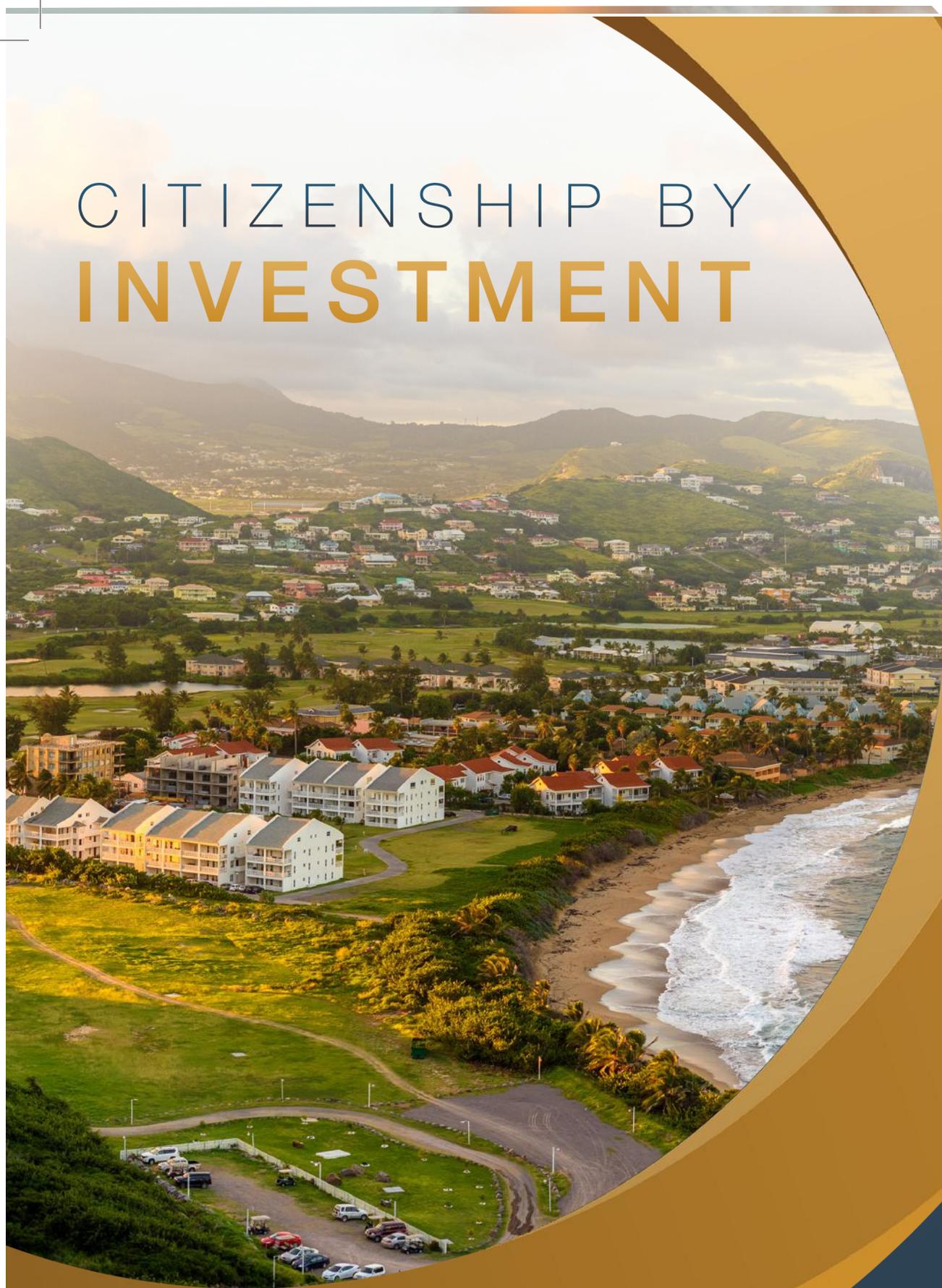


# CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT



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## CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

The St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Programme was established in 1984, making it the oldest programme of this kind in the world. In over 30 years of operation, it has distinguished itself by its exceptional investment options and meticulous due diligence procedures. To this day, St. Kitts and Nevis remains the world's most reputable jurisdiction for the conferral of citizenship by investment.

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# CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT



Globalisation has made the world a much smaller, more connected space. It has reshaped ideas of social and political life, and has made global citizenship a reality. Yet, as economic and political events around the world continue to rapidly transform local and regional realities, the need for greater mobility, access and stability has never been more important. Citizenship by investment is an ideal gateway to the world for individuals and families in search of secondary citizenship.

The St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Programme is the world's platinum standard for economic citizenship. Established in 1984, it is the oldest and most respected programme of its kind. Its passport privileges grant appropriate candidates instant visa-free access to over 125 countries and territories, including countries within the European Union.

Qualified applicants can enjoy greater freedom and increased stability for themselves, their spouse, and any number of dependent children after making an investment in an approved real estate project in St. Kitts and Nevis, or a donation to the country's development fund, the Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation.

As a citizen of St. Kitts and Nevis, there is no need for you or your family to reside in the country; you do not need to give up your current nationality; and you will not be taxed on your wealth, inheritance, foreign income or capital gains. These features make the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Programme one of the most sought-after in the world!

St. Kitts and Nevis provides a healthy climate for business and investment, and its spectacular scenery and rich Caribbean culture and heritage make it a comfortable and exciting place to live!

# WHY ST. KITTS AND NEVIS?

Prospective global citizens choose the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Programme for many reasons:



Visa-free access to over 125 countries and territories worldwide, including the United Kingdom, European Union, Hong Kong and Singapore;



There is no requirement to live in St. Kitts and Nevis, but you are fully entitled to;



You, your spouse, your dependants and descendants enjoy full citizenship for life;



Complete discretion with respect to citizenship, ensuring that one's citizenship status is not reported to third parties;



A low tax regime, exempting taxes on worldwide income, capital gains and inheritance;



An environment conducive to starting a business, managing wealth and nurturing an investment;



A hassle-free and efficient application process which confirms the outcome of your application in less than 60 days. There are no requirements for previous investor or business experience, English language proficiency or for attending an interview.

# HOW TO APPLY?

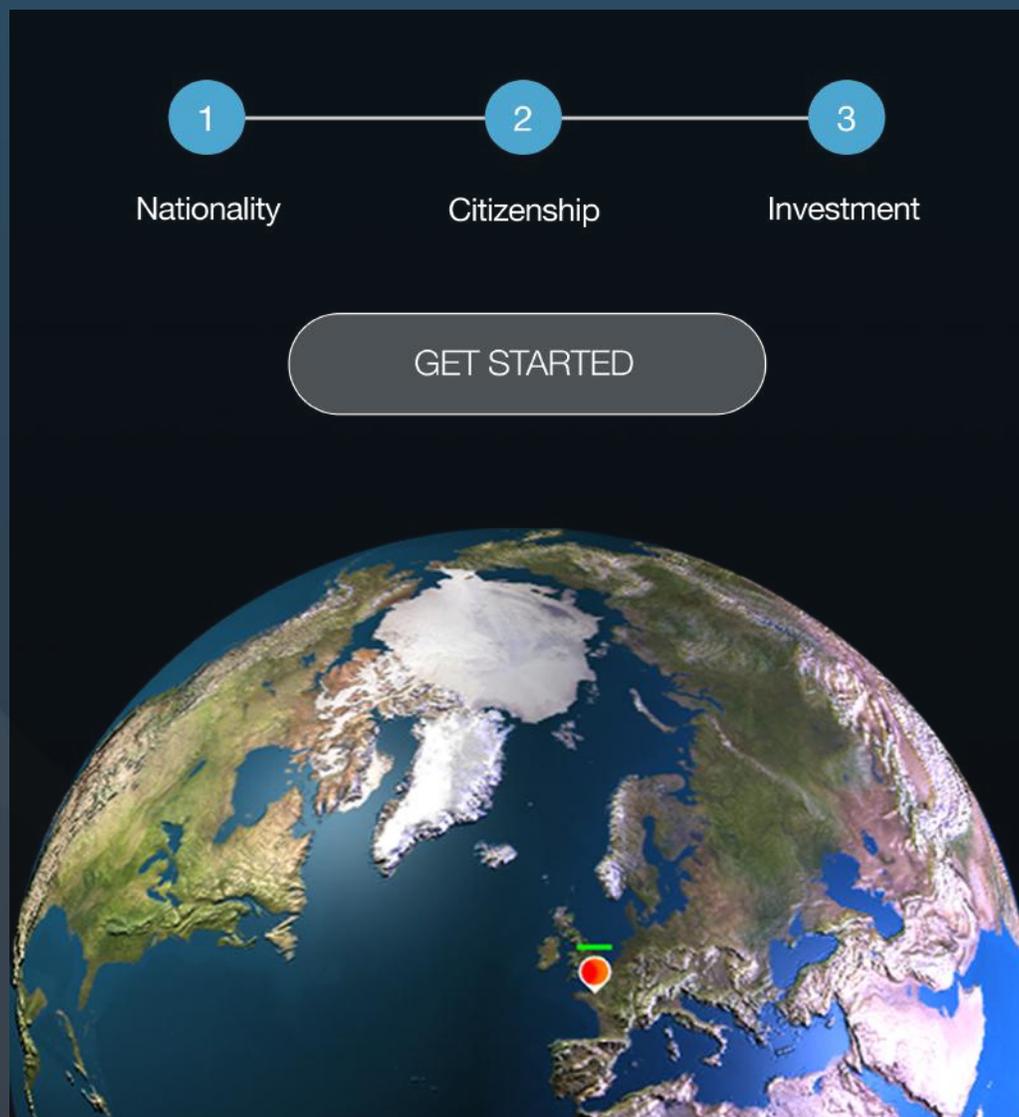
The Government authority responsible for administering the programme is the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU). Applications for citizenship cannot be lodged directly at the Citizenship by Investment Unit. Rather, they must be handled by a registered Authorised Person.

Please visit our official website [www.ciu.gov.kn](http://www.ciu.gov.kn) to view our list of Authorised Persons.

Before you apply, our Citizenship Calculator at [www.ciu.gov.kn](http://www.ciu.gov.kn) can compare our investment options and find the one that is best suited for you and your family. In three steps, our Citizenship Calculator can give you a clear pathway to obtaining St. Kitts and Nevis citizenship!

## CITIZENSHIP CALCULATOR **CBI 2.0**

Our powerful calculator will help you compare our investment options and find the one best suited for you.



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Nationality Citizenship Investment

What is your current nationality?

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You have the option of accelerating your applications. [Learn more](#) about our 60 day accelerated process

Accelerate? DESCRIBE YOUR STATUS  
 Accelerate? SPOUSE INCLUDED?  
 Accelerate? DEPENDENT CHILDREN?

Accelerate? DEPENDENT PARENTS?  
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Nationality Citizenship Investment

**SIDF Contribution**

Applicants may qualify for citizenship through a contribution to the Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation (SIDF).

- US\$200,000 for single applicant
- US\$300,000 for main applicant with up to three dependents
- US\$25,000 for additional dependents, regardless of age

Due diligence and processing fees required upon submission of application.

- US\$7,500 for main applicant
- US\$4,000 for each dependent over 16 years of age

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SELECT THIS OPTION

**Real Estate Investment**

The minimum investment required by law is US\$400,000 for each main applicant.

On approval in principle of an application made through a real estate investment, a Government fee applies, as follows:

- US\$50,047 for main applicant
- US\$25,047 for spouse of main applicant
- US\$25,047 for dependent child under 18 years of age
- US\$50,047 for dependent child above 18 years of age, or parent aged 65 and above

Due diligence and processing fees required upon submission of application.

- US\$7,500 for main applicant
- US\$4,000 for each dependent over 16 years of age

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# DONATION TO DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

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Applicants may qualify for citizenship through a contribution to the Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation (SIDF). The SIDF is a public charity tasked with investing in the diversification and development of the St. Kitts and Nevis economy.

- For a single applicant, a non-refundable contribution of **US\$250,000** is required.
- For a main applicant with up to three dependants (for example, a spouse and two children), a non-refundable contribution of **US\$300,000** is required.
- For each additional dependant, regardless of age, a non-refundable contribution of **US\$25,000** is required.

Upon submission of an application, non-refundable due diligence and processing fees must also be paid. These fees amount to **US\$7,500** for the main applicant, and **US\$4,000** for each dependant of the main application who is over the age of 16 years.

Unmarried dependent children who are older than 18 but younger than 30 can also be included in the application. Similarly, dependent parents aged 55 or above may also be included.

The SIDF option is the most straightforward means of obtaining citizenship in St. Kitts and Nevis. For further information about the SIDF, please visit [www.sknsidf.org](http://www.sknsidf.org)



# INVESTMENT IN APPROVED REAL ESTATE

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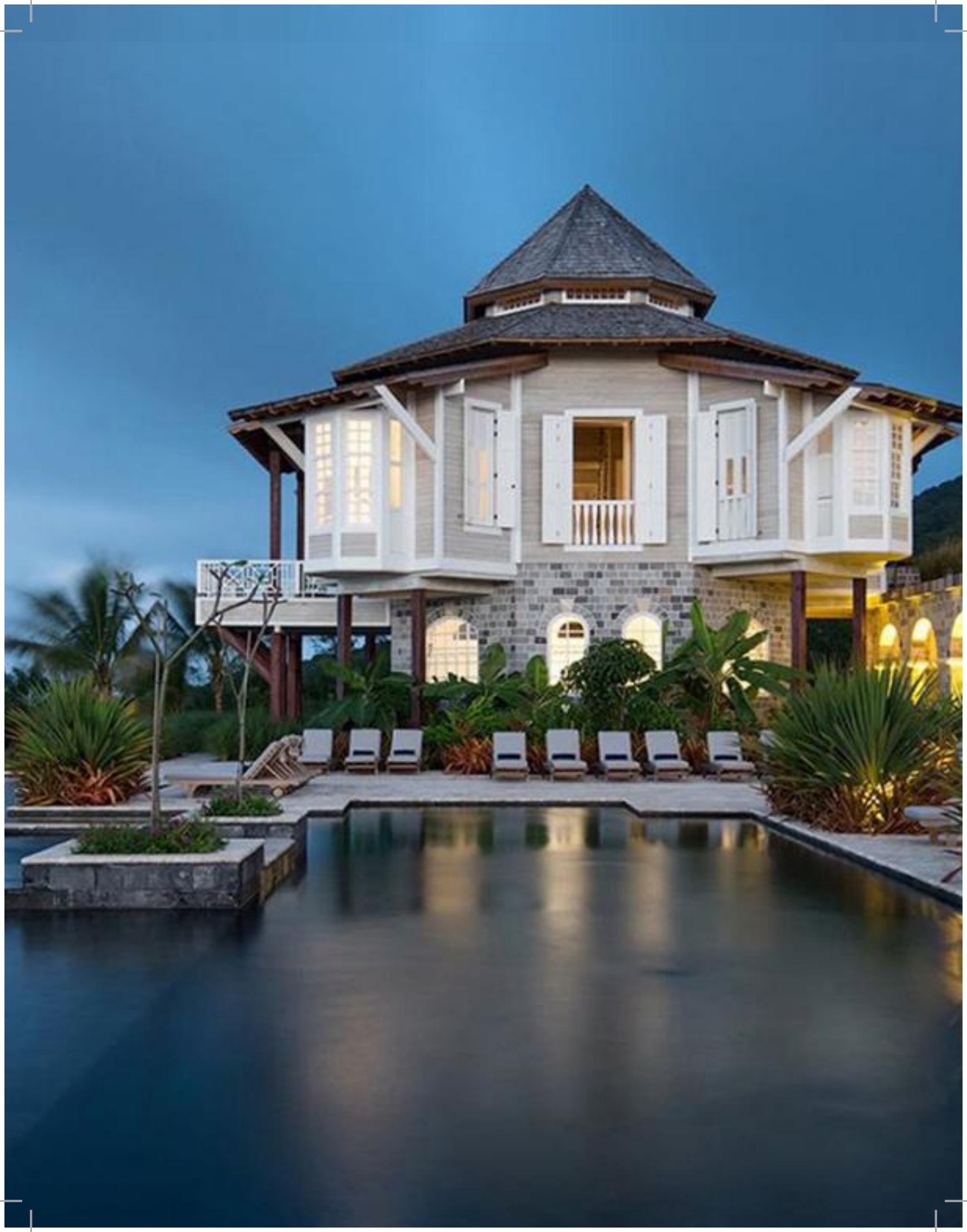
Applicants may qualify for citizenship through an investment in a pre-approved real estate project, which may include hotel shares, villas, and condominium units. The minimum real estate investment required by law is **US\$400,000** for each main applicant.

Upon submission of an application, non-refundable due diligence and processing fees must also be paid. These fees amount to **US\$7,500** for the main applicant, and **US\$4,000** for each dependant of the main applicant over the age of 16 years.

On approval in principle of an application made through a real estate investment, a Government fee applies as follows:

- Main applicant: **US\$50,047**
- Spouse of the main applicant: **US\$25,047**
- Dependent child of the main applicant under 18 years of age: **US\$25,047**
- Dependent child of the main applicant between the ages of 18 and 30 years or dependent parent aged 55 and above: **US\$50,047**

In addition to these fees, real estate buyers should be aware of purchase costs (mainly compulsory insurance fund contributions



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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- **What are the requirements of becoming a citizen by investment?**

The main applicant: Must be at least eighteen years of age; Must have made an investment in the prescribed amount; Must meet other application requirements.

- **Can I contact the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU) directly?**

The CIU engages only with 'Authorised Persons': a person licensed by the Financial Services Regulatory Commission to conduct corporate or trust services in St. Kitts and Nevis, who has paid the authorised person's fee and is authorised to act on behalf of the main applicant in relation to a citizenship by investment application.

The main applicant should contact an Authorised Person from the official list: <http://www.ciu.gov.kn/agents/authorized-persons/>. The Authorised Person will guide you through the application requirements, handle and submit your application to the CIU on your behalf. The CIU is not able to endorse or recommend any authorised person to applicants.

- **Is the application form available online?**

No. The application form for citizenship by investment can only be obtained through and submitted to the Citizenship by Investment Unit by an authorised person.

- **How long does the application process take?**

The application process may take as little as 90 days but may be delayed for cause. Applicants will be kept apprised of the status of their applications through their authorised person.

- **Can I submit my application in a language other than English?**

No. Applications that are not in English are not prescribed or accepted by the Citizenship by Investment Unit.

- **Can two or more applicants apply for citizenship by investment together?**

Yes. Two or more applicants may apply for citizenship together by purchasing one piece of real estate, provided each main applicant contributes the minimum investment of US\$400,000.00.

- **Can my family be included with my application?**

Yes. All permitted dependants can be included in your application for economic citizenship.

- **Who are permitted dependants?**

Permitted dependants include: a spouse of the main applicant; a child of the main applicant or his/her spouse, under 18 years; a child of the main applicant or his/her spouse, between 18 and 30 years who is in full-time attendance at a recognised institution of higher learning after his/her 18th birthday and fully supported by the main applicant; parents or grandparents of the main applicant or his/her spouse above the age of 55, living with and fully supported by the main applicant; and a child of the main applicant or his/her spouse who is above the age of 18 and is physically or mentally disabled.

- **Does the programme recognize same sex marriage?**

The laws of St. Kitts and Nevis define “spouse” as the partner of the opposite sex by marriage.

- **What is the maximum number of dependants allowed by a main applicant?**

There is no limit on the number of permitted dependants.

- **What are the fees involved?**

All applicants and permitted dependants are required to pay due diligence and processing fees. Try our Citizenship Calculator to receive an estimated fee amount. <http://ciu.gov.kn/citizenship-calculator/>

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- **What is the minimum investment required for the real estate option?**

The minimum real estate investment required is US\$400,000.00 for each main applicant.

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- **Can an applicant remit fees directly to the CIU?**

All applicants are required to pay processing, due diligence and Government fees through their chosen authorised person. Wire transfers to the Unit are only applicable for approved applicants for the remittance of Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation contributions.

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- **If I am no longer interested in becoming a citizen will my monies be refunded?**

All monies will be refunded, with the exception of due diligence fees and processing fees.

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- **Do I have to reside in St. Kitts and Nevis in order to apply for citizenship?**

No. Residing in St. Kitts and Nevis is not required when applying for citizenship using the Citizenship by Investment Option.

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- **What is a Police Certificate?**

A police certificate refers to a statement from a national law enforcement authority on the status of a person’s criminal record. It is also referred to as “certificate of no criminal record” or “police clearance record”.

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- **Who is required to produce a police certificate?**

Each main applicant and all permitted dependants 16 years and older are required to produce a police certificate.



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