35% in St Kitts and Nevis. However, certain companies may qualify for attractive tax reductions on profits for up to a 15-year period. In Nevis, companies and foundations are not taxed, as long as no business is transacted on the island.


A 10% withholding tax is payable by both individuals and companies remitting payments to persons outside of St Kitts and Nevis.

## Process Overview


Months 1-2  Initial due diligence.

Following the successful screening, we will provide you with a Client Agreement (CA) to review and sign.

Upon receiving the signed agreement and retainer payment, our legal team will complete all necessary government forms and supporting documents. If you make a property investment, you will need to execute a sales and purchase agreement with the developer. We will liaise with the property developer and the St Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU) on your behalf to assist where necessary.

Months 2-3  Before submitting your documents, we comprehensively review your application to ensure your file complies with the CIU's requirements. Our legal team will complete its final checks before submitting the relevant forms.

The CIU will undertake its own due diligence and reviews all the paperwork. We will continue to work closely with them throughout the process to ensure your application is timely and efficiently processed.

Months 6-12  The CIU will assess your application, and upon approval, you must make all necessary contributions and pay any applicable government fees. You will need to collect the Certificate of Registration in person. This can be done in St Kitts and Nevis or at an approved consulate or embassy.

## Summary of Key Advantages

- Full citizenship granted to you, your spouse, children under 18, children 18-25 who are enrolled full time in post-secondary school education, and parents 55 and older who are living with and fully supported by you
- Established in 1984, it is the world's oldest citizenship-by-investment programme
- No personal income tax, gift tax, inheritance tax, or net worth tax
- No minimum presence is required
- Enhanced visa-free travel







### List of Countries – 166

- Afghanistan\*\*\*
- Albania
- Algeria\*\*\*
- Andorra
- Angola
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia\*\*
- Australia\*\*
- Austria
- Azerbaijan\*\*\*
- Bahamas
- Bahrain\*\*
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Belize
- Benin\*\*
- Bhutan\*\*
- Bolivia\*
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Brunei\*\*\*
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso\*\*
- Burundi\*
- Cambodia\*
- Cameroon\*\*
- Canada\*\*\*
- Cape Verde\*
- Central African Republic\*\*\*
- Chad\*\*\*
- Chile
- China\*\*\*
- Colombia
- Comoros\*
- Congo\*\*\*
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Cuba
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Djibouti\*
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- DR Congo\*\*
- Ecuador
- Egypt\*\*\*
- El Salvador
- Equatorial Guinea\*\*
- Eritrea\*\*\*
- Estonia
- Ethiopia\*\*
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- Gabon\*\*
- Gambia
- Georgia\*\*
- Germany
- Ghana\*\*\*
- Greece
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guinea\*\*
- Guinea-Bissau\*
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India\*\*
- Indonesia\*\*
- Iran\*
- Iraq\*\*
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Ivory Coast\*\*
- Jamaica
- Japan\*\*\*
- Jordan\*
- Kazakhstan\*\*
- Kenya\*\*
- Kiribati
- Kosovo
- Kuwait\*\*\*
- Kyrgyzstan\*\*
- Laos\*
- Latvia
- Lebanon\*
- Lesotho
- Liberia\*\*\*
- Libya\*\*
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macao\*
- Madagascar\*
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives\*
- Mali\*\*\*
- Malta
- Marshall Islands\*
- Mauritania\*
- Mauritius
- Mexico\*\*\*
- Micronesia
- Moldova
- Monaco
- Mongolia\*\*
- Montenegro
- Morocco\*\*\*
- Mozambique\*
- Myanmar\*\*\*
- Namibia\*\*\*
- Nauru\*\*\*
- Nepal\*
- Netherlands
- New Zealand\*\*\*
- Nicaragua
- Niger\*\*\*
- Nigeria\*\*
- North Korea\*\*\*
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Oman\*\*
- Pakistan\*\*
- Palau\*
- Palestine
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea\*\*
- Paraguay\*\*\*
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar\*\*
- Romania
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa\*
- San Marino
- Sao Tome and Principe\*\*
- Saudi Arabia\*
- Senegal\*
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone\*
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Solomon Islands\*
- Somalia\*\*\*
- South Africa\*\*\*
- South Korea\*\*
- South Sudan\*\*
- Spain
- Sri Lanka\*\*
- Sudan\*\*\*
- Suriname
- Swaziland\*\*\*
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Syria\*\*
- Taiwan
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand\*\*
- Timor-Leste\*
- Togo\*\*
- Tonga\*
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan\*\*\*
- Tuvalu\*
- Uganda\*\*
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates\*\*
- United Kingdom
- United States\*\*\*
- Uruguay
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Vatican
- Venezuela
- Vietnam\*\*
- Yemen\*\*\*
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

\*Visa on Arrival | \*\*eVisa | \*\*\*Visa Required