

Why obtain a second citizenship?

In such a troubled world, where travel restrictions for certain citizenships are increasingly common, it's logical for people to look for alternatives in order to increase their safety, to pay less taxes and to have a greater freedom of movement. One of the most used options currently is the search for a second passport, above all in the Caribbean countries that offer various citizenship programs, starting with property investments and donations to the government.

There are various reasons why people opt for a second passport, going from political instability in their residential country, and going through having to pay very high taxes up to problems with security.

The countries that offer citizenship by investment have two options for those interested in obtaining a second passport: making an investment in property or making a donation to the Government.

For example, the donation to government includes the presentation of a non-refundable amount of money to the Government. Before transferring the funds, the Government carries out the due diligence on the application of the requester, who can also include all of his dependents above the age of 16. Once the due diligence process has been concluded, for which you have to pay a certain amount of money, the Government gives instructions to the trust and will present the citizenship.

This option for obtaining a second passport is beneficial for the investor because all he has to do is transfer the money, although there are also disadvantages, since the amount is non-refundable and the investment won't be returned. The countries that have this program continue to use it because it is a direct way to obtain income for the Government.

The other mechanism currently used for achieving a second passport is to make a property investment in the country that offers the citizenship. In this case, the person is obliged to sign a contract for the purchase of real estate, which has to be approved by the Government. After signing the mentioned contract and depositing the funds as a guarantee, the investor requests citizenship. When this has finally been approved by the Government, then investor completes the purchase of the property. Real estate acquired through this program usually can't be sold until after a period of 4 or 5 years.

It's not necessary to present a lot of documentation to obtain a second passport. You just need to show certificates of birth, marriage, military service, criminal records, medical exams and bank referrals that show your financial stability.

The citizenship by investment programs exist, above all, in small Caribbean countries, among which St. Kitts and Nevis, Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda and Grenada all stand out. These are the oldest and most successful. With a second passport from any of these countries, it will be possible to travel, without the need of a visa, to a large part of the nations of the world.

Visa Free Countries

Albania	x				x				
Anguilla	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Antigua & Barbuda	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Andorra	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Argentina				x	x	x	x		x
Armenia	x	x		x	x				x
Aruba	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Austria	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Australia									x
Bahamas	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Bangladesh	x	x		x	x				
Barbados	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Belgium	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Belize	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Bermuda	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Bolivia	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Bonaire, Saint Eustatius and Saba	x	x		x	x				
Botswana	x	x		x	x				x
Brazil	x	x		x	x				x
Bulgaria	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Burundi	x	x		x	x				
Cambodia	x	x		x	x				x
Canada	x								x
Cape Verde	x	x		x	x				x
Cayman Islands	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Central African Republic	x	x		x	x				
China				x					x
Colombia	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Comoros	x	x		x	x				x
Cook Islands	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Colombia									x
Costa Rica	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Croatia	x				x	x	x		x
Cuba	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Curacao	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Cyprus	x				x	x	x		x
Chile									x

Czech Republic	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Denmark	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Djibouti	x	x		x	x				
Dominica	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Dominican Republic	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Ecuador	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Egypt	x	x		x	x				
El Salvador	x				x				x
Estonia	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Falkland Islands (United Kingdom)					x				
Faroe Islands (Denmark)					x				
Fiji	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Finland	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
France	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
French Guiana	x	x			x	x			
French Polynesia	x				x	x			
French West Indies	x	x		x	x	x			
Gambia	x	x		x	x				
Georgia	x	x		x					x
Germany	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Gibraltar	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Greece	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Greenland	x	x		x					
Grenade	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Guadeloupe (France)	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Guatemala	x				x	x	x		x
Guernsey (UK)				x	x				
Guinea-Bissau	x	x		x	x				
Guyana	x	x		x	x	x			x
Haiti	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Vatican	x				x	x	x		x
Honduras	x				x	x	x		x
Hong Kong (People's Republic of China)	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Hungary	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Iceland	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Ireland	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Isle of Man (United Kingdom)				x	x				
Israel					x	x			x
Italy	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Jamaica	x	x		x	x	x	x		x

Jersey (United Kingdom)					x	x			
Jordan					x	x	x		
Kenya					x	x	x		x
Kiribati					x	x	x		x
Republic of Korea					x	x	x		x
Kosovo (Rep.)					x	x	x		
Kuwait					x				x
Democratic Republic of Lao					x	x	x		
Latvia					x	x	x		x
Lebanon					x		x		
Lesotho					x	x	x		
Liechtenstein					x	x	x		x
Lithuania					x	x	x		x
Luxembourg					x	x	x		x
Macao					x	x	x		
Macedonia					x		x		x
Madagascar					x	x	x		x
Malawi					x	x	x		
Malaysia					x	x	x		x
Maldives					x	x	x		x
Mali					x	x	x		
Malta					x	x	x		x
Martinique (France)					x	x	x		
Marshall Islands					x		x		x
Mauritania					x	x	x		
Mauricio					x	x	x		x
Mayotte (France)					x		x		
Micronesia (Federated States of)					x	x	x		x
Monaco					x		x		
Mongolia							x		x
Montserrat (United Kingdom)					x	x	x		x
Mozambique					x	x	x		
Nauru					x	x	x		x
Nepal					x	x	x		
Netherlands					x	x	x		x
New Caledonia (France)					x		x		
Nicaragua					x	x	x		x
Niue					x	x	x		x
Norway					x	x	x		x
Palau					x	x	x		x

Palestinian Territory	x	x		x	x				
Panama	x	x		x	x	x	x		
Peru	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Philippines	x	x		x	x				
Pitcairn Islands (United Kingdom)					x	x			
Poland	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Portugal	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Reunion (France)	x				x				
Romania	x				x	x	x		x
Samoa	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
San Marino	x				x	x	x		x
Seychelles	x	x		x	x				
Singapore	x	x		x	x				x
Slovakia	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Slovenia	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Solomon Islands	x	x		x	x				
South Africa	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Spain	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Sri Lanka	x	x		x	x				
St. Bartholomew (France)	x	x			x				
Santa Elena, Ascension and Tristan de Acuña					x	x	x		
Saint Kitts and Nevis	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
St. Lucia	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
St. Maarten (The Netherlands)	x	x		x	x				
San Martin Island	x	x		x	x				
Saint Pierre and Miquelon					x				
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Surinam	x	x							
Swaziland	x	x		x					
Sweden	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Switzerland	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Tanzania	x	x		x	x				
East Timor	x	x		x	x				
Togo	x	x		x	x				
Tonga					x				x
Trinidad and Tobago	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Tunisia	x				x				
Turkey	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Turks and Caicos Islands (United Kingdom)	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Tuvalu	x	x		x	x				x

Uganda	x	x		x	x				
Ukraine	x								x
United Kingdom	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Vanuatu	x	x		x	x	x			x
Venezuela	x	x		x	x	x			x
Vietnam	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
British Virgin Islands (United Kingdom)	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Zambia	x	x		x	x				
Zimbabwe	x				x	x			
Wallis and Futuna (France)						x			