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of the Republic of Vanuatu



Rated consistently
as Vanuatu's preferred
citizenship firm



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A Message from our Principal

With increasing travel issues, global taxation overreach and general instability worldwide, we have seen a dramatic increase in individuals and families exploring alternate citizenship and residency options.

This increase in interest has seen a threefold increase in applications for Vanuatu citizenship by investment. Stanford Knight & Partners are a government-appointed, exclusive master agent of Capital Investment Immigration Plan (CIIP) Coffee sector and official designated agent of the Development Support Program (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 constitutional amendment 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 Master Agent of the Republic of Vanuatu



Supporting 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.



Two Citizenship by Investment Options

1. Donation and Investment

Capital Investment Immigration Plan (CIIP) – Investment linked citizenship

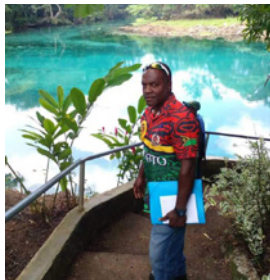
The Capital Investment Immigration Plan was established with the purpose of raising revenue to allow for direct international investment in Primary Industry sectors. Stanford Knight & Partners are the exclusive master agent of CIIP – Vanuatu Coffee Impact Fund.



Vanuatu's near perfect combination of volcanic soil, ideal climate, heirloom coffee varieties and heritage cultivation practices make it uniquely positioned to become a global leader in specialty coffee production. However, a lack of infrastructure, resources, capacity building and branding currently restrict the ability of Vanuatu's 25,000 coffee farming families to improve their livelihoods through coffee farming. Vanuatu's Citizenship Investment Programme, outlines a comprehensive public-private partnership strategy to transform the country's coffee industry.

Stanford Knight and Partners extends an opportunity to astute investors to engage in the CIIP, a reputable pathway to Vanuatu citizenship. While we advocate for the Vanuatu Coffee Impact Fund for its alignment with our values and its compelling investment case, we let experts manage the fund.

Our role is to meticulously process applications, offering expert recommendations based on our profound knowledge of the citizenship by investment Vanuatu. The Citizenship program is fully recognised by the Vanuatu Government and applicants granted citizenship under this program are regarded as Ni-Vanuatu and enjoy full rights to reside in Vanuatu.



Join us in shaping the future

"Your investment in the Vanuatu Coffee Impact Fund marks the beginning of a meaningful journey towards sustainable development. Let's cultivate a legacy of impact together."

Samuel Tiwok, Vanuatu Coffee Impact Fund Manager

2. Development Support Program (DSP) – Donation linked citizenship

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.

Benefits

- A Vanuatu passport gives access to 100+ visa free / e-visa or visa on arrival countries including the United Kingdom, Singapore, Russia 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 allowed
- 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 and renewable for the same period.

Our offices/agents locations are:



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 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 Team



STEPHANIE MAHUK - PRINCIPAL

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I am the principal of Stanford Knight and a Partner of Vanuatu's largest law firm and hold a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) and a Bachelor of Law from the University of the South Pacific practicing 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.



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A dual citizen of New Zealand and Vanuatu, I resided for 13 years in Vanuatu and am honoured to represent Vanuatu as Trade Commissioner of the Republic of Vanuatu to New Zealand. Across both countries I have extensive private sector experience in human resource management, international tourism and hospitality, operations management, project management and property development. I possess broad knowledge and practical 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.



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I am a dual citizen of the US and Vanuatu and spend time in both countries. I have a degree in Business Finance from the University of Utah. I started my career in the private sector as an airline pilot and moved on to real estate investing and cryptocurrency. My extensive travel and financial background helped me focus on global investing. I also saw the value of spreading real estate investments to multiple countries.

I now have 15 years experience in global real estate and learning different cultures. I analyzed cryptocurrency and quickly saw its ability to put money into the hands of just about everyone, irrespective of the economic plight of their country. I enjoy spotting global investment opportunities and analyzing how to add them to my portfolio.

Fees

All inclusive costs - no hidden fees

Stanford Knight and Partners are official Vanuatu Government Master agents of the CIIP and DSP program and charge no additional fees. You are paying the direct all inclusive charges when you deal with us.

Fees - CIIP

The Capital Investment Immigration Programme offers eligibility for citizenship through a financial contribution that includes a Government Citizenship Application fee and an investment pledge to the Vanuatu Coffee Impact Fund.

- Investment Commitment: USD 50,000 redeemable investment in the Vanuatu Coffee Impact Fund after citizenship approval, exclusive of government fees.
- Government and Citizenship Application Fee: USD \$100,000 covering government and application procedures for up to four family members included, with additional dependents accommodated.
- Due Diligence Fee: USD 5,000 for comprehensive vetting, non-refundable.



Due Diligence Fee	USD 5,000
Investment Commitment	USD 50,000
Single Applicant	USD 100,000
Applicant & Spouse:	USD 100,000
Married Couple with 1 child <18 years	USD 100,000
Married Couple with 2 children <18 years	USD 100,000
Additional Dependents	USD 25,000

Approval Timeline: A 45-day expedited process to citizenship approval.

Fees - DSP

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

All fees include:

- Due diligence processing via Financial Intelligence Unit
- Government legislated citizenship application fees
- Citizenship certificates
- Passports + urgent courier delivery
- Oath of allegiance



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.



Application process

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

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.



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.



3. APPLICATION

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



4. CITIZENSHIP COMMISSION APPROVAL

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



5. FINAL PAYMENT OF FEES

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



6. CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE & PASSPORT ISSUED

The final step is the applicant taking their Oath of Allegiance. This is done by video conference. This will be commissioned by the Vanuatu Government's Commissioner of Oath. After the ceremony the new Citizen will have their Certificate of Vanuatu Citizenship as well as their new Vanuatu passport sent to them.

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)



FAQ'S

Can I pay with Bitcoin?

Stanford Knight & Partners accepts payment for fees in cryptocurrency via the Bitpay platform.

Why do I need to provide documentation on my source of funds?

When applying for citizenship, you will be asked to document the source of funds in order to assure both the Bank and Government that the money originates from a legal source. Along with the due diligence check, this helps to maintain the reputation of the Citizenship by Investment process.

What are the sources of funds I can present for the process?

Source of funds can include records of bank statement, brokerage investment statement, real estate sale, business sale, employment contract.

Can I apply if I have a criminal record?

This is taken on a case-by-case basis, starting with submitting copies of your police report and passport to Stanford Knight. The nature of the crime and when it occurred will influence this answer. It is in the best interest of our clients that we insure you do not incur fees for a process which will ultimately not succeed. Stanford Knight & Partners offer a complimentary pre-screening service for our clients.

How do I obtain a police report for my background check?

The team at Stanford Knight will direct you to the appropriate agencies based on your residence history.

Are Vanuatu passports obtained through the Citizenship by Investment program recognised by all countries?

The passport obtained through the Citizenship by Investment process carries the same legal status as any other Vanuatu passport

Once I have my Vanuatu citizenship & passport, can I stop paying taxes in other countries?

It is important to remember that you may be considered a tax resident of a country based on the amount of time you have resided there in a given year, financial transactions, etc. Your new citizenship does not erase those legal obligations. We recommend booking a consultation with Stanford Knight's asset protection specialist and also discussing this with your accountant.

Do I need to visit Vanuatu to obtain citizenship?

No, the entire process can be completed remotely with no need to visit or reside in Vanuatu.

Does Vanuatu share information about their economic citizens?

No information regarding Vanuatu citizens is shared to 3rd parties.

Who can acquire citizenship together with the main investor?

- Spouse
- Children under 18 years of age
- Resident dependent children aged 18 – 25 years
- Resident dependent parents aged 50+ years

Under what circumstances could my application be rejected?

- Providing false information
- Non-disclosure of a criminal conviction or proceedings



Visa requirements for Vanuatu passport holders

KEY ✓ Visa required | ✗ Visa NOT required | *e* e-visa | 🟡 Online-visa | ⬢ Special permits required

★ Visa on arrival | 🟦 Entry Permit required | 🟩 Tourist Card required | 🟦 Visitor Permit on arrival

A

Afghanistan	✓
Albania	<i>e</i>
Algeria	✓
American Samoa	✓
Andorra	✗
Angola	✓
Anguilla	✗
Antigua and Barbuda	✗
Argentina	✓
Armenia	★
Aruba	✓
Australia and Territories	🟡
Austria	✓
Azerbaijan	✓

B

Bahamas	✗
Bahrain	🟡
Bangladesh	★
Barbados	✗
Belarus	✗
Belgium	✓
Belize	✗
Benin	🟡
Bermuda	✗
Bhutan	✓
Bolivia	★
Bosnia and Herzegovina	✗
Botswana	✗
Brazil	✓
British Virgin Islands	✗
Brunei	✓
Bulgaria	✗
Burkina Faso	✓
Burundi	✓

C

Cambodia	★
Cameroon	✓
Canada	✓
Cape Verde	★
Cayman Islands	✗
Central African Republic	✓
Chad	✓
Chile	✓
China	✓

Colombia	🟡
Comoros	★
Cook Islands	✗
Costa Rica	✗
Côte d'Ivoire	🟡
Croatia	✓
Cuba	🟩
Curaçao	✓
Cyprus	✗
Czech Republic	✓

D

Democratic Republic of the Congo	✓
Denmark	✓
Djibouti	🟡
Dominica	✗
Dominican Republic	✗

E

Ecuador	✗
Egypt	★
El Salvador	✗
Equatorial Guinea	✓
Eritrea	✓
Estonia	✓
Ethiopia	🟡
Eswatini	✗

F

Falkland Islands	✓
Faroe Islands	✗
Fiji	✗
Finland	✓
French West Indies	✓
France	✓
French Guiana	✓
French Polynesia	✗

G

Gabon	🟡
Gambia	✗
Georgia	<i>e</i>
Germany	✓
Ghana	✓
Gibraltar	✗
Greece	✓
Greenland	✗
Grenada	✗
Guam	✓

Guatemala	✗
Guinea	✓
Guinea-Bissau	★
Guyana	✓

H

Haiti	✗
Honduras	✗
Hong Kong	✗
Hungary	✓

I

Iceland	✓
India	<i>e</i>
Indonesia	✗
Iran	★
Iraq	✓
Ireland	✗
Israel	✗
Italy	✓

J

Jamaica	✗
Japan	✓
Jordan	★

K

Kazakhstan	✓
Kenya	✗
Kiribati	✗
Kosovo	✗
Kuwait	✓
Kyrgyzstan	<i>e</i>

L

Laos	★
Latvia	✓
Lebanon	✓
Lesotho	✗
Liberia	✓
Libya	✓
Liechtenstein	✓
Lithuania	✓
Luxembourg	✓

M

Macau	★
Madagascar	★
Malawi	★
Malaysia	✗
Maldives	★
Mali	✓
Malta	✓
Marshall Islands	★
Mauritania	★
Mauritius	✗
Mayotte	✓
Mexico	✓
Micronesia	✗
Moldova	✗
Monaco	✗
Mongolia	✓
Montenegro	✗
Montserrat	✗
Morocco	✓
Mozambique	★
Myanmar	✓

N

Namibia	✓
Nauru	★
Nepal	★
Netherlands	✓
New Caledonia	✗
New Zealand	✓
Nicaragua	✗
Niger	✓
Nigeria	✓
Niue	✗
North Korea	✓
Northern Mariana Islands	✓
Norway	✓

O

Oman	✓
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P

Pakistan	✓
Palau	★
Palestine	✗
Panama	✗
Papua New Guinea	★
Paraguay	✓
Peru	✗
Philippines	✗
Poland	✓
Portugal	✓
Puerto Rico	✓

Q

Qatar	e
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R

Réunion	✓
Romania	✗
Russia	✗
Rwanda	★

S

Saint Kitts and Nevis	✗
Saint Lucia	✗
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	✗
Samoa	★
San Marino	✗
São Tomé and Príncipe	★
Saudi Arabia	✓
Senegal	★
Serbia	✓
Seychelles	●
Sierra Leone	●
Singapore	✗
Saint Maarten	✓
Slovakia	✓
Slovenia	✓
Solomon Islands	★
Somalia	★
South Africa	✓
South Korea	✓
South Sudan	◐
Spain	✓
Sri Lanka	◐
Sudan	✓
Suriname	◐
Sweden	✓
Switzerland	✓
Syria	✓

T

Taiwan	✓
Tajikistan	✓
Tanzania	✗
Thailand	★
Timor-Leste	★
Togo	★
Tonga	★
Trinidad and Tobago	✗
Tunisia	✓
Turkey	◐
Turkmenistan	✓
Turks and Caicos Islands	✓
Tuvalu	★

U

U.S. Virgin Islands	✓
Uganda	✗
Ukraine	◐
United Arab Emirates	◐
United Kingdom	✗
United States	✓
Uruguay	✓
Uzbekistan	◐

V

Vatican City	✗
Venezuela	✓
Vietnam	◐

W

Wallis and Futuna	✗
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Y

Yemen	✓
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Z

Zambia	✗
Zimbabwe	✗

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: 335,000 (2023 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.







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