FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

WHAT IS THE CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM?
The Citizenship by Investment Programme allows foreign investors to obtain full legal citizenship and passports for an investor and their family where that investor has made a significant investment in Dominica which qualifies under the Citizenship by Investment Regulations. Presently the qualifying investments are a contribution to the Government Fund of a minimum amount of US$100,000 or the purchase of a property to the value of US$200,000.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP?
Applicants for citizenship must be at least 18 years of age, of good character, without criminal records and who are able and willing to make the required contribution. Applicants must engage an authorised agent who will assist them to prepare the required forms and supporting documents.

DOES CITIZENSHIP EXTEND TO MY SPOUSE AND CHILDREN?
Yes, citizenship is extended to your spouse, dependent children and dependent parents. Fees for family members are provided with the application form.

WHO QUALIFIES AS DEPENDENTS?
- A spouse of the main applicant;
- A child under eighteen (18) years of age of the main applicant or his or her spouse;
- A child of the main applicant or his or her spouse between eighteen (18) and twenty-five (25) who is in full time attendance at a recognised institution of higher learning after his or her eighteenth birthday and fully supported by the main applicant;
- An unmarried daughter of the main applicant who is under twenty five (25) years of age and is living with and fully supported by the main applicant;
- A child of the main applicant or spouse of the main applicant who is above the age of eighteen (18) years and physically or mentally challenged and who is fully supported by the applicant;
- Parents or grandparents of the main applicant or his or her spouse above the age of sixty five (65) years living with and fully supported by the main applicant.

For more information, contact an authorised agent for questions relating to which of your family members may be included in your application.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?
Once citizenship of Dominica has been granted, you will have the all of the same rights as any Dominican citizen. You will have the right to live and work in Dominica at any time. As Dominica is a member of CARICOM, you can also live in any other member nation. With a Dominican passport, you can travel visa-free to 130 countries, including the UK, Singapore, Hong Kong and Ireland.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP?
STEP 1
The first step for applying for Citizenship is to choose an Authorised Agent from the list of the Authorised Agents. Applications for citizenship cannot be submitted directly to the Citizenship by Investment Unit and must only be handled by an Authorised Agent.

An “authorised agent” means a person licensed by the Citizenship by Investment Unit who has paid the authorised agent’s fee pursuant to paragraph 1 (1) of the Schedule to these Regulations and is authorised to act on behalf of the main applicant in relation to a citizenship by investment application.

STEP 2
The second step is to contact your chosen Authorised Agent who will provide you with assistance in preparing your documentation for submission to the CBIU. You will need to complete the official forms, attend a medical examination and obtain certain supporting documents, all of which need to be submitted in English and with the appropriate legalisation. If you are purchasing property, this will need to be reserved through a sales and purchase agreement at this point.

Your agent will be able to advise you on the preparation of the documents and how to have them legalised.

STEP 3
When all of your forms are complete, the Agent will submit the application to the CBIU of Dominica and will liaise with the Unit relating to all correspondence, queries or questions on your file that may arise in due course. There is currently no mandatory interview requirement for the Dominican Citizenship by Investment Program, however an interview may be required at the discretion of the government.

STEP 4
Your application will be vetted through a thorough due diligence background check which will verify the information that you have provided. The CBIU will consider the file in the light of the due diligence report, and will take a decision about your application. You will receive a letter through your agent which will inform you whether your application has been successful, has been delayed for further processing or has been rejected.

STEP 5
If your application is successful, the CBIU will issue a letter instructing you to complete the payment of the real estate property. Upon receiving proof of the payment, CBIU will issue the certificate of registration which will be able to be used by your agent to apply for a Dominican Passport.

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How much does the program cost?
The total cost will be made up of the investment, and then other fees relating to the processing of the application.

To qualify for citizenship of Dominica under the Real Estate Option under the Citizenship by Investment Program, an applicant must purchase authorized real estate to the minimum value of USD 200,000. Following approval of a real estate investment application, the following Government Fees are payable:

*USD 50,000 for the Main Applicant
*USD 25,000 for the Spouse
*USD 20,000 for each dependent of the main applicant under the age of 18
*USD 50,000 for each dependent of the main applicant aged 18-25

Given that the application procedure under this option entails the purchase of real estate, this can prolong the processing time, which is subject to the chosen property.

The real estate must be held for 3 years and may be eligible for re-sale under the Citizenship by Investment Programme after 5 years from the original purchase date.

For a full breakdown of the government fees, due diligence fees and other fees payable under the Real Estate option see below:

Government Fees
In addition to the capital investment required for the selected investment option, additional fees are payable by each family member. These comprise of the following:

Due Diligence Fees
Main Applicant USD 7,500*, Spouse USD 4,000 and Dependant aged 16 years and above USD 4,000*

In some cases, an enhanced due diligence may be required depending on the citizenship the applicant holds.

How long does the application take?
From submission of the required documents to the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica, the processing time is approximately 8-12 weeks.

Do I have to travel to Dominica?
There is no requirement to travel to Dominica as part of the application process, however we encourage individuals to visit Dominica. If an interview is required, it would usually be held in Dominica. However, should the applicant be unable to attend an interview in Dominica, interviews may be held at certain centres outside of Dominica, subject to the applicant paying the applicable costs.

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Does Dominica recognise dual citizenship?
Yes, the laws of Dominica recognise and allow dual citizenship and you are not required to renounce your other citizenships. Further more, Dominica does not notify authorities of your country of residence or citizenship on your Dominican citizenship. You are not required to reside in Dominica to keep your citizen’s status.

Will I be liable to any taxes in Dominica?
There is no wealth, gift, inheritance, foreign income or capital gains tax. You are only liable to pay personal tax if you reside in the country.

Where will my Dominican Passport be recognised?
Everywhere. The passport that you obtain as a Citizen by Investment is a fully legal passport, and is universally recognised by all state parties to the UN.

Can I renew my Passport if I have already sold the investment property?
Yes, as long as you held the property for the required number of years after obtaining your citizenship.

What documents are required?
- Disclosure Form
- Verification form
- Two (2) completed and notarized copies of Application Form
- 12 for each applicant
- One (1) professional reference
- Letter of Employment/ Financial Statements
- Recommendation from applicant’s Bankers
- Two (2) Personal references
- Police Record, with fingerprints, 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
- Eight (8) passport size photos for each applicant
- Marriage Certificate/Dissolution of Marriage if required
- Birth Certificate
- Medical Certificate
- Letter of recommendation from the head of the school/university for children between 12 and 18 years old
- Proof of payment of relevant fees.
- Affidavit of Source of Funds.
- Detailed Business Background Reports/Resume
- Notarized copies of University/College diplomas.

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