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COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME

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**COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
SECOND PASSPORT PROGRAMME BENEFITS**

- :: Instant and irrevocable citizenship
- :: Citizenship and passport in 3 months
- :: No need to reside in the country
- :: Dual Nationality Allowed
- :: Open to most nationalities

- :: Instant travel to 66 countries
- :: Reputable passport - easy to obtain visas when required
- :: Lists includes UK and most British Commonwealth member countries
- :: Ease of visa application to Schengen European countries

BUSINESS ADVANTAGES

- :: Generous tax regime - no Wealth, Gift, Inheritance Foreign Income or Capital Gains Tax
- :: No Personal Income tax
- :: No restriction on the repatriation of profits and imported capital
- :: Generous incentive packages including corporate tax incentives, full exemption from import duties, tax relief benefits and export allowance
- :: Currency pegged to US Dollar
- :: Duty Free Trading within Caribbean

FAMILY SECURITY

- :: Spouse and children below 21 obtain passport
- :: Named one of the world's happiest places to live
- :: Incomparable lifestyle with a safe, stable and natural environment
- :: International Education:
 - University of the West Indies – Open Campus
 - Ross University – School of Medicine
 - All Saints Medical University
- :: The Archbold Tropical Research and Education Center owned by Clemson University

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The status of Citizenship is an agreement between a sovereign state and private individual that includes duties and rights on both sides and grants a status of responsible freedom. It is considered a higher form of 'nationality' which is legally bestowed on corporate entities such as ships, companies and even individuals.

In our modern global world it makes good fiscal and personal sense to be a legal citizen of more than one country with a second or even third passport for individuals and their families. Most second passports are acquired by international businessmen and families to protect their business and maintain personal security.

There are many reasons to invest in a second citizenship including:

1. **Political circumstances can make it difficult for nationals of some countries to travel abroad through the application of strict and sometimes impossible visa requirements.**
2. **Political motivated sanctions between countries can prevent unrestricted travel between them, creating commercial and personal problems for nationals. Those same nationals may be subjected to terrorist threats or other hostile action due to their citizenship.**
3. **If there are administrative or other problems with renewing, replacing a lost, or obtaining a new passport in a citizen's home country, a valid second passport is crucial.**
4. **A second passport is an important fiscal tool for international tax planning. As a national of more than one country, your economic planning for the future has a great deal more options.**
5. **To avoid heavy wealth tax many individuals change their citizenship revoking their original passport, although dual citizenships are allowed with the second passport programmes in the Caribbean.**
6. **Travelling under different passports allows much more privacy to the citizen.**
7. **Unfortunately there are those who find themselves stateless through no fault of their own, the ability to acquire citizenship through investment is a life saver.**
8. **Second passports are crucial for citizens of states who still maintain a standing army and enforce compulsory military service, or insist on political views that citizens may not morally agree with and wish to escape.**
9. **Political instability in some countries means that citizens need the option of a safe haven somewhere else in the world with education, retirement and residential rights.**
10. **Very frequent travelers whose passports maybe awaiting a Visa elsewhere, and who need to travel at very short notice, find that a second passport can be the difference between closing a good deal or not!**

What are the Main Qualifications for a Second Passport in Dominica?

A provably clean, personal background, comprehensive CV, business overview, honest references, and a minimum of \$100,000 in cash for a single passport. Family passports will cost more.

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CHECKLIST OF BENEFITS OF DOMINICAN CITIZENSHIP		
<p>When you acquire citizenship under the Dominica citizenship programme, you and your family will have full citizenship of the Commonwealth of Dominica. As citizens of Dominica, you and your family are issued with passports which allow visa-free travel to over 50 countries worldwide, including the United Kingdom (UK), and many others. Additionally, you have the right to take up residence, start a business and invest in Dominica at any time and for any length of time.</p> <p><i>You are not liable for taxation, unless you decide to reside in Dominica. As a Commonwealth citizen, you receive certain preferential treatment in the United Kingdom.</i></p>		
Official Language: English : Single Passport Circa \$100 K		
Politically Stable : Legal system: British		
Currency EC Dollar tied to the US Dollar : Banking is Offshore		
VISA FREE TRAVEL NOT DIFFICULT FOR CLIENTS ONCE THEY HAVE OBTAINED A DOMINICAN PASSPORT TO APPLY FOR SCHENGEN VISA Andorra Anguilla Antigua and Barbuda Aruba Bahamas Barbados Belize Bermuda Cayman Islands Colombia Cook Islands Costa Rica Cuba	Dominica Dominican Republic Ecuador Gibraltar Grenada Guyana Haiti Hong Kong Ireland Jamaica Korea, Republic of Lesotho Liechtenstein Malawi Malaysia Maldives Mauritius Micronesia Montserrat	Netherland Antilles Peru Philippines Samoa (western) SeychellesMauritSingapore St.Kitts and Nevis St.Lucia St.Vincent and Grenadines Suriname Switzerland Tanzania Trinidad and Tobago Turks and Caicos Islands United Kingdom Vanuatu Venezuela Virgin Islands (British) Zambia
Dual Citizenship Allowed? - Yes : Dual Citizenship Reported? - No		
Tax Free Capital Gains, Wealth, Gift & Inheritance Tax? - Yes		
Excluded Countries: IRAQ, CHECHNYA, SOMALIA, YEMEN, NORTH KOREA, PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SUDAN, AFGHANISTAN, PALESTINE		

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OUR ROLE AS AGENTS AND CONSULTANTS

Stewart Andrews of Design Management Limited is a Government Appointed registered Agent with its head office located in Dominica. We therefore are able to monitor daily the process of application for our clients. The success of an Application is at the sole discretion of the State. This means we cannot guarantee that any applications will be approved. However our job as the agent is to ensure that each applicants fulfils all application requirements and is fully aware of the process.

Our fee for West African Applicants (which is included in the overall cost) includes all of the following services: which are shared between the West African Agent and the Dominican Agent:

- **Ensuring the client understands the application process**
- **Liasing with the due diligence agency to obtain the background report for the Government**
- **Assistance with the completion of supporting documentation and the reviewing of the documents prior to submitting to the Government**
- **Meetings with the client wherever necessary**
- **Liaising with various government authorities**
- **Formal representation in Dominica to the Government**
- **Submission of the application to the relevant government authorities**
- **Assistance with the translation and notarization of supporting documents**
- **Follow-up of the application until approval and grant of citizenship**
- **Support and guidance after the Application has been approved to obtain a naturalization certificate**
- **Submitting the passport application form and finally ensuring the safe delivery of the passport to the client**

These Citizenship programmes have been developed through careful legal process and only those Passports acquired through the programme are legal. There are many illegal operators, and many government officials unfortunately can be bribed to issue documents outside of the programme. This is a crime, and can result in the revocation of documents, forced acquisition of assets and even blackmail. Passports obtained illegally cannot be renewed. Dominica programmes are recognised by international law.

As Design Management Limited's **Financial Director, Katie Sosna** handles all applications directly, her clients have immediate access to her professionalism and expertise.

Katie has been working with the Dominican Government for nearly six years and has handled the applications of many new citizens. She lives on the island with her young family and is well-known by the government officials in charge of the Citizenship Programme. Her clients can rely on her and her staff for utmost confidentiality and efficiency, and many of them come to visit her in Dominica with their new Dominican Passports!

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THE TIMELINE

WEEK 1 – 3

The Due Diligence process begins upon payment in full of relevant fees and receipt of signed consent for background checks to be carried out by Bishops. Cost of due diligence is based on the number of family members, ages, number of countries they have resided and in which the main applicant has or has had business operations.

At the same time upon payment of 50% of Agency Fees, **MC CONSULTANTS & CHOGU VENTURES** help you prepare all Government application forms and support documentation for submission.

WEEK 4 – 8

Application is submitted and Government advises the Agents as to whether the application was denied or approved in principle, based on the results of the Due Diligence from Bishops.

WEEK 8 - 12

Upon Government confirmation that application has been approved in principle the client is requested to pay the stipulated amount of investment directly to the Ministry of Finance and Planning at the National Bank of Dominica.

At the same time the remaining 50% of Agency Fees must be paid.

The request for compulsory interview with the Dominica government appointed committee is issued at this time. If client is unable to travel to Dominica **IMC CONSULTANTS & CHOGU VENTURES** will arrange to have the committee travel to the client, please note this will be at the client's expense.

The signed, notarised Oath Of Allegiance will then be submitted to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Labour, to complete the submission process.

Upon approval by the Minister of Dominica, the client is issued a Certificate of Naturalization and your **MC CONSULTANTS & CHOGU VENTURES** will obtain passport/s within 1 week.

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THE PROCESS

If you are considering a second passport through the Dominica citizenship programme with residency, a key attraction of the Citizenship programme in Dominica is that as a Dominican citizen you will have a Tax Free Status on Foreign Income, Capital Gains, Gift, Wealth and Inheritance Tax. (*Economic Citizenship based on Section 101 of the Constitution and Sections 8 and 20 (1) of the Citizenship Act.*)

A Dominica second passport allows for visa free travel to more than 50 countries including the United Kingdom, it allows for dual citizenships without the requirement to notify the applicants home country, and without any need for the applicant to reside in Dominica.



Dominica established their Economic Citizenship programme in 1991 and actively promotes the programme as the investment is used to develop the country's infrastructure. The law can be found in section 101 of the Constitution and Section 8 of the Citizenship Act Chapter 1:10 of the revised laws and section 20 of the Citizenship Act. A completely clean personal record (certificate of no criminal record, etc.), a

comprehensive CV, business background information as well as impeccable references **must be provided by all applicants.**

The Citizenship programme in Dominica has the following two options, Single Applicant or Family Application that are detailed below.

Single Application - Dominica

For a single application the Government will require an investment of US\$75,000. This is a non-refundable economic contribution. The Government investment is not payable until a successful background check has taken place and the Government of Dominica has invited a client for an interview. Agency Fees are US\$20,000.

Family Application - Dominica

For a family application the Government will require an investment of US\$100,000. This is a non-refundable economic contribution. This option is applicable for the applicant, spouse and two children under the age of eighteen. For a child over 18 and below 21 there is an additional charge of \$15,000, over 21 will be \$25,000. The Government investment is not payable until a successful background check has taken place and the Government of Dominica has invited a client for an interview. Agency Fees are US\$30,000.

Due Diligence

Due diligence requirements are undertaken by international private investigative agencies on behalf of the Government. The costs are payable by the applicant and are determined by the Due Diligence Agency they are usually between \$5,000 - \$10,000 depending on factors that include the number of applicants, countries that a client has resided during adulthood and all countries an applicant has or has had business operations.

We work with Bishops Investigative Services Worldwide who are extremely efficient and their prices are reasonable.

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The Interview Process

The process is compulsory and will take place in Dominica with three members of the Financial Services Unit committee. We will fully brief you prior to the meeting on questions that are likely to be asked. Interviews are held in English but an interpreter can be used if necessary.

Interview can also be held outside of Dominica at a clients expense.

Checklist of Documents

The documentary requirements are quite onerous and the procedure includes mandatory interviews which cannot be waived. The interview commission meets once a month and this can lengthen the process of finding a convenient date for the interview.

- *The Checklist of documentation to proceed is as follows and the process of considering the application takes about 3 months. Much of the time is taken up by the background checks on the client.*
- *Letter addressed to the Honourable Minister responsible for Citizenship*
- *Passport copy for each applicant*
- *Marriage Certificate/Dissolution of Marriage if required*
- *Birth Certificate for each applicant, it must be translated if it is not in English*
- *Letter of recommendation from the head of the school/university for children between 18 and 21 yrs old*
- *One Professional reference by a lawyer or accountant, they must have known you for a minimum of three years*
- *Letter of employment/Audited Financial Statement/Financial Statement certified by practitioner with international accepted designation*
- *Two Personal References*
- *Police Record, with finger prints, from country of birth and country of residence (if different) for each applicant sixteen (16) years and over; For children twelve to fifteen (12 - 15), sworn affidavit by parent that child does not have criminal record*
- *Four passport size photos for each applicant*
- *Medical Certificate to include a negative HIV test result*
- *Affidavit of Source of Funds*
- *Detailed Business Background Reports/Resume*
- *Notarized copies of University/College Diplomas*
- *Notarized Disclosure Form*
- *Statutory Declaration*
- *Two completed and notarized copies of Application Form 12 for each applicant, (we provide this for you)*

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COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA – PAYING FEES

Single Passport Approximate Disbursement of Fees and Costs:

- For a single application the Government will require an investment of US\$75,000 paid directly to the government. This is a non-refundable economic contribution.
- Due Diligence \$5,000-\$10,000 paid directly to Bishops Investigative Services Worldwide. (The Government investment is not payable until a successful background check has taken place)
- Misc. Costs Passport \$500, Fedex Approx \$250, Legal stamps and costs in Dominica \$250
- Interview costs of travelling to Dominica Approx \$3000-\$5000 (or inviting Dominica Govt Officials to your own country for the interview)
- Agency and Professional Fees US\$20,000. (Dominica Agent \$12000, Local Agent \$8000)

Application Documents submitted initially with the following Fees:

1. Due Diligence Fee - this will be assessed according to client's background and the full amount will be wired directly to Bishops
2. 50% Agency Fee Dominica..\$6000
3. 50% Agency Fee to MC CONSULTANTS & CHOGU VENTURES

Once the Due Diligence report has gone to the Dominican Government, and the client is clear to proceed, then the Government will issue a Comfort Letter to the client and an interview will be formally requested.

At that time the rest of fees will fall due, including the other half of the Agency fees.

All the money other than the Fees owed directly to your West African Agent will be paid directly to either the Government of Dominica, or the Due Diligence office in the US, or directly to our First Caribbean Corporate Account for our fees and expenses such as Fedex, Legal fees and stamps and other small incidentals. These will be fully invoiced at the time.

When fees are paid full instructions will be issued to finalise the process and pick up client's passport.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How Private is my New Second Passport?

The Government of Dominica and St. Kitts and Nevis do not publish any information on those who acquire citizenship through their Programmes.

Why Could My Application be Refused?

Applications would be refused in cases where an applicant has a criminal record, a damaged reputation or is otherwise unable to pass the due diligence clearance.

Is there a Right of Appeal for a Refused Application?

NO the decision is final they will not allow a client to appeal!

Do I have to Visit or Reside in Dominica or St. Kitts and Nevis to keep my Passport Valid?



No. You are not required to visit or live in either country, although you have the right to and are free to do so at any time. The governments of these countries are anxious to encourage new citizens to become involved further in their economy and offer substantial incentives to make this an attractive option.

Can I Apply for a Third Passport?

There are no restrictions on the number of legal passports you may carry.

There are Warnings about Illegally Issued Passports, why are these Programmes Different?

Citizenship and passports of the Commonwealth of Dominica have never been offered or issued illegally. They are viewed with respect by immigration officers and the business community alike.

It is possible to make direct payments to dishonest government officials to certain countries throughout the world in return for passports and citizenship documents. If not issued under a current legitimate government programme, these documents have been illegally acquired and are invalid. This puts the holder under serious risk of exposure, arrest and deportation.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Information contained in this document is obtained from Governments and other selected sources that Design Management Limited believe to be reliable.

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