

VANUATU CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

We Didn't Join the Programme. We Built It.

Government-appointed Master Agent for Vanuatu
Citizenship by Investment since 2012.

Citizenship Is a Legal Decision Before It Is a Lifestyle One.

Travel restrictions tighten. Tax regimes reach further. Instability arrives without notice. Over the past three years we have seen a threefold increase in families seeking a credible second citizenship — and a corresponding increase in agents willing to sell them one.

Stanford Knight is not an agent that applied to join Vanuatu's programme. Our senior team helped write the legislation that created it, in 2012.

That history shapes how we work. We assess eligibility candidly before you spend anything, and we prepare every application to the standard the Citizenship Commission expects — our Port Vila office is metres from theirs.

And because the government pays us, we charge you nothing beyond the published cost.

“We do the groundwork so your application doesn't just get submitted — it gets approved. Every file is fully prepared and triple-checked by our executive team before it goes to the Commission.”

Stephanie Senei Mahuk (BComm/LLB) — Principal, Stanford Knight & Partners

100%

Success rate

13+

Years operating

1,400+

Clients worldwide

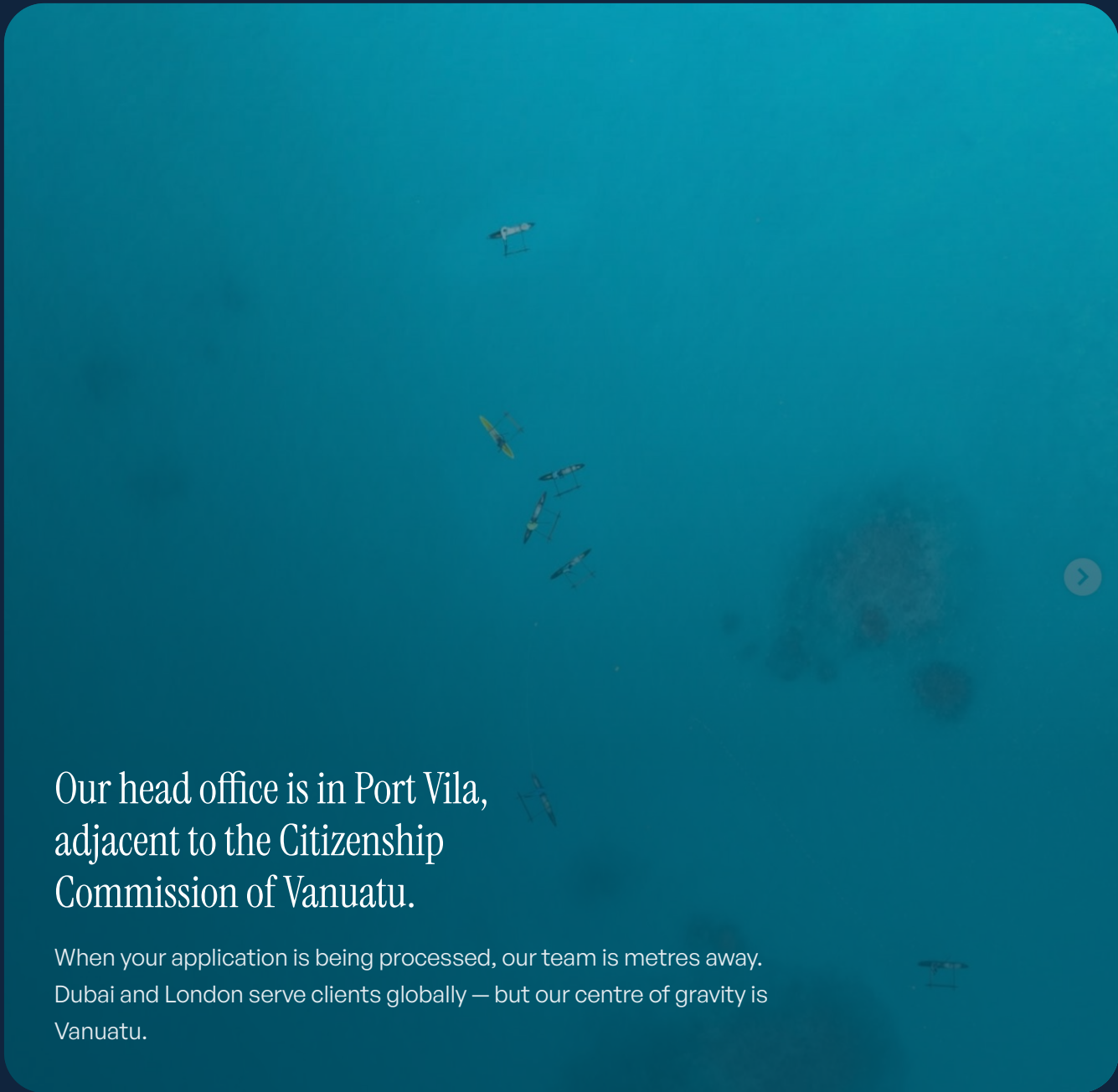
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Days to passport

The Difference Between an Agent and an Architect.

There are approximately 60 registered agents for Vanuatu's Citizenship by Investment Programme. Most are competent. Some are excellent. But none of them built the programme.

We are not distinguishing ourselves from poor operators. We are distinguishing ourselves from good ones. The question is not whether an agent is legitimate — it is which agent gives you the greatest confidence in a decision of \$135,000 or more.



Our head office is in Port Vila,
adjacent to the Citizenship
Commission of Vanuatu.

When your application is being processed, our team is metres away. Dubai and London serve clients globally — but our centre of gravity is Vanuatu.

Five Things No Other Agent Can Claim

01 — We Created the Legislation

Our senior advisory team worked alongside the Prime Minister's office and the Citizenship Commission to architect the legal framework that governs the programme today. Not marketing language — verifiable history.

02 — We Are in Vanuatu

Head office in Port Vila, adjacent to the Commission. Same-day government communication. Immediate response to queries. Your application never waits on a returned email across time zones.

03 — Exclusive Impact Fund Access

Stanford Knight is the only agent offering CIIP through the Vanuatu Impact Fund — a proprietary programme developed with the Vanuatu government. No other agent has this pathway.

04 — Zero Client Fees

As a government-appointed Master Agent we are paid directly by the Vanuatu government. Most agents add 10–20% on top of government costs. The price you see here is the price you pay.

05 — Technology-Driven Processing. People-Focused Support.

The only Vanuatu citizenship Master Agent with a fully embedded online processing and document upload portal, on secure servers with strict data privacy. A technology-driven organisation with a people focus — and 100% success on every properly submitted application.

Two Pathways to Vanuatu Citizenship

Transparent, all-inclusive pricing. No agent fees. No hidden charges.

OPTION 1 – CONTRIBUTION

Development Support Programme

USD \$135,000

All-inclusive. Government fees + due diligence. Nothing added.

Full citizenship and passport

Family of four included

45-day processing

100% remote — no travel required

Hereditary — passes to future generations

Non-refundable contribution to national development

Best for single applicants seeking the lowest upfront cost.

OPTION 2 – REDEEMABLE INVESTMENT

Capital Investment Immigration Programme

USD \$165,000

Includes \$50,000 redeemable investment — returned after four years. Effective cost \$115,000.

Full citizenship and passport

Single applicant to family of four — one price

Exclusive Vanuatu Impact Fund access

Anticipated returns of 5–6% per annum

Annual independent impact reporting

45-day processing, 100% remote

Best for couples and families, and for lowest net cost over time.

Full Citizenship From USD \$135,000

The Development Support Programme is Vanuatu's principal citizenship pathway. Launched by the Government of Vanuatu to fund infrastructure and national development, it is a single, non-refundable contribution — no investment vehicle, no market exposure, no ongoing obligations.

Processing takes 45 days. The application is entirely remote, with biometric centre attendance required only for passport issuance. Your citizenship is permanent, hereditary, and carries no residency requirement and no ongoing fees.

What You Receive

Full Vanuatu Citizenship

Not residency. Not a visa. Full, permanent citizenship with all rights of a national.

Vanuatu Passport

Visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 100+ countries. Valid ten years, renewable indefinitely.

Family Inclusion

Spouse and children in a single application. One process, one timeline, one outcome.

Hereditary Citizenship

Passes to your children and their descendants. A multigenerational asset.

No Residency Requirement

No obligation to live in or visit Vanuatu. Entirely your choice.

Zero Personal Income Tax

No income, capital gains, inheritance or wealth tax in Vanuatu.

Transparent, All-Inclusive Pricing

Every figure below is complete: government fees, due diligence, document preparation, application management, government liaison and passport delivery. Stanford Knight charges no additional agent fees.

FAMILY CONFIGURATION	TOTAL COST (USD)
Single applicant	\$135,000
Married or de facto couple	\$155,000
Couple + 1 child under 18	\$170,000
Family of four (couple + 2 children under 18)	\$185,000

Additional Family Members

Spouse	\$20,000
Child under 18	\$15,000
Child 18–25 in full-time education	Eligible – fee on assessment
Dependent parents over 55	Eligible – fee on assessment

No hidden fees

Be wary of agents quoting below the rates mandated in law. Underpayment of government fees can lead to revocation of citizenship. Stanford Knight publishes the complete legislated cost and adds nothing to it.



\$50,000 Invested. \$50,000 Returned.

The CIIP combines full Vanuatu citizenship with a \$50,000 investment in the Vanuatu Impact Fund — a sustainable development initiative supporting smallholder farmers across the archipelago. Stanford Knight is the exclusive agent for this pathway.

After four years your \$50,000 is returned in full, plus any investment returns. The effective cost of CIIP becomes \$115,000 — the lowest net-cost route to Vanuatu citizenship, and \$20,000 below DSP.

How the Investment Works

YEAR 0

You invest \$50,000 in the Vanuatu Impact Fund as part of your CIIP application. Preferential shares are issued in the fund holding company — no separate company registration required.

YEARS 1-4

Capital is deployed across coffee, cacao and timber, supporting 300+ farmers and 3,000+ farming families. You receive independent annual impact reports.

YEAR 4

Your \$50,000 is returned in full. No conditions, no performance dependency. Effective cost of citizenship: \$115,000.

Your funds are secure.

The Vanuatu Impact Fund is independently managed under a capital preservation policy, targeting a feasible rate of return of 5–6% per annum. Capital is never exposed to any single sector, and the fund is fully approved to operate across the primary sector.

One Price, Single Applicant to Family of Four

COMPONENT	AMOUNT (USD)
Programme cost — government fees and due diligence	\$115,000
Vanuatu Impact Fund investment — redeemable after four years	\$50,000
Total cost — single applicant to family of four	\$165,000
Effective cost after four-year redemption	\$115,000

Beyond a Family of Four

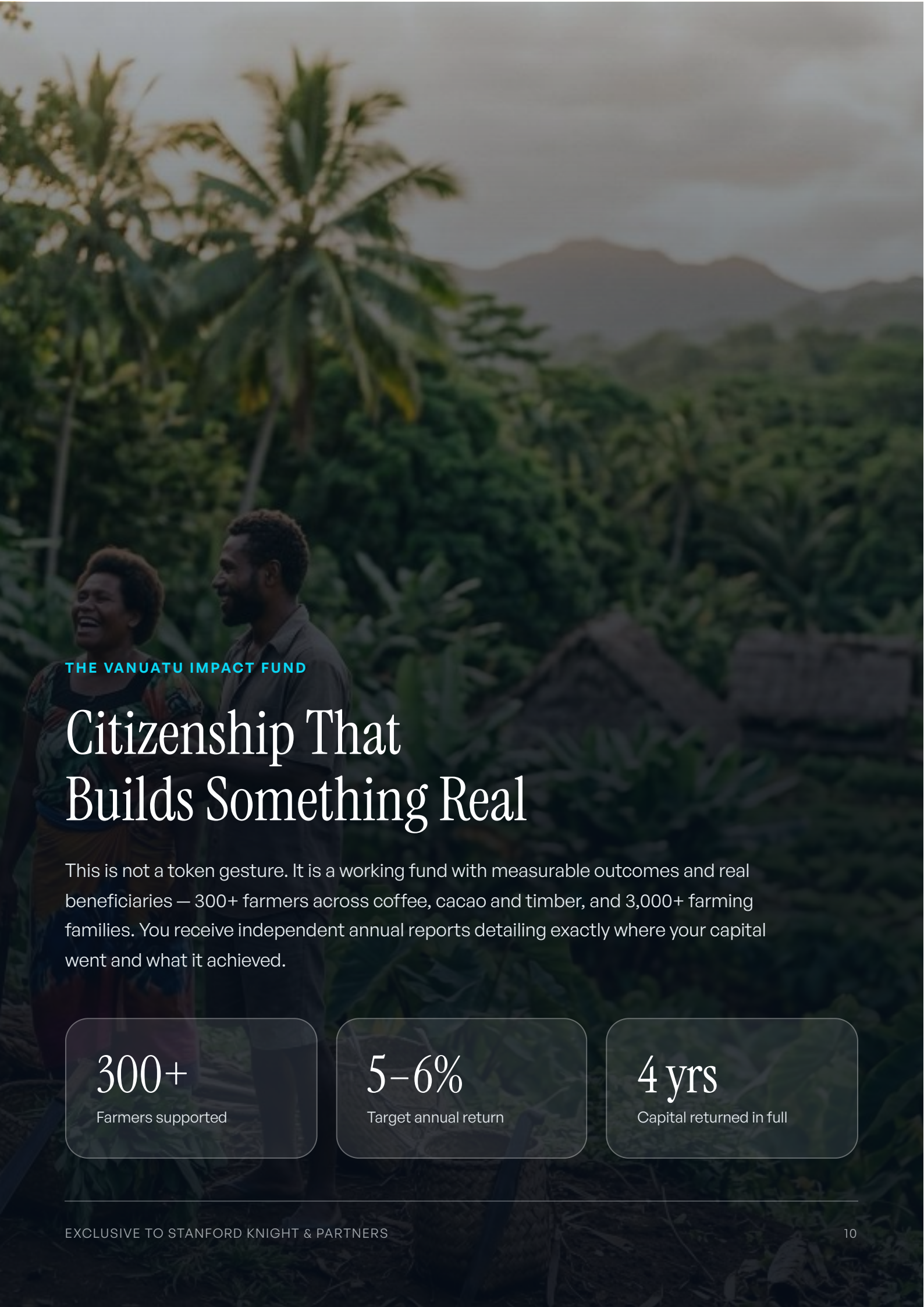
Child under 18	\$15,000
Additional dependent beyond the four	\$25,000

Independently managed

All investments into the primary sector are made as mandated by the Vanuatu Government, under a capital preservation policy.

No company registration

There is no requirement to register a separate company. The fund issues CIIP investors preferential shares in the holding company.



THE VANUATU IMPACT FUND

Citizenship That Builds Something Real

This is not a token gesture. It is a working fund with measurable outcomes and real beneficiaries — 300+ farmers across coffee, cacao and timber, and 3,000+ farming families. You receive independent annual reports detailing exactly where your capital went and what it achieved.

300+

Farmers supported

5–6%

Target annual return

4 yrs

Capital returned in full

DSP and CIIP, Side by Side

FEATURE	DSP	CIIP
Total upfront cost	\$135,000	\$165,000
Effective cost after four years	\$135,000	\$115,000
Redeemable investment	—	\$50,000, returned after 4 years
Impact Fund access	No	Yes — exclusive to SKP
Annual impact reporting	No	Yes
Processing time	45 days	45 days
Citizenship type	Full, permanent	Full, permanent
Hereditary	Yes	Yes
Residency required	No	No
Agent fees	None	None

Family Cost Comparison

FAMILY CONFIGURATION	DSP TOTAL	CIIP TOTAL	CIIP EFFECTIVE
Single applicant	\$135,000	\$165,000	\$115,000
Married couple	\$155,000	\$165,000	\$115,000
Couple + 1 child	\$170,000	\$165,000	\$115,000
Family of four	\$185,000	\$165,000	\$115,000

Where Your Money Sits, and Who Holds It

Segregated client trust accounts

Client money is held in segregated client trust accounts, separate from our own operating funds at all times. This is standard practice for a professional firm — and it should be the first question you ask any agent. Many in this sector cannot answer it.

Global banking. All major currencies.

We hold global banking relationships and accept payment in USD, EUR, GBP, AUD and JPY. We also accept stablecoin — USDT and USDC — which is now how the majority of our clients settle.

USD

EUR

GBP

AUD

JPY

USDT

USDC

What you are actually paying for

Because Stanford Knight is appointed and paid directly by the Vanuatu Government, the funds you send are government fees and — under the CIIP — your redeemable investment. There are no agent fees layered on top.

Why Vanuatu?

A premier citizenship destination with tangible, lifelong benefits.

Visa-Free Travel

Visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 100+ countries and territories, including Singapore, Hong Kong and Russia, with preferred access across 56 Commonwealth nations.

Zero Personal Income Tax

No personal income tax, capital gains tax, inheritance tax, wealth tax or withholding tax on foreign income. Longstanding fiscal policy, not a loophole.

Crypto-Friendly Jurisdiction

No cryptocurrency taxation and progressive digital asset regulation — increasingly popular with digital asset holders and blockchain entrepreneurs.

Offshore Banking

A regulated financial centre, compliant with international AML/CFT standards, offering legitimate international banking and corporate structuring.

Hereditary Citizenship

Citizenship passes to your children and their children. A multigenerational asset, not a temporary status.

Plan B Passport

Geopolitical insurance. A second citizenship provides options when circumstances change — for you and for your family.

100% Remote Process

No travel to Vanuatu required; biometric centre attendance is required for passport issuance. Passport delivered securely to your door.

Fast Processing

45 days from application to passport — one of the fastest citizenship programmes in the world.

Note: acquiring citizenship does not automatically change your tax residency. Your home jurisdiction's tax obligations continue to apply — consult your tax adviser regarding your circumstances.

Seven Steps. 45 Days. Fully Managed.

- 01 Book Your Consultation** 45–60 minutes
A confidential conversation with a senior adviser. We assess eligibility, recommend the right programme and answer every question. No commitment.
- 02 Engage Stanford Knight** 1–2 days
A clear engagement letter setting out scope, timeline, costs and responsibilities. An initial deposit secures your place.
- 03 Document Collection** 7–14 days
A checklist tailored to your circumstances, with guidance on what is needed and how to obtain it. Uploaded through our secure client portal.
- 04 Due Diligence & Processing** Days 5–21
Background checks, financial verification and sanctions screening by the Commission. Our team responds to any government query directly and immediately.
- 05 Application Preparation** 5–7 days
Every document reviewed, verified and formatted to government standards. We check everything twice before submission.
- 06 Government Submission** 1 day
Lodged directly with the Citizenship Commission by our Port Vila team. Because our office is adjacent, initial queries are handled same-day.
- 07 Approval, Oath & Passport** 7–14 days
Approval received and the oath of allegiance administered remotely via consulate or embassy. Your passport is issued and delivered securely.

What you will need

Certified passport copy · birth certificate · police clearance · bank reference and 3–6 months of statements · proof of address · CV · passport photographs · source of funds declaration · basic medical certificate. We guide you through every one.

Honest Answers to the Questions We Hear Most

What is the difference between DSP and CIIP?

DSP is a \$135,000 all-inclusive, non-refundable contribution. CIIP is \$165,000 and includes a \$50,000 investment in the Vanuatu Impact Fund, returned in full after four years — an effective cost of \$115,000.

Can I keep my existing citizenship?

Yes. Vanuatu permits dual and multiple citizenship. No renunciation of your existing nationality is required, and there is no residency requirement.

Why does SKP charge no agent fees?

As a government-appointed Master Agent we are paid directly by the Vanuatu government. Most agents add 10–20% on top of government costs; we add nothing.

What can I do with the \$50,000 before year four?

Nothing — the fund operates on a four-year cycle and capital is committed for the full term. In return it is independently managed under a capital preservation policy and reported on annually.

Is the programme legitimate?

Yes. Vanuatu is a UN member state with a legislated, government-backed programme administered by the Citizenship Commission. It has operated continuously for over 13 years without suspension.

Who is eligible?

Applicants must be 18 or over, with a legitimate and verifiable source of funds, a clean criminal record and good financial standing. Serious convictions, sanctions or unverifiable funds are disqualifying.

Can I pay in cryptocurrency?

Yes. We accept USD, EUR, GBP, AUD and JPY, and stablecoin in USDT and USDC — now how the majority of our clients settle. Payments are phased: a deposit at engagement, the balance before government lodgement.

Could my citizenship be revoked?

Citizenship properly granted is permanent and secure. It can be challenged only where false information was provided during the application — which is precisely why we verify everything before lodgement.

Founder-Level Expertise. Government Relationships.

Our team is not large, but it is deeply specialised. Every member has spent years focused exclusively on Vanuatu citizenship — from the advisers who helped create the programme to the liaisons who work adjacent to the Citizenship Commission daily.



Stephanie Senei Mahuk (LLB/BCom)

PRINCIPAL · PORT VILA

Principal of Stanford Knight & Partners and a Partner at one of Vanuatu's largest law firms, holding a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) and a Bachelor of Law from the University of the South Pacific and practising since 2012. Extensive experience across multi-jurisdictional transactions, banking and finance, corporate, employment, intellectual property, conveyancing and commercial litigation. Former Secretary of Transparency International Vanuatu.



Rosalind Cox (BBus)

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER / DIRECTOR

A dual citizen of New Zealand and Vanuatu, resident in Vanuatu for 13 years, and Trade Commissioner of the Republic of Vanuatu to New Zealand. Extensive private sector experience across tourism and hospitality, operations, project management and property development, with practical knowledge of investing and operating businesses in Vanuatu. Her focus is guiding clients through citizenship and helping them take full advantage of it.



Glen Craig (MBA)

SENIOR ADVISER

The foremost expert on Vanuatu's Citizenship by Investment Programme, having led its development and implementation in 2012 and architected the country's dual citizenship legislation. Over two decades of residency in Vanuatu, a licensed director and CSP licence holder with the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission, and the Vanuatu Government's Special Envoy for International Business.

About Vanuatu

The Republic of Vanuatu is an archipelago of 83 islands in the South Pacific, east of Australia and west of Fiji. Formerly the Anglo-French condominium of the New Hebrides, it gained independence in 1980; the name means “Our Land Forever”. It is a member of the United Nations, the Commonwealth, the Pacific Islands Forum and the World Trade Organisation, with a legal system based on English common law.



CAPITAL

Port Vila, on Éfaté — the commercial centre and seat of the Citizenship Commission.

LANGUAGES

English, French and Bislama are all official languages.

TRAVEL

Regular flights into Bauerfield International Airport, Port Vila, from Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, the Solomon Islands and Fiji.

ECONOMY

Kava, beef, copra, timber and cocoa lead exports; tourism and offshore financial services are major earners.

POPULATION

Approximately 340,000 across 50 inhabited islands, of 83 islands in total.

CURRENCY

The vatu (VUV), pegged to the USD. USD and AUD are widely used.

BANKING

Australian, New Zealand, Vanuatu and French banks operate locally, including BSP, ANZ, BRED and the National Bank of Vanuatu (NBV), with online banking available.

LIVING THERE

International schools, modern healthcare and reliable telecommunications support a growing expatriate community — though residency is never required.

Ready to Explore Your Options?

Book a confidential consultation with one of our senior advisers. Forty-five minutes, no cost, no commitment — and a candid assessment of whether Vanuatu citizenship is right for you.



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No commitment. Fully confidential. Speak with an expert, not a salesperson.

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