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CREATING GLOBAL CITIZENS

Rated consistently as Vanuatu's preferred citizenship firm

# A message from our Principal

Stephanie S Mahuk



*With increasing travel issues and instability worldwide, we have seen a dramatic increase in individuals and families exploring secondary citizenship and residency options.*

This increase in interest has seen a threefold increase in applications for the Vanuatu citizenship by investment option known as the Development Support Program (DSP). Stanford Knight & Partners are a government-appointed, official agent of the DSP.

Our team at Stanford Knight were the private sector partner who worked with the Vanuatu government in 2013, introducing citizenship by investment to the country.

We helped draft the legislation and constitution to allow dual citizenship and enable the program we can now offer you.

Today we are a lead partner of the Citizenship Commission. We assist clients from around the world to become citizens of our proud island nation.

We offer a global support network for our international clients, expert advice on immigration matters and provide a myriad of additional services that together, make us the leading Vanuatu citizenship advisor.

Working with Stanford Knight ensures you are dealing with the firm that developed the program and has a 100% client approval rate along with the fastest processing time for your application.

Our team look forward to working with you and ensuring you join our fast-growing list of genuinely global citizens.

**Stephanie S Mahuk** (Bcomm/LLB)  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Official Accredited Agent of the Republic of Vanuatu



## Choosing us supports worthy causes

When you process your citizenship application through Stanford Knight and partners, a % of our fee supports worthy causes including annual school scholarships for disadvantaged children, the Vanuatu Surfing Association encouraging youth in sport and Island Outreach, an NGO working in communities restoring marine areas for conservation.



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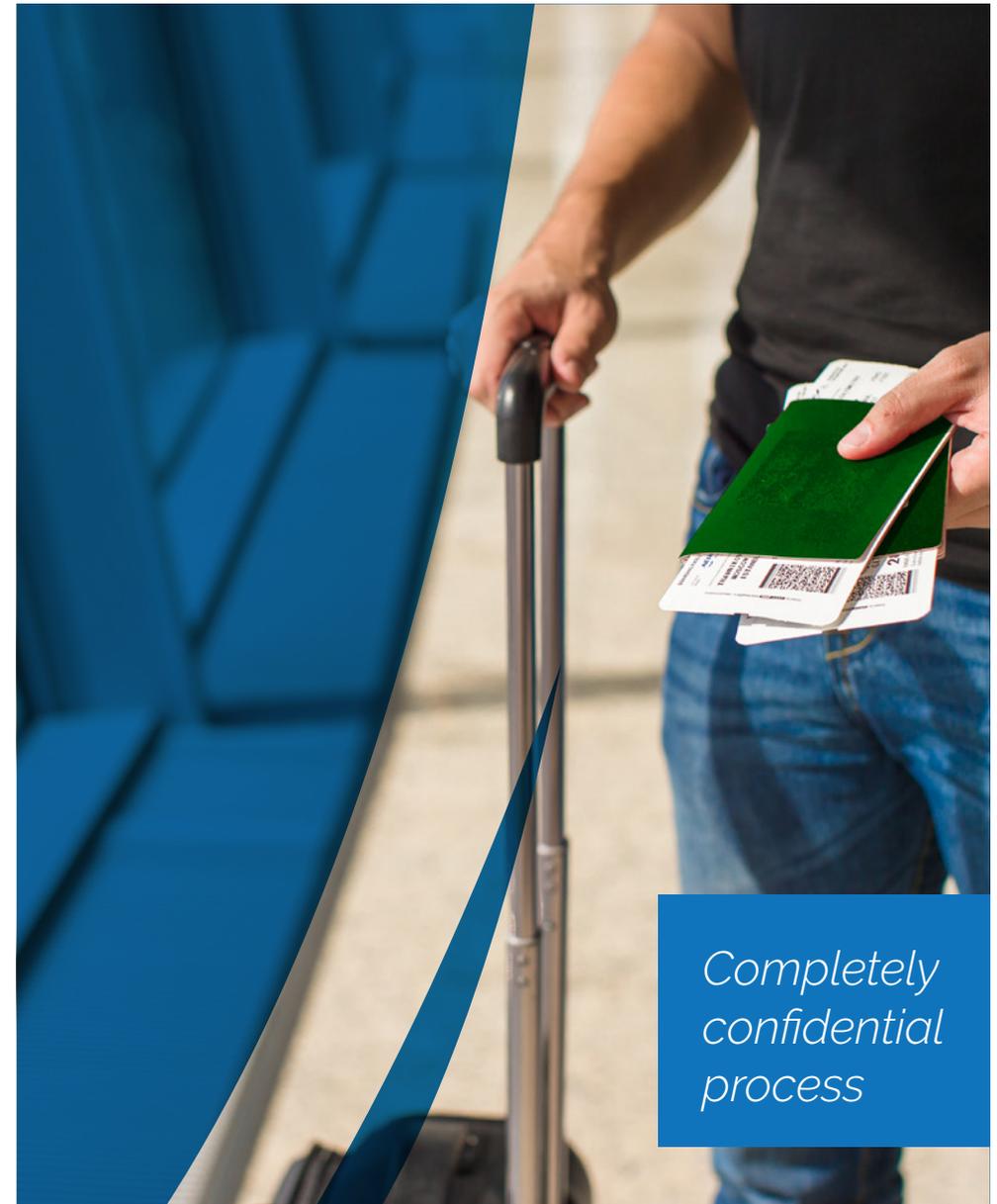
*Personal Service*

## Overview of DSP & CBI

*Starting January 2017, the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu launched the Development Support Program (DSP) for the purpose of raising funds to support infrastructure and promoting economic development of Vanuatu. The DSP is a new provision enacted by the Vanuatu Government under the Citizenship Act with the powers conferred on the Prime Minister.*

The Vanuatu Government's commitment to ensure a stable and an enabling business environment is demonstrated by having in place key national frameworks and international commitments. Ongoing review of existing policies supporting investments and developing new ones is a priority for the Government to be able to compete globally for critical foreign direct investment and the development benefits it brings.

The citizenship acquired under the DSP program is fully recognised by the Government of Vanuatu and the nationality is regarded as Ni-Vanuatu (Vanuatu citizen). Those applying for and receiving Vanuatu Citizenship under the DSP have the full right to reside in Vanuatu at all times and the passport is renewable upon expiry. Furthermore, Citizenship is hereditary.



*Completely  
confidential  
process*



## Benefits:

- Vanuatu passport gives access to 125 visa-free or visa on arrival countries including the United Kingdom, European Union and Singapore. Vanuatu also has a mutual visa waiver agreement with Schengen Area and Russia. You can stay up to 90 days within any 180 day period in a Schengen country and 6 months in a year in the United Kingdom.
- Vanuatu has zero corporate tax, it also has no income tax, no capital gains tax, no estate tax, no wealth tax, no withholding tax, no gift tax and no other personal income taxes. Aside from a locally applied 15% VAT, there are almost no taxes at all. Vanuatu is business-friendly.
- Dual Citizenship
- Fastest 2nd Citizenship in the world
- Completely confidential process
- No landing or residing requirements, the entire process can be completed remotely
- Vanuatu is a member of the Commonwealth and its citizens are considered Commonwealth citizens granting them additional rights in the United Kingdom and certain Commonwealth countries.
- Passports are valid for a period of 10 years renewable for the same period.



*100% client  
approval rate*



Vanuatu based  
since 2005

## Global diplomatic and agency network

With our directors having established professional offices in Vanuatu since 2005, we have developed the largest global network of professional advisors, all of whom must pass stringent AML and Due Diligence checks before joining our network.

We have a full complement of both Accredited Agencies around the world to assist you in any situation. We also have standing relationships with all High Commissions and Embassies of the Republic of Vanuatu who can assist with any consular affair issues such as lost passports or visa enquiries.

Our offices/agents locations are:



## Our team



### STEPHANIE MAHUK

#### PRINCIPAL

I am the principal of Stanford Knight and Partners and a Senior Associate at one of Vanuatu largest law firms and hold a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) and a Bachelor of Law from the University of the South Pacific practising since 2012.

I have extensive experience in a wide range of practice areas including multi-jurisdictional transactions, telecommunications, banking and finance, companies, labour, employment, intellectual property, conveyancing, land leases and commercial and criminal litigation. I have represented and advised clients from a variety of sectors including government, telco, regulatory bodies, financial services, education, real estate, retail, hospitality, professional services and manufacturing.

I have served as a Secretary of Transparency International Vanuatu and she is the current President of the Vanuatu Surf Association being an avid surfer myself.



### ROSALIND COX

#### DIRECTOR

A New Zealander and Vanuatu citizen, I divide my time between both Vanuatu and New Zealand. Across both countries I have extensive private sector background in tourism, hotel & operations management, project management and property development. I hold a Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management).

I possess in-depth knowledge and have practical hands on experience of the intricacies of investing, developing and operating businesses within the Vanuatu commercial sector.

My key focus within Stanford Knight is to guide our clients through the process of attaining Vanuatu citizenship and enabling them to take full advantage of all the benefits this offers.



### GLEN CRAIG

#### DIRECTOR

I am a Vanuatu citizen and was the key person involved in developing Vanuatu's Citizenship By Investment Programme and I am a Licensed Securities Dealer and holds a CSP Licence from the Vanuatu Securities Commission.

I have an extensive private sector background in climate finance, policy development, tourism, agriculture and property industry with practical hands on knowledge of doing business in the Pacific context. My clients including Governments, financial institutions, corporates, regional agencies and institutional investors have enjoyed a broad range of advisory and strategic services from myself.

I have resided permanently in Vanuatu for 15 years and sit on numerous private and public boards and committees including the current Chairperson of the Vanuatu Business Resilience Council.

My passion is driving development in the South Pacific through direct investment in sustainable industries.



### CARL NGAMOKI-CAMERON

#### COMMERCIAL LAWYER, PROFESSIONAL ARBITRATOR & DIRECTOR

I have over 20 years business experience, 17 of which as a commercial lawyer, professional arbitrator and director in New Zealand, Fiji and the Pacific. I have served as a local director for foreign investors and companies listed on the South Pacific Stock Exchange. I have been Chairman and President of several high profile local and regional organisations in the Pacific, dealing with activities ranging from equity investment, property development, finance, estate and trustee services, air terminal services and national sporting organisations, amongst other things. More recently, I have been engaged in business in China (Hong Kong) and established an Asia-Pacific network of leading lawyers and business advisors. I thrive in complex and diverse environments, and provide practical solutions.



# Fees

**ALL INCLUSIVE COSTS  
- NO HIDDEN COSTS**

**Stanford Knight and Partners are official Vanuatu Government Master agents of the DSP programme and charge no additional fee.**

- Fees include
- Due diligence processing via Financial Intelligence Unit
- Government legislated citizenship application fees
- Citizenship certificates
- Passports

*Be aware of non accredited agents offering at rates lower than those mandated by law in Vanuatu. If the Vanuatu Government identity this has occurred, an applicants citizenship maybe revoked.*

Single Applicant	Married or Defacto Couple
\$135,250	\$155,500
Family + 1 child (< 18 years of age)	Family + 2 children (<18 years of age)
\$170,750	\$186,000
Extra dependent children	Resident dependent children (18-25 year) or dependent parents (50+ years)
\$10,000 per child	\$10,000 per dependent



# Application process

**Stanford Knight & Partners will process your application faster than any other service provider.**

We ensure you are informed throughout each step of the process. The full citizenship process will take 4-6 weeks from receiving initial documents and all processes and can be completed outside of Vanuatu.

## 1. DUE DILIGENCE



The Citizenship Commission require each member of an application to complete due diligence processing via the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU). The required documents are to be submitted with FIU processing fee of \$5,000 to commence the process.

## 3. APPLICATION



Stanford Knight review full documentation and submits application with 25% of Government fee to Citizenship Commission which convenes twice per month.

## 5. FINAL PAYMENT OF FEES



The balance of Government citizenship fee is required to be receipted before issuing citizenship certificates.

## 2. PRE-APPROVAL



Upon confirmation from FIU that an applicant has no adverse findings, then a 'pre-approval' is granted and the full citizenship application can proceed.

## 4. CITIZENSHIP COMMISSION APPROVAL



Upon the Citizenship Commission approving an application, they will issue an Approval in Principle Letter.

## 6. CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE & PASSPORT ISSUED



The final step is the applicant taking their Oath of Allegiance. This will be commissioned by the Vanuatu Government's Commissioner of Oath. In this ceremony the new Citizen receives their Certificate of Vanuatu Citizenship as well as their new Vanuatu passport.

# Required documents

## PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE'S REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Signed nomination form
- Signed passport application form
- Valid Passport  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Identity Card  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Police certification from state of origin  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Personal profile, including education and employment history
- Evidence of residential address
- Birth certificate  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Medical certificate
- Passport photo (PNG or JPEG)

## PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE'S ASSET PROOF

- Employment certification
- Bank reference
- Professional reference
- Academic certification

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR SPOUSE

- Signed Nomination form
- Signed Passport application form
- Valid Passport  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Identity Card  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Police certification from state of origin  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Marriage certificate  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Birth certificate  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Medical certificate
- Passport photo (PNG or JPEG)

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR DEPENDENTS

- Signed Nomination form
- Signed Passport application form
- Valid Passport  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Identity Card  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Police certification from state of origin for 12 to 18 years old  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Birth certificate  
*(certified notarised copies)*
- Medical certificate
- Passport photo (PNG or JPEG)

Stanford Knight & Partners Citizenship Nomination Form - PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE (MAN). The form includes sections for personal particulars, marital status, and medical certificates.

Stanford Knight & Partners Citizenship Nomination Form - SPOUSE. The form includes sections for personal particulars, marital status, and medical certificates.

Stanford Knight & Partners Citizenship Nomination Form - DEPENDENT CHILD. The form includes sections for personal particulars, marital status, and medical certificates.

Stanford Knight & Partners Citizenship Nomination Form - DEPENDENT RESIDENT. The form includes sections for personal particulars, marital status, and medical certificates.

*No additional fees*

## FAQ'S

### WHAT IS CITIZENSHIP?

Citizenship is the relationship between an individual and a nation state whereby the state grants the citizen certain rights, such as the right to work and own property, and in return the citizen accepts the responsibility of upholding the laws and customs of that state. Citizenship unites different people under a common identity.

Traditional means of acquiring citizenship and the corresponding passports have been birth, naturalization and marriage. Naturalization is the process by which a resident of a country can acquire citizenship usually by residing in that country for a certain number of years. Since 2016 in Vanuatu investment in the host country has been another way of acquiring citizenship.

### WHAT IS CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT?

Citizenship by investment is the process of obtaining a second citizenship and passport by investing in the economy of the host country. Citizenship by investment programs legally confer citizenship status faster than traditional immigration processes and do so without requiring investors to put their lives on hold.

### WHY DO PEOPLE INVEST IN A SECOND CITIZENSHIP?

There are many reasons to invest in a second citizenship, from personal safety to increased global mobility. Applications can be approved in as little as 6-8 weeks, resulting in citizenship for life, a valid passport, visa-free travel and more. Economic citizenship opens up a world of possibilities.

## FAQ'S continued

### Security

A second passport from a stable, peaceful country can be life-saving in the event of any kind of political unrest in one's home country. This type of insurance is priceless for investors and their families.

### Global Mobility

Many passports are quite restrictive in their visa-free mobility, forcing citizens to obtain visas whenever they need to travel abroad. A second passport can offer individuals from these countries increased global mobility. A Vanuatu passport gives access to 113 visa-free or visa on arrival countries including the United Kingdom, European Union and Singapore. Vanuatu also has a mutual visa waiver agreement with Schengen Area and Russia. The difference in global mobility equals an incredible amount of time saved filing visa applications and is priceless to business people the world over.

### Business

New business opportunities open up to participants in citizenship by investment programs as they can now do business in the host country as well as travel abroad more freely.

### Tax Management

Dual citizenship may prove advantageous for tax optimization purposes. Vanuatu has zero corporate tax, it also has no income tax, no capital gains tax, no estate tax, no wealth tax, no withholding tax, no gift tax and no other personal income taxes. This allows investors to manage their wealth more efficiently and effectively.

### Family

Vanuatu's Citizenship by Investment program is available to the family members of the main applicant. This means that investors can secure a better future for their spouse and children.

### WHAT DOES VANUATU GAIN FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS?

Government of the Republic of Vanuatu launched the Development Support Program (DSP) for the purpose of raising funds to support infrastructure and promoting economic development of Vanuatu.

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A SECOND PASSPORT?

Vanuatu has a set of requirements that applicants must fulfill to successfully gain Citizenship by Investment, these include

- Have a clean criminal record
- Being a high standing member of his or her community, business, society and country
- Show the legal source of the investment funds

### CAN I KEEP MY CURRENT CITIZENSHIP?

Yes, Vanuatu recognizes dual citizenship.

### CAN I COMPLETE THE APPLICATION MYSELF?

No only designated agents can submit the application on your behalf. Stanford Knight & Partners will keep you informed of progress every step of the way.

### DO I NEED TO SUBMIT MY APPLICATION IN ENGLISH?

Yes, the only accepted language by the Citizenship Commission is English. If your required documents are not in English, you must provide certified translations (translated copies that are notarised or certified by a recognised authority).

### DOES VANUATU CITIZENSHIP EXPIRE?

No, you and your family will have citizenship for life and it is hereditary. Passport renewal is required every 10 years.

### DO I HAVE TO GO TO VANUATU TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP?

No. You can apply simply by contacting us. The final step of the process, the ceremony, requires a physical presence of a Ni-Vanuatu Commissioner and a Ni-Vanuatu passport agent. You can come to Vanuatu at your expense or we can send those two agents at your location anywhere in the world. You will have to cover this extra cost which includes air travel and accommodation.

### WHAT MAKES STANFORD KNIGHT DIFFERENT?

Stanford Knight is best defined by its integrity. We work side by side with our clients and partners, through to the completion of the application process and beyond. We simplify complexity to ensure a smooth application process and successful outcomes.



# Detailed list of Visa requirements for Vanuatu passport holders

**KEY** ✓ Visa required | ✗ Visa NOT required | ◆ Special permits required | ★ Visa on arrival | ● Entry Permit required | □ Tourist Card required

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Abkhazia	✓	Belarus	✗	Chile	✓	Eritrea	✓
Afghanistan	✓	Belgium	✗	Chilean Antarctic Territory	◆	Estonia	✗
Akrotiri and Dhekelia	✗	Belize	✓	China	✓	Ethiopia	✓
Albania	✓	Benin	✓	Colombia	✓	<b>F</b>	
Algeria	✓	Bermuda	✗	Comoros	★	Falkland Islands	✓
American Samoa	✓	Bhutan	✓	Cook Islands	✗	Faroe Islands	✗
Andorra	✗	Bolivia	✓	Costa Rica	✗	Fiji	✗
Angola	✓	Bosnia and Herzegovina	✓	Côte d'Ivoire	✓	Finland	✗
Anguilla	✗	Botswana	✗	Croatia	✗	France French West Indies	✗
Antigua and Barbuda	✗	Bouvet Islands	◆	Cuba	□	France	✗
Argentina	✓	Brazil	✓	Curaçao	✓	French Guiana	✗
Argentine Antarctica	◆	British Antarctic Territory	◆	Cyprus	✗	French Polynesia	✗
Armenia	★	British Indian Ocean Territory	◆	Czech Republic	✗	French Southern and Antarctic Lands	◆
Aruba	✓	British Virgin Islands	✗	<b>D</b>		<b>G</b>	
Ascension Island	●	Brunei	✓	Democratic Republic of the Congo	✓	Gabon	✓
Australia and territories	✓	Bulgaria	✗	Denmark	✗	Gambia	✗
Australian Antarctic Territory	◆	Burkina Faso	✓	Djibouti	★	Georgia	eVisa
Austria	✗	Burundi	✓	Dominica	✗	Germany	✗
Azerbaijan	✓	<b>C</b>		Dominican Republic	□	Ghana	✓
<b>B</b>		Cambodia	★	<b>E</b>		Gibraltar	✗
Bahamas	✗	Cameroon	✓	Ecuador	✗	Greece	✗
Bahrain	✓	Canada	✓	Egypt	★	Greenland	✗
Bangladesh	✓	Cape Verde	✓	El Salvador	✗	Grenada	✗
Barbados	✗	Cayman Islands	✗	Equatorial Guinea	✓	Guam	✓
		Central African Republic	✓				
		Chad	✓				

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Guatemala	✗	<b>K</b>		<b>M</b>		<b>N</b>	
Guinea	✓	Kazakhstan	✓	Macau	★	Nagorno-Karabakh	✓
Guinea-Bissau	★	Kenya	✗	Macedonia	✓	Namibia	✓
Guyana	✓	Kiribati	✗	Madagascar	★	Nauru	★
<b>H</b>		Kosovo	✗	Malawi	★	Nepal	★
Haiti	✗	Kuwait	✓	Malaysia	✗	Netherlands Caribbean	✓
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	◆	Kyrgyzstan	eVisa	Maldives	★	Netherlands	✗
Honduras	✗	<b>L</b>		Mali	✓	New Caledonia	✗
Hong Kong	✗	Laos	★	Malta	✗	New Zealand	✓
Hungary	✗	Latvia	✗	Marshall Islands	★	Nicaragua	✗
<b>I</b>		Lebanon	✓	Mauritania	★	Niger	✓
Iceland	✗	Lesotho	✗	Mauritius	✗	Nigeria	✓
India	eVisa	Liberia	✓	Mayotte	✗	Niue	✗
Indonesia	✗	Libya	✓	Mexico	✓	North Korea	✓
Iran	★	Liechtenstein	✗	Micronesia	✗	Northern Cyprus	✗
Iraq	✓	Lithuania	✗	Moldova	✓	Northern Mariana Islands	✓
Ireland	✗	Luxembourg	✗	Monaco	✗	Norway	✗
Israel	✗			Mongolia	✓	<b>O</b>	
Italy	✗			Montenegro	✗	Oman	✓
<b>J</b>				Montserrat	✗	<b>P</b>	
Jamaica	✗			Morocco	✓	Pakistan	✓
Japan	✓			Mozambique	★	Palau	★
Jordan	★			Myanmar	eVisa	Palestine	✗

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Panama	✗	Saint Lucia	✗	Sudan	✓	<b>U</b>	
Papua New Guinea	★	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	✗	Suriname	✓	U.S. Virgin Islands	✓
Paraguay	✓	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	✗	Swaziland	✗	Uganda	✗
Peru	✗	Samoa	●	Sweden	✗	Ukraine	★
Peter Island	◆	San Marino	✗	Switzerland	✗	United Arab Emirates	✓
Philippines	✗	São Tomé and Príncipe	✓	Syria	✓	United Kingdom and Crown dependencies	✗
Pitcairn Islands	✗	Saudi Arabia	✓	<b>T</b>		United States	✓
Poland	✗	Senegal	✗	Taiwan	✓	Uruguay	✓
Portugal	✗	Serbia	✓	Tajikistan	✓	Uzbekistan	✓
Puerto Rico	✓	Seychelles	<i>Visitor Permit on arrival</i>	Tanzania	✗	<b>V</b>	
<b>Q</b>		Sierra Leone	✓	Thailand	✓	Vatican City	✗
Qatar	<i>eVisa</i>	Singapore	✗	Timor-Leste	★	Venezuela	✓
Queen Maud Land	◆	Sint Maarten	✓	Togo	★	Vietnam	✓
<b>R</b>		Slovakia	✗	Tokelau	✓	<b>W</b>	
Republic of the Congo	✓	Slovenia	✗	Tonga	★	Wallis and Futuna	✗
Réunion	✗	Solomon Islands	★	Transnistria	✗	<b>Y</b>	
Romania	✗	Somalia	✓	Trinidad and Tobago	✗	Yemen	✓
Ross Dependency	◆	Somaliland	★	Tristan da Cunha	<i>Permission required</i>	<b>Z</b>	
Russia	✗	South Africa	✓	Tunisia	✓	Zambia	✗
Rwanda	✓	South Georgia and the	◆	Turkey	✓	Zimbabwe	✗
<b>S</b>		South Sandwich Islands	◆	Turkmenistan	✓		
Saint Helena	<i>Visitor Pass required</i>	South Korea	✓	Turks and Caicos Islands	✓		
Saint Kitts and Nevis	✗	South Ossetia	✗	Tuvalu	★		
		South Sudan	✓				
		Spain	✗				
		Sri Lanka	★				

# About Vanuatu

*Vanuatu, officially the Republic of Vanuatu, is a South Pacific island nation made from an archipelago of 83 islands with rich history and culture. Vanuatu is located in the South Pacific Ocean east of Australia, north-east of New Caledonia and west of Fiji.*

## HISTORY

Formerly the jointly administered Anglo-French condominium of the New Hebrides, Vanuatu achieved independence in 1980. The name Vanuatu means "Our Land Forever". The capital, largest city and commercial centre is Port-Vila, on Éfaté.

*Population: 273,000 (2018 est)*

*Language:* Official languages include English, French and Bislama.

## ECONOMY

Kava, beef, copra, timber, and cocoa are the most important exports; Australia, New Caledonia, Japan, and New Zealand are the main export destinations. Imports –mainly of machinery and transport equipment, food and live animals, and mineral fuels — come principally from Australia, Singapore, New Zealand, and Fiji. Since Independence, Vanuatu's tourism and offshore financial services have emerged as important earners of foreign income.

## CURRENCY

Vanuatu currency is the vatu (VUV) which is pegged to the USD and provides stability. USD and AUD are commonly used throughout Vanuatu.

## BANKING

The major banks of Australia, New Zealand, and France, such as Bank South Pacific (Vanuatu) Limited, ANZ Bank (Vanuatu) Ltd. and BRED (Vanuatu) Limited, set up their branches in Vanuatu. Transferring money from Hong Kong to Vanuatu takes 2 days. Online banking is available.

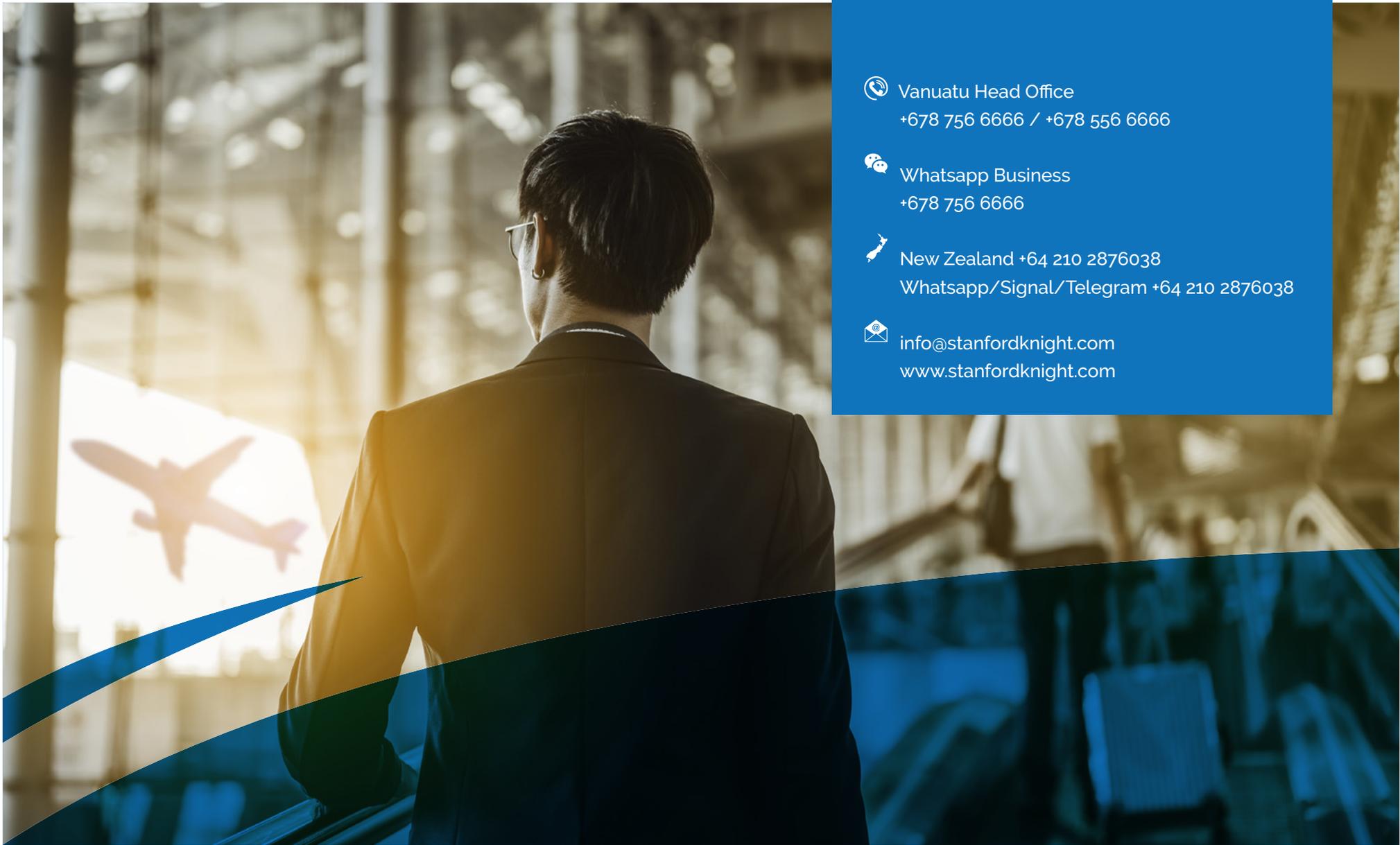
## TRAVEL

There are regular flights to Vanuatu with travellers arriving via Bauerfield International Airport in Port Vila from Australia, New Zealand, Noumea, Honiara and Fiji. New direct flights from China are coming soon.



*Rich history  
and culture*





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