



Vanuatu Investment Marketing Bureau



Vanuatu Citizenship under the Development Support Program - DSP

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About VIMB



Headquartered in Port Vila, Vanuatu; Vanuatu Investment Marketing Bureau (VIMB) operates a global network spanning London, Dubai and Singapore through which it creates and encourages initiatives in support of Vanuatu's economic and social development. VIMB works closely with both the government and private sector in Vanuatu, to represent the country and facilitate outreach through its international offices.

VIMB is also licensed as a Vanuatu Government Designated Agent and through the same global network of representatives and offices promotes Vanuatu Citizenship under the Development Support Program (DSP).

VIMB ACTS AS:

- An administrative resource for supporting the Citizenship application process.
- A resource for exploring investment opportunities in Vanuatu, and bi-lateral trade.
- An information resource for tourism, property investment and travel related enquiries.
- A link to provide seamless communication between Vanuatu and global key geographical centers.



James Elcocke-Harris
VIMB Chief Executive

VIMB Team



VANUATU OPERATIONS TEAM

In addition to its international reach, VIMB has created a robust Vanuatu- based headquarters to support DSP Citizenship applications. VIMB offers the most evolved finance, processing and administration support to the DSP application process. In addition to providing support for DSP processing, VIMB offers access to a wide range of Accounting, Business Advisory, Trust, Corporate and additional services such as National ID card, etc.

VIMB CUSTOMER SERVICE

VIMB understands that no two cases are alike. We can tailor the application process to each client according to their particular circumstances. With proven experience in successful fulfillment of applications, VIMB will ensure that each case is dealt with swiftly and efficiently.

Our team are well-informed, responsive and always available to answer questions and provide support - not only during the application process, but after Citizenship has been obtained. We pride ourselves on our continuous support to clients to help them with queries about how to optimize the use of their passport and citizenship for attaining the global freedom they have been seeking.

RELIABILITY

EXPERTISE

EFFICIENCY

INTEGRITY



The VIMB Difference



THE VIMB DIFFERENCE

Vanuatu's Citizenship Program has experienced rapid growth in numbers, and a proliferation of agents in the market have created an uneven distribution of the program in terms of service quality. VIMB is unique in the global marketplace having assembled the most comprehensive, effective & reliable delivery channel for the program.

THE VIMB GLOBAL NETWORK

The network of VIMB offices is growing rapidly. Current offices are:

- Port Vila, Vanuatu (Headquarters)
- Singapore
- Dubai
- London

VIMB has assembled an unrivalled team of experts to provide the highest levels of service and surety for the Vanuatu Citizenship application process. Operated internationally by Vanuatu Citizens who know and understand the DSP intimately, VIMB offers through its team, a direct line of sight to the relevant Government bodies in Vanuatu who operate the Program.



Daniel Agius
VIMB Chief Operating Officer

Development Support Program



THE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM (DSP)

The globally available DSP program was launched in January 2017. Vanuatu has successfully offered the DSP, since its inception in January 2017 to attract high net worth applicants to directly raise funds in support of the further development of the country.

The DSP has proven to be highly successful and now represents a major portion of national income. While most of the applicants have historically been from APAC and EMEA, the success of the program has resulted in applications from around the globe.

Vanuatu's program has enjoyed year on year growth and is considered one of the most attractive CBI options available anywhere today.

- The only Citizenship program in the Asia Pacific Hemisphere
- Fast processing (around 45-60 days)
- No language requirement
- No residence or visit requirement
- Dual-Citizenship
- Hereditary Citizenship
- Pricing from USD130,000 plus due diligence fee

Why Vanuatu?



Vanuatu is a beautiful, remote, tax-free tropical paradise. It is known not only for its great location and climate, but It's also renowned for its kind and happy people. In fact, it is ranked amongst the “Happiest Countries on the Planet”. In a world gripped by crisis and uncertainty, Vanuatu remains as a "South Pacific pearl".

Far removed from the world’s trouble-spots, Vanuatu still enjoys convenient connectivity through Australia, New Zealand and Fiji and so remains easily accessible.

The value of obtaining Vanuatu Citizenship is not only for peace of mind today, but also for the protection and pleasure of future generations to enjoy. Vanuatu Citizenship is as unique as it is valuable to hold.

As we enter a “post-Covid 19” era, resilience planning is more critical than ever. Crime-free, covid-free and tax-free, Vanuatu offers a genuine “safe-haven” for family members.

VANUATU “QUICK FACTS”

- Gained Independence from the UK/France in 1980. Was previously named the "New Hebrides".
- Administrative Capital - Port Vila.
- Y-shaped Pacific Archipelago of 83 Islands (65 populated). Spanning over 1,300 Km and around 12,000 Km².
- Population of around 300,000 (2021).
- Official languages are English, French and Bislama.
- Ranked in the Top 5 of the Happy Planet Index (latest ranking 2016).
- 2.5 hours flight from Australia.
- 3.5 hours flight from New Zealand.

Citizenship Benefits



- Currently the only Citizenship program in the Asia-Pacific Hemisphere. Visa-free access to over 100 countries, including the UK, Singapore, Russia and many other key business destinations.
- Fast and simple processing (around 45-60 days). No language requirement.
- No requirement to visit or to reside in order to obtain the Citizenship. Hereditary Citizenship.
- Oath Swearing Ceremony via video-link. Bitcoin payment possible via partner channel.



Visa Free Countries



AFRICA	EUROPE	MIDDLE EAST / ASIA	OCEANIA	AMERICAS	SCHENGEN AREA (Visa temporarily Required)	
Botswana Burundi Cape Verde Comoros Djibouti Egypt Gambia Guinea (Bissau) Kenya Lesotho Madagascar Malawi Mali Mauritania Mauritius Mozambique St. Helena Seychelles Somalia Swaziland Tanzania Togo Uganda Zambia Zimbabwe	Kosovo Ireland Russian Federation United Kingdom	Armenia Bangladesh Cambodia Hong Kong SAR Iran Israel Jordan Laos Macao SAR Malaysia Maldives Nepal Philippines Singapore Timor-Leste Thailand Vietnam	Fiji Kiribati Marshall Islands Federated States of Micronesia Nauru Palau Papua New Guinea Samoa Solomon Islands Tuvalu Tonga	Antigua and Barbuda Bahamas Barbados Belize Bolivia Costa Rica Dominican Republic Ecuador El Salvador Grenada Guatemala Guyana Haiti Honduras Jamaica Nicaragua Panama Peru Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Trinidad and Tobago	Albania Andorra Austria Belgium Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Iceland Italy	Latvia Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg Malta Macedonia Monaco Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Romania Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland

(*) Since the visa requirements of each country are subject to change from time to time, tourists holding Vanuatu passports are required to check the visa requirements of the respective countries prior to departure. Tourists are also required to understand and observe the regulations and restrictions for entering and staying in the respective countries.

Citizenship Application Process



STEPS	DESCRIPTION
1	Applicant to provide a certified true copy of existing passport (bio page), second photo ID, CV and Police No Criminal Report for clearance by Vanuatu Intelligence Unit (FIU) in Vanuatu with deposit payment.
2	Upon written confirmation of no adverse findings by FIU, Applicant submits completed Application Form and submit all relevant documents as detailed in the document list together with application payment.
3	Application is submitted to Vanuatu for review by the Citizenship Commission, which convenes twice each month.
4	Screening Committee considers the Application two days before the Citizenship Commission meets and makes a recommendation to the Citizenship Commission Committee.
5	After Citizenship Commission approves the Application a letter of confirmation is issued, leading to the production of a Citizenship Certificate. The letter is forwarded to the Director of Immigration for Passport issue to take place.
6	The final step is the arrangement of a private Citizenship Ceremony. This will be organized by the DSP Agent in an agreed location.

-The Citizenship Ceremony is usually conducted in KL (Vanuatu Consulate), Dubai, London or in Vanuatu itself, although currently all ceremonies take place by video link. At the welcoming ceremony, the new Citizen receives their Certificate of Vanuatu Citizenship as well as their new Vanuatu Passport-

Post-Citizenship Services



Apart from DSP Citizenship processing support, VIMB can offer a full range of Post-Citizenship services such as:

- National ID Card (may require visit)
- Driver License (may require visit)
- Passport Replacement, name updating
- Document Apostille/Certification
- Bank Account opening
- Company formation





- **What is the Government's motivation behind the operation of the DSP?**

The Government of Vanuatu is looking at the DSP to both bring quality high net worth applicants to the program - who will hopefully be motivated to invest in Vanuatu, and to raise funds for the further development of the country.

- **How to apply for Vanuatu Citizenship?**

Citizenship can be only applied and processed through an official appointed DSP Representative – either a Designated Agent (such as VIMB), or an authorized sub-agent under a Designated Agent. If in doubt, please contact VIMB for sub-agent verification.

- **Who can apply?**

Application for DSP Citizenship is through invitation and all applicants need to pass a stringent probity process to ensure they meet the desired citizenship profile that Vanuatu is looking for.

- **How does one apply when there is not an embassy in the applicant's country?**

Through an Officially appointed Representative – such as VIMB.



- **How do I make sure that the application is submitted through the right channels?**

We strongly advise prospective applicants to check the credentials of the party offering the Citizenship Program. We are the primary Government appointed global distributor for the DSP and backed with a strong local delivery team in Vanuatu.

- **What is the duration of the process? How long does the process takes?**

The application process is in three parts. The first part is the pre- approval phase in which the applicant completes a Nomination Form and submits this with some simple documentation requirements and a due diligence fee. This process usually takes around 7-10 days. This fee is non-refundable.

Once pre-approval is provided, the second stage starts with all the documents required being submitted together with the full payment. A final third stage is attendance at an Oath-swearing ceremony at which the passport is handed across by a Government appointed Passport Officer.

Currently due to Covid 19, this process is conducted via video-link and couriered document distribution. The entire process, subject to the documentation being in order, takes between 30-90 days. Usually, this can be achieved in 45 days or less with the guidance of a Representative assisting the applicant with their preparation of documents.

- **What is Vanuatu Passport Ranking?**

The passport provides Visa Free / on arrival travel to 100+ countries, including the UK, Singapore, Russia and many other key business centres.



- **Does Citizenship extend to families?**

Citizenship is open to parents/grandparents, plus children. Citizenship is hereditary.

- **Will anyone applying for the program be liable for any Taxes in Vanuatu?**

There are No Taxes in Vanuatu, other than indirect taxes of VAT and import duty.

- **Does the applicant need to travel to Vanuatu for his/her application process?**

No, but we strongly encourage Citizens to take advantage of the benefits of belonging to this beautiful Island Nation.

- **How will applicants receive their passport and Citizenship Certificate?**

VIMB arranges a private Citizenship Ceremony in an agreed location. The new citizens receives their Citizenship Certificate as well as their Vanuatu Passport in this ceremony.

NOTE: Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the government of Vanuatu has approved the temporary option of video conferences for ceremonies and the passport delivery by courier.

Contact Us



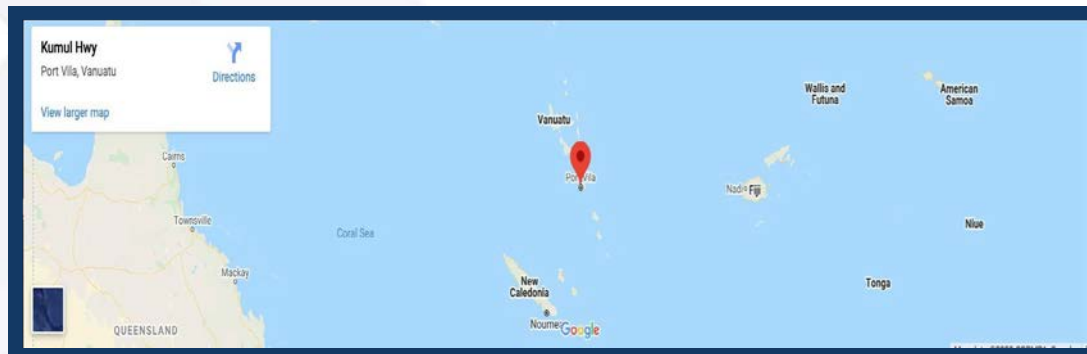
If you would like more information about the Development support program (DSP) of the Republic of Vanuatu or about partnering with Vanuatu Investment Marketing Bureau (VIMB), please do not hesitate to contact us.

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