



## 1. Understanding Citizenship and Residency Planning

If you're an affluent or high-net-worth individual looking to protect your wealth, enhance your travel and investment opportunities, and preserve your financial future as well as that of your loved ones, Citizenship and Residency planning is a crucial consideration for you!

Citizenship and Residency planning is simply the process of strategically obtaining multiple citizenship or residency in another country, typically for financial, personal, or professional purposes. This process often involves investing in a foreign country, meeting certain eligibility criteria, and completing a variety of legal and administrative

procedures.

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# 2. Why is Citizenship and Residency Planning so Important?

In an increasingly globalized world that is daily rocked with political instability, economic uncertainty, and a host of several other factors that pose a great deal of threat to security and stability, Citizenship and Residency planning is becoming more important than ever for affluent and high-net-worth individuals. Here are some of the reasons why:



#### Diversification:

Having a second citizenship or residency diversifies your personal and professional options, reducing your dependence on a single country.



#### Security:

Citizenship or residency in a foreign country can provide you an your loved ones greater security and protection in the event of political instability, natural disasters, or other crises.



#### Investment opportunities:

Citizenship or residency in a foreign country can provide access to investment opportunities, including real estate, business ventures, and financial instruments. Some countries even offer advantageous tax regimes for foreign investors or residents.



#### **Education:**

Some countries offer better educational opportunities for children, including access to top-ranked schools and universities.



#### Lifestyle:

A second citizenship or residency can provide a better quality of life, including access to better healthcare, infrastructure, and cultural amenities.





### 3. Global Citizenship and Residency Programmes

There are many countries around the world that offer citizenship and residency programmes for foreign investors and high-net-worth individuals. There are several factors to be considered before choosing the most suitable programme. Here are some of the top-tier global citizenship and residency programmes:

#### Leading Citizenship by Investment Programmes

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Austria
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Jordan
- Malta
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Lucia
- Turkeiye

#### Leading Residence by Investment Programs

- Australia
- Austria
- Canada
- Cyprus
- Greece
- Hong Kong
- Ireland
- Italy
- Jersey
- Latvia
- Luxembourg
- Malaysia

- Mauritius
- Monaco
- Namibia
- New Zealand
- Panama
- Portugal
- Singapore
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- U.A.E.
- United Kingdom
- United States of America



## 4. Answers to Some of the Frequently Asked Questions on Citizenship and Residency Planning

Question: How can I acquire a new citizenship?

Answer: You can acquire a new citizenship through various means, including birthright, marriage, naturalization, investment, and ancestry.

Question: What are the best countries for citizenship planning?

Answer: The best countries for citizenship planning depend on individual circumstances, goals, and preferences. Popular options include Portugal, Malta, Cyprus, the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean.

Question: What is residency planning?

Answer: Residency planning is the process of obtaining legal residency in another country for personal or business purposes, without necessarily acquiring citizenship.



Question: What is the difference between citizenship and residency?

Answer: Citizenship is the legal status of being a member of a particular country and having the rights and privileges associated with that status. Residency, on the other hand, refers to the right to live and work in a particular country, but does not confer citizenship.

Question: What are the tax implications of obtaining a second citizenship or residency?

Answer: The tax implications of obtaining a second citizenship or residency depend on the specific countries involved and their tax laws. Some countries offer tax advantages to citizens and residents, while others have high tax rates for foreign citizens and residents.

Question: How can I obtain legal residency in another country?

Answer: You can obtain legal residency in another country through various means, including work permits, study permits, family reunification, and investment.



Question: What are the best countries for residency planning?

Answer: The best countries for residency planning depend on individual circumstances, goals, and preferences. Popular options include Portugal, Spain, Malta, Cyprus, the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Question: How can I maintain my citizenship or residency status in another country?

Answer: To maintain your citizenship or residency status in another country, you should comply with the relevant laws, regulations, and requirements, such as renewing your documents, paying taxes, and not engaging in criminal activities.



# European Citizenship by Investment Programs

#### Austria

Minimum Capital: Substantial contribution to the Austrian Economy

Processing Time: 24-36 months

**Key Benefits:** Opportunity to become an EU citizen upon making a substantial capital contribution.

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival: 189

destinations

#### Malta

Minimum Capital: EUR 738,000 Processing Time: 14-38 months

**Key Benefits:** An attractive place in which to live or own a second home, strategically located, with excellent air links.

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival: 186

destinations

#### Montenegro

Minimum Capital: EUR 450,000 Processing Time: 8-10 months

**Key Benefits:** Free movement to Montenegro, the countries in Europe's Schengen Area, Russia, and Türkiye

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival: 124

destinations

#### North Macedonia

Minimum Capital: EUR 200,000

Processing Time: 2-5 months

Key Benefits: Free movement to Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Türkiye, and Europe's Schengen Area, among others, as well as an e-visa to India

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival: 125

destinations

#### Turkiye

Minimum Capital: EUR 400,000

Processing Time: 120 days

**Key Benefits:** Free movement to Türkiye, Hong Kong, Japan, and Singapore,

among others

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival : 111

destinations

#### Antigua and Barbuda

Minimum Capital: USD 100,000

Processing Time: 3-4 months

**Key Benefits:** Visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to 151 destinations including Hong Kong, Russia, Singapore, the UK, and

Europe's Schengen Area

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival: 151

destinations

#### Dominica

Minimum Capital: USD 100,000

Processing Time: 3 months

**Key Benefits:** Visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to 145 destinations

worldwide.

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival: 145

destinations

#### Grenada

Minimum Capital: USD 150,000

Processing Time: 3-4 months

**Key Benefits:** Visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to 146 destinations including China, Russia, Singapore, the UK, and Europe's

Schengen Area

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival: 146

destinations

#### St. Kitts and Nevis

Minimum Capital: USD 125,000

Processing Time: 3-6 months

**Key Benefits:** Visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to 157 destinations including Hong Kong, Russia, Singapore, the UK, and

Europe's Schengen Area

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival: 157

destinations

#### St. Lucia

Minimum Capital: USD 100,000

Processing Time: 3-4 months

**Key Benefits:** Visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to 147 destinations including Hong Kong, Singapore, the UK, and Europe's

Schengen Area

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival: 147

destinations

Caribbean Citizenship by Investment Programs

#### Middle Eastern Citizenship by Investment Program

#### Jordan

Minimum Capital: USD 750,000

Processing Time: 3 months

Key Benefits: The right to live, work,

and study in Jordan

Visa Free/ Visa-on-an arrival: 53

destinations

## RESIDENCE BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

#### European Residence by Investment Programs

#### Austria

Minimum Capital: EUR 40,000 in liquid funds, German language skills, permanent accommodation, and more.

**Processing Time:** 

3 months

**Key Benefits:** Possibility for citizenship eligibility after 10 years of residence

#### Ireland

Minimum Capital:

EUR 500,000

**Processing Time:** 

9-12 months

**Key Benefits:** The right of free movement to Ireland, Europe's Schengen Area, and the Common Travel Area.

#### Cyprus

Minimum Capital:

EUR 330,000

**Processing Time:** 

2-18 months

**Key Benefits:** The right to live and study

in Cyprus

#### Italy

Minimum Capital:

EUR 250,000

**Processing Time:** 

3-4 months

Key Benefits: The right to live, work, and

study without restriction in Italy

#### Greece

Minimum Capital:

EUR 250,000

**Processing Time:** 

1-2 months

**Key Benefits:** The right of free movement to Greece and Europe's Schengen Area

#### Jersey

Minimum Capital: GBP 1.25 million in real estate and GBP 145,000 in annual taxes

Processing Time:

N/A

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study without restriction in Jersey





#### European Residence by Investment Programs

#### Latvia

Minimum Capital:

EUR 60,000

**Processing Time:** 

1-3 months

Key Benefits: The right to live, work, and

study without restriction in Latvia

#### Luxembourg

Minimum Capital:

EUR 500,000

**Processing Time:** 

Approximately 6 months

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study without restriction in Luxembourg

#### Malta

Minimum Capital: EUR 175,000 in investment for the Malta Permanent Residence Programme.

EUR 25,000 in paid-up capital/tangible investment through the Startup Residence Scheme for founders, cofounders, and core employees.

Processing Time: 4-6 months

Key Benefits: The right to live, work, and

study without restriction in Malta

Minimum Capital:

No Minimum Investment

**Processing Time:** 

N/A

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study without restriction in Monaco

#### Portugal

Minimum Capital:

EUR 280,000 in real estate

**Processing Time:** 

Over 18 months

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study without restriction in Portugal.

#### Spain

Minimum Capital:

EUR 500,000

**Processing Time:** 

Approximately 20 days

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study in Spain, and free movement to the

EU and Europe's Schengen Area

#### Switzerland

Minimum Capital:

CHF 250,000 in annual taxes

**Processing Time:** 

3-6 months

**Key Benefits:** First-class infrastructure and excellent banking facilities.

#### **United Kingdom**

Minimum Capital: GBP 50,000 (Innovator Investor Visa) / GBP 2,000,000 (Tier 1

Investor Visa)

**Processing Time:** 

1-8 weeks

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study anywhere in the United Kingdom.



#### American Residence by Investment Program

#### Canada

Minimum Capital: Innovative start-up business

Processing Time: 12-31 months

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study without restriction in Canada

#### Panama

Minimum Capital: USD 100,000

Processing Time: 30 days or 4-6 months

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study in Panama.

#### **United States of America**

Minimum Capital: USD 800,000

Processing Time: 30-36 months

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study without restriction in the USA.

## African Residence by Investment Programs

#### Mauritius

Minimum Capital: USD 375,000

Processing Time: 6-8 months

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and retire in Mauritius.

#### Namibia

Minimum Capital: USD 300,000

**Processing Time:** 3 months

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study without restriction in Namibia.



#### Middle Eastern Residence by Investment Program

#### **United Arab Emirates**

Minimum Capital:

AED 2 million

**Processing Time:** Over eight weeks

**Key Benefits:** The right to live in any of the seven emirates of the UAE.

#### Asian and Pacific Residence by Investment Programs

#### Australia

Minimum Capital:

AUD 2.5 million (Investor Stream)

**Processing Time:** 

12 months

**Key Benefits:** The right to live, work, and study without restriction in Australia.

#### New Zealand

Minimum Capital:

NZD 5 million

**Processing Time:** 

8-9 months

Key Benefits: The right to live, work, and study without restriction in New Zealand

#### Hong Kong

Minimum Capital:

No minimum investment

**Processing Time:** 

4-8 months

**Key Benefits:** Strategic location and premier gateway for trade and investment to and from mainland China.

#### Singapore

Minimum Capital:

SGD 10 million

**Processing Time:** 

9-12 months

Key Benefits: World-class education, healthcare, and transport systems.

Minimum Capital:

MYR 1 million

**Processing Time:** 

3-6 months

Key Benefits: Long-term multiple-entry visas enabling the applicants and their families to live in Malaysia.

Minimum Capital:

THB 600,000

**Processing Time:** 

2-3 months

**Key Benefits:** Long-term, privilege multiple-entry permit as well as luxury, VIP treatment.



## 5. Begin Your Journey with Us Today!

We are a team of private clients experts equipped to provide contemporary bespoke and holistic private client services to affluent and high-net-worth individuals. We are set-up to attend to all matters pertaining to the life of an affluent person.

We deploy the skills and expertise of our team, collaborators, and partners across Business advisory, Investment and asset protection, Corporate administration, Investment Migration and Estate planning to provide an objective and holistic analysis of our client 's existing situations balanced against their aspirations and desired objectives.

Our professional guidance and unbiased advice is what you need to kick-start your citizenship and residence planning journey!



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