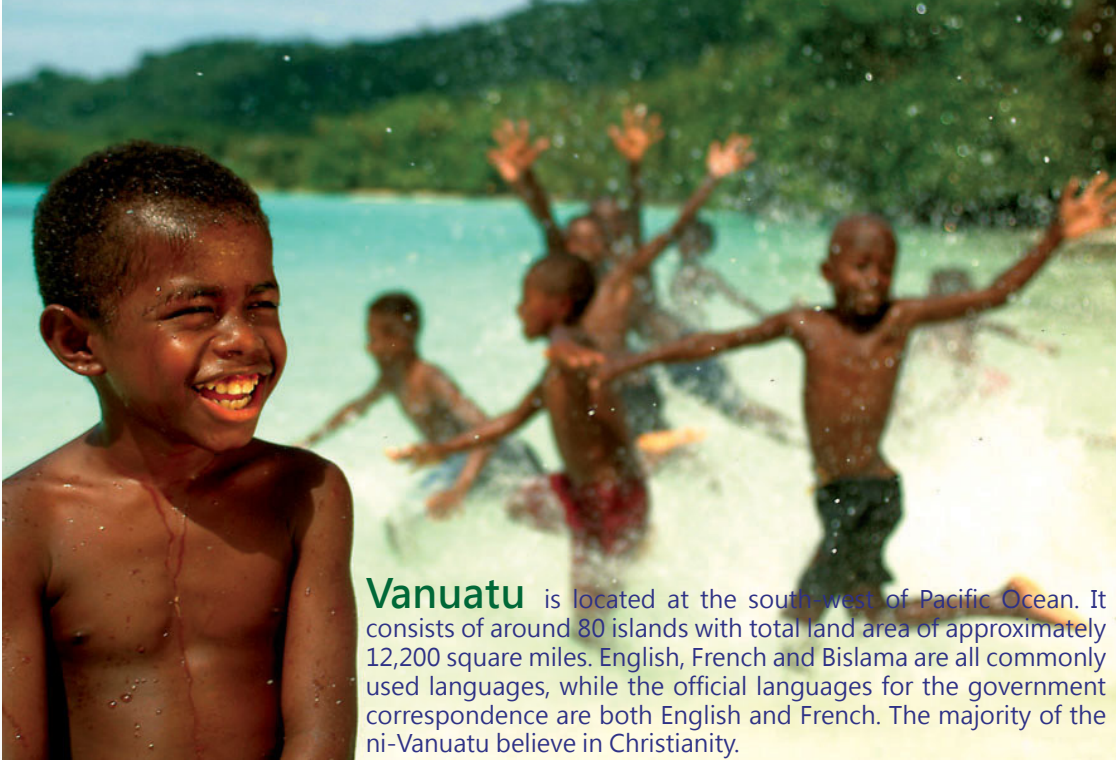




Vanuatu Contribution Program Citizenship Application

Vanuatu

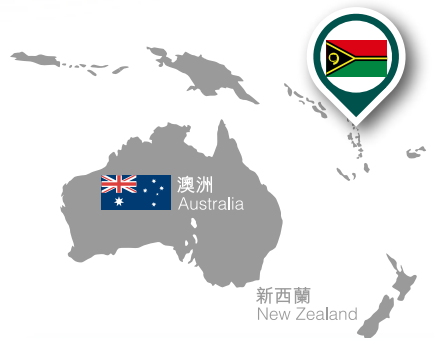


Vanuatu is located at the south-west of Pacific Ocean. It consists of around 80 islands with total land area of approximately 12,200 square miles. English, French and Bislama are all commonly used languages, while the official languages for the government correspondence are both English and French. The majority of the ni-Vanuatu believe in Christianity.

Vanuatu · Contribution Program (VCP)

About Vanuatu

It has become a member of Commonwealth of Nations and United-Nations since its independence in 1980. Vanuatu is one of the safest and happiest countries in the South Pacific region, a utopia for living.



Merits

- Stable political environment with well-developed democratic system;
- A well-development offshore financial service centre in the South Pacific region;
- Common law system;
- Dual citizenship allowed;
- No personal income tax, corporation tax, capital gain tax or estate duties, ect.;
- No foreign exchange control, capital funds can move in and out free from restrictions.



VCP

The Republic of Vanuatu has launched the Contribution Program pursuant to Section 13D of the Vanuatu Citizenship Act [CAP 112], under the Citizenship (Contribution Program) Regulation Order No. 220 of 2016 enacted on December 19, 2016. The Contribution Program aims to attract the high quality new immigrants to promote the economic development of the Republic of Vanuatu.

The Applicant who contributes the specified amount to the Development Support Account of the Vanuatu Government through an authorized agent. The applicant is entitled to submit citizenship application under Section 13D of the Vanuatu Citizenship Act [CAP 112] after duly contributed the initial payment. Then, the applications can be submitted to the Citizenship Commission to consider and make a decision on the application upon the clearance of the Screening Committee. It takes 6 to 8 weeks from the date of application submission to become the citizen of the Republic of Vanuatu and obtain the passport.

The flag of Vanuatu is shown waving on a flagpole against a blue sky with white clouds. The flag features a red top section, a yellow diagonal stripe, a green bottom section, and a white circle on the left containing a palm tree. A black diagonal stripe runs from the top right to the bottom left.

Legal Base

Pursuant to Section 13D of the Vanuatu Citizenship Act [CAP 112], the Minister is to prescribe by Regulation the requirements for an application for citizenship by an investor under the Contribution Program, the prescribed fees payable by an applicant under the Contribution Program covers the applicant, his or her spouse and 2 children. Also the Minister may prescribe additional fees applicable for any other child (including those aged between 18 and 25 who are receiving full-time education) and parents aged above 50 applying along with the applicant.

The Commission must within 3 months of receiving an application under this section, make a decision on whether or not to approve and grant a citizenship and it takes 30 working days to complete under normal circumstances.

Pursuant to Citizenship (Contribution Program) Regulation Order No. 220 of 2016:

- Procedures for applications for citizenship under the Contribution Program
- Prescribed fees
- Additional fees applicable for other items

Required Documents

Required Documents & Information	Subject Person(s)
Application forms	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent(s)
Certified true copy ¹ of existing passport (cover with first and last 3 pages)	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent(s)
Certified true copy ¹ of existing identity card (both sides)	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent(s)
Notarization ¹ of marriage certificate (full)	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse
Notarization ¹ of documentary proof showing the relation with parents	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent(s)
Notarization ¹ of birth certificate ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren)
Notarization of no criminal records or police clearance certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) (age over 16) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent(s)
Health declaration ³	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) (age over 16) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent(s)
School transcript or other certification from school (original in English or with certified translation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) (age 18-25)
Notarization of certificate of not married issued by government authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) (age 18-25)
Asset proof (not less than USD250,000)	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Applicant
Personal profile, Employment certification (original), and Academic certification (copy)	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Applicant
Bank reference letter (original), and Character reference by professional (original)	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Applicant (Upon request by Vanuatu Government)
6 Passport photo of white background (40mm x 50mm)	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent(s)

Notes:

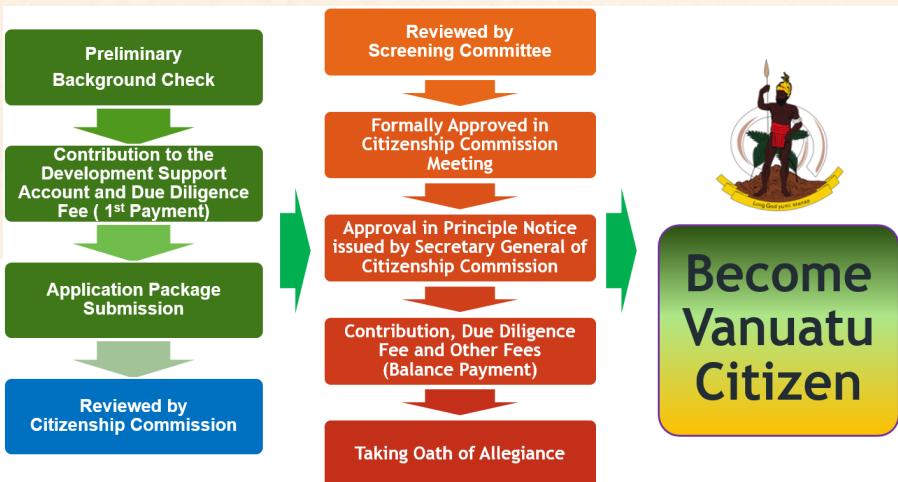
1. All documentary proofs should be in English or with English certified translation. For items 2 to 6, colour copies of the documents should be attached.
2. If no birth certificate has been issued, a statutory declaration made in front of notary public or relevant government authorities is required.
3. If serious illness has been suffered, a latest physical examination report and the medical records should be represented as supplemental information.
4. The above notarization or certified true copies should be issued within 3 months before submission.

Advantages of VCP

- Mature legal system
- Fully supported by the Vanuatu Government
- No landing and residing requirement
- Dual citizenship allowed
- Three generations can apply
- Short approval time, about 6 weeks



Application Procedure





Estimated Timeline

