

# Commonwealth of

# **DOMINICA**

# Citizenship by Investment Programme

# 74,000

Approx. Population

Growth: 0.20%

# 11,400 USD

GDP (per capita)

GDP (purchasing power parity):

812 million USD

# 121

Visa free countries



#### LOCATION

Caribbean, Island between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean about halfway between Puerto Rico and Trinidad & Tobago. Located close to Jamaica, Cuba and Miami.

#### **CAPITAL**

Roseau

## TIME ZONE DIFFERENCE

UTC-4

#### **TOTAL AREA**

751 Km<sup>2</sup>

#### **AGE DEMOGRAPHICS**

0-14: 21.84%, 15-24: 15.70%, 25-54: 41.97%, 55-64: 9.6%, 65+: 10.89%

#### **LANGUAGE**

English (official), French patois

#### **RELIGIONS**

Roman Catholic: 61.4%, Protestant: 28.6% (includes Evangelical: 6.7%, Seventh Day Adventist: 6.1%, Pentecostal: 5.6%, Baptist: 4.1%, Methodist: 3.7%, Church of God: 1.2%, Other: 1.2%), Rastafarian: 1.3%, Jehovah's Witness: 1.2%, Other: 0.3%, None: 6.1%, Unspecified: 1.1%

## **GOVERNMENT TYPE**

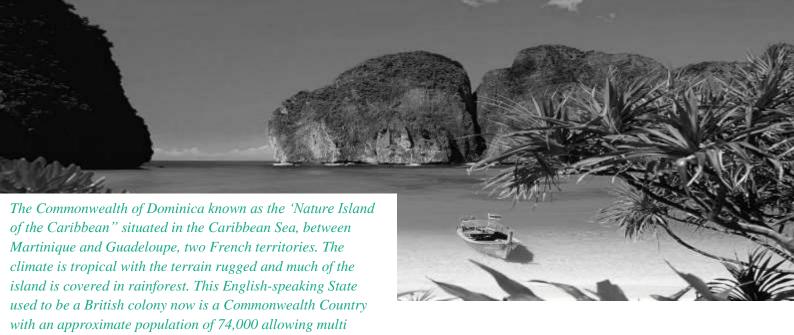
Parliamentary republic; As a Commonwealth country, head of state is Queen of England.

#### **CURRENCY**

East Caribbean dollars (XCD), tied to USD

#### **EXCHANGE RATE**

1 USD = 2.7 XCD



# WHY CHOOSE DOMINICA?

tied to the US Dollar.

The Citizenship Program of Dominica offers investors wide range of benefits, such as:

citizenship by law. Their currency is East Caribbean Dollar

- Visa free travel to over 120 Countries including United Kingdom, Switzerland, Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea, Schengen Countries and many more.
- An investment going through generations by becoming a citizen of this peaceful and welcoming country for life through one of the oldest and most trusted Citizenship by Investment Programs.
- Apply together with your spouse, dependent children below the age of 31 years and parents of 55 years above. Financially dependent parents can also be eligible if even of them qualify the age requirement of 55 years.
- Multiple citizenship recognized and respected by Dominica and investors can benefit from other citizenships.
- ♦ A wider choice of places to live and work in Caribbean Community since Dominica is one of the CARICOM Islands.
- Considered as a Tax Haven, with No taxes for non-residents, over-sea income, capital gains, gift, wealth, inheritance and many more...

Citizenship granted via Certificate-of-Naturalization (CON) for life. Dominica Passport is valid 10 years for adults and 5 years for children below the age of 16: which can be easily renewed upon expiration.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- ♦ The Main Investors must be over 18 years of age.
- ♦ Applicants must be of outstanding character with no criminal records.
- Applicants must be in good character with genuine source of income.
- Applicants must make a direct investment towards the Government of Dominica approved citizenship-byinvestment methods.

## **ADVANTAGES**

- ♦ Basic documents required.
- ♦ No physical residency or annual visit requirements.
- No minimum education, skills or language test required.
- ♦ Include your eligible dependents even after becoming a citizen of Dominica.
- Qualify your new-born child through Application by descent even if your spouse is not a citizen;

Being a Citizen of Dominica offers you a good external image

which can be invaluable in respect to investment, entrepreneurial and employment opportunities.



#### COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

The Citizenship by Investment Program of Dominica has been operating since 1993 and is legally entrenched in the Dominican Constitution and the Citizenship Act, Chapter 1:10. To qualify for this citizenship, the applicant can either make a contribution into the Government Fund or an investment towards an authorized Real Estate project.

#### **INVESTMENT OPTIONS**

The investment options for obtaining citizenship status in Dominica are as follows:

# I. National Diversification Fund (NDF)

#### A. Single Application

A non-refundable contribution of US\$100,000 to the "National Diversification Fund" holding by government of Commonwealth of Dominica.

#### **B.** Couple Application

(Main Applicant + Spouse)
Contribution of US\$175,000 qualifies both main applicant and the spouse.

#### C. Family Application

(Applicant + up to 3 qualifying dependents\*)
Contribution of US\$200,000 to NDF.
Extra contribution of US\$25,000 required for each additional dependent.

\*Qualifying dependents includes: Spouse, Children below the age of 31; Parents or Grandparents of the Main Applicant or spouse above the age of 55 (dependent parents can be in an application together even if one of them is aged 55 and above).

#### II. Property Investment

Purchase of Government approved real estate with minimum value of US\$200,000.

The government fees for the Real Estate option are as follows:

- ♦ Single Applicant (only the investor): US\$25,000.
- ♦ Couple or up to Family of 4 (Main Applicant + up to 3 qualifying dependents): US\$35,000.
- ♦ Family of 6 (Main Applicant + up to 5 dependents): US\$50,000.
- ♦ Family of 7 or more: (Main Applicant + 6 or more dependents): US\$70,000.

#### APPLICATION FEES

Applicable fees for both the NDF and Property options:

#### **Due Diligence background-checking Fee**

♦ Main Applicant: US\$7,500.

♦ Spouse: US\$4,000 (reduced from standard fees of US\$ 7,500)

♦ Other Dependents aged 16 and above: US\$4,000 each.

#### **Government Processing Fee**

Per Application: US\$1,000 (reduced from standard fees of US\$ 3,000)

#### **Certificate of Naturalization Fee**

♦ Per Person: US\$250 (reduced from standard fees of US\$ 750)

#### **Passport Issuance Fee**

 Per Person: US\$75 for regular service (issued in 6 to 15 days) or US\$1,200 for an express service (issued in 4 to 6 days).

#### **Legal Fee**

♦ To be discussed: May vary depending on the number of applicants. This includes the Local Service Provider fees and agent fees. A breakdown of the total cost will be provided upon request.

All the Government Fees might vary due to changes by Government of Commonwealth of Dominica.



# **PROCEDURE**

The following table breaks down the application process into basic steps.

Each step must be completed before continuing to next.

Within 1-3 weeks	DOCUMENTS COMPLETION & SUBMISSION	<ul> <li>STEP 1</li> <li>Payment of Initial fees.</li> <li>Completions of all the required documents &amp; Forms.</li> <li>STEP 2</li> <li>Second Payment as per the invoice.</li> <li>Citizenship application submission to the CBIU.</li> </ul>	
1 to 3 weeks	CONFIRMATION	<ul> <li>STEP 3</li> <li>Confirmation from the CBIU for receiving all documents in order.</li> <li>Background check starts.</li> </ul>	
Up to 4 months	DUE DILIGENCE & APPROVAL	<ul> <li>STEP 4</li> <li>Background checking completes within 90 days.</li> <li>CBIU issues Approval Comfort letter.</li> <li>STEP 5</li> <li>Full Payment due within 30-45 days.</li> <li>STEP 6</li> <li>Certificate of Naturalization (CON) issued within 14 – 20 days</li> <li>Passport issued after the CON.</li> </ul>	



## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ♦ 1.\*QUESTIONNAIRE (DQ).
- ♦ 2. \*CLIENT AGREEMENT (DA).
- ♦ 3. \*LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY (DPOA).
- ♦ 4. \* D1 DISCLOSURE FORM.
- ♦ 5. \* TWO (2) SET OF APPLICATION FORM 12 FOR EACH APPLICANT.
- ♦ 6. \* **D2** FINGERPRINT AND PHOTOGRAPH VERIFICATION FORM.
- ♦ 7. \* **D3** MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE AND CERTIFICATE.
- ♦ URINE & BLOOD TEST + HIV TEST.
- ♦ 9. \* **D4** INVESTMENT AGREEMENT (NDF OPTION) or S&P AGREEMENT.
- ♦ 10. \*PASSPORT APPLICATION FORM (FORM A).
- ♦ 11. EIGHT (8) PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOS FOR EACH APPLICANT.
- ♦ 12. PASSPORT COPY (RESIDENCE PERMIT/VISA COPY).
- ♦ 13. NATIONAL ID/SOCIAL SECURITY CARD.
- ♦ 14. BIRTH CERTIFICATE.
- ♦ 15. DRIVER LICENSE.
- ♦ 16. MILITARY SERVICE or EXEMPTION CARD.
- ♦ 17. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE/DIVORCE CERTIFICATE (IF REQUIRED).
- ♦ 18. POLICE CLEARANCE RECORD, from country of birth and country of residence (if different) for each applicant sixteen (16) years and over. For children twelve to fifteen (12-15), sworn affidavit by parent that child does not have criminal record.
- ♦ 19. PROOF OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.
- ♦ 20. DETAILED RESUME/BUSINESS BACKGROUND REPORTS (CV).
- ♦ 21. DEGREE CERTIFICATE (Notarized copies of university or college diplomas) Or Enrolment Letter from University, college or international recognized Academic institutes for children aged over 18. Letter from school for children aged from 12 to 18.
- ♦ 22. ONE (1) PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE LETTER OF EMPLOYMENT/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.
- ♦ 23. BANK REFERENCE LETTER from Personal account. The account must be active and operational for minimum 2 years.
- ♦ 24. BANK STATEMENTS (recent 12 Months).
- ♦ 25. EVIDENCE OF INCOME/ PROFESSION/WEALTH.
- ♦ 26. \*LETTERS TO THE CITIZENSHIP UNIT (Affidavit of source of funds, Letter to the Minister, Oath, etc.)
- ♦ 27. PROOF OF PAYMENT OF RELEVANT FEES.

\*All documents with (\*) will be provided by us once initial payment is received. Note: Documents provided must be in English or legally translated and attested



# List of Visa free countries for Commonwealth of Dominica passport holders

ANGUILLA	ESTONIA	MALAYSIA	SLOVENIA
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	FIJI		
ARUBA	FINLAND	MALDIVES*	SOLOMON ISLANDS
AUSTRIA	FRANCE	MALTA	SPAIN
BARBADOS		MARSHALL ISLANDS*	ST. MAARTEN
	GERMANY	MAURITANIA*	ST. KITTS & NEVIS
BELARUS*	GIBRALTAR	MAURITIUS	ST. LUCIA
BELGIUM	GREECE	MONTSERRAT	ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES
BELIZE	GRENADA & THE GRENADINES	NAMIBIA	SWEDEN
BHUTAN*	HAITI	NETHERLAND ANTILLES	SWITZERLAND
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	HONG KONG	NETHERLANDS	TANZANIA
BRUNEI	HUNGARY	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS*	THE BAHAMAS
BURUNDI*	ICELAND		
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	IRELAND	NORWAY	TIMOR-LESTE*
CAYMAN ISLANDS	ITALY	PANAMA	TOGO*
COLOMBIA	JAMAICA	PERU	TONGA
COMOROS*		PHILIPPINES	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
	JORDAN*	POLAND	TURKEY*
COOK ISLANDS	KOREA (SOUTH)	PORTUGAL	TURKS & CAICOS
COSTA RICA	LAOS*	ROMANIA	TUVALU
CYPRUS	LATVIA	SAMOA (WESTERN)	UNITED KINGDOM
CZECH REPUBLIC	LEEWARD ISLANDS	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE*	VANUATU
DENMARK	LESOTHO		
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	LIECHTENSTEIN	SEYCHELLES	VENEZUELA
EAST TIMOR*	LITHUA LUXEMBOURGNIA	SINGAPORE	ZAMBIA
	LITTIOA LUXEIVIDUUNGINIA	SLOVAKIA	ZIMBABWE*

\*Visa on Arrival



Location of Dominica (circled) in the Caribbean





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