



CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT IN SAINT LUCIA

The following guidelines are made subject to the provisions of the Citizenship by Investment Act No. 14 of 2015 (“the Act”) and the Citizenship by Investment Regulations No. 89 of 2015 (“the Regulations”) which guide the operation of the Citizenship by Investment Unit (“the Unit”)

THE PRINCIPAL APPLICANT MUST:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Have a net worth of at least US \$3,000,000.00;
- Satisfy a minimum qualifying investment in one of the four categories -
 - The Saint Lucia National Economic Fund;
 - An approved real estate project;
 - An approved enterprise project; or
 - The purchase of Government bonds.
- Pass a diligence background check. Please note that the principal applicant’s spouse and other qualifying dependents over the age of 16, **MUST** also pass a diligence background check.
- Provide full and frank disclosure on all matters pertaining to the application; and
- Pay the requisite non-refundable processing, due diligence and administrative fees upon application.

4. A child of the principal applicant or his or her spouse, of any age, who is physically or mentally challenged and fully supported by the principal applicant;
 5. A parent of the principal applicant or of his or her spouse over the age of sixty-five who habitually lives with and is fully supported by the principal applicant; and
 6. A parent of any age, of the principal applicant or his or her spouse, who is physically or mentally challenged and fully supported by the principal applicant.
- Be required to attend an interview in Saint Lucia or at an embassy or High Commission of Saint Lucia prior to the consideration of his or her application for citizenship by the Board.

THE PRINCIPAL APPLICANT MUST NOT:

- Have been convicted of a criminal offence except a minor traffic offence.
- Have been denied any category of visa to a country to which Saint Lucia has visa free access and been unsuccessful in subsequently obtaining visa.
- Have been declared bankrupt by a court; and
- Have been declared, by a court or qualified health practitioner to be mentally incapacitated.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- The Citizenship by Investment Board will consider an application for citizenship and the outcome may either be to grant, deny or delay for cause, an application for citizenship by investment.
- The average processing time from receipt of an application to notification of the outcome is three (3) months. Where, in exceptional cases, it is expected that the processing time will be longer than three (3) months, the authorised agent will be informed of the reason for the anticipated delay.
- An application for citizenship by investment must be submitted in electronic and printed form by an authorised agent on behalf of an applicant.
- All applications must be completed in English.
- All documents submitted with the application must be in the English Language or an authenticated translation into the English Language.

NB: An authenticated translation means a translation effected by either a professional translator who is officially accredited to a court of law, a government agency, an international organization or similar official institution, or if effected in a country where

	Non-refundable Processing Fee USD	Non-refundable Due Diligence Fee USD
Principal Applicant	\$2,000	\$7,500
Spouse	\$1,000	\$5,000
Qualifying Dependent (16 and over)	\$1,000	\$5,000
Qualifying Dependent (Under 16)	\$1,000	N/A

THE PRINCIPAL APPLICANT MAY:

- Apply for their qualifying dependent(s);
For our purposes, a qualifying dependent is defined as:
 1. A spouse of the principal applicant. A spouse means an individual of the opposite sex to the principal applicant who is legally married to the applicant and in the case of legal polygamy, ‘spouse’ shall mean the first husband or wife;
 2. A child of the principal applicant or of his or her spouse who is less than eighteen years of age;
 3. A child of the principal applicant or of his or her spouse who is no more than twenty-five years of age, who is fully supported by the principal applicant and is in full time attendance at a recognized institution of higher learning;

there are no official accredited translators, a translation effected by a company whose role or business is effecting professional translations.

- ALL requisite supporting documents must be attached to applications before they can be processed by the Unit.
- All applications must be accompanied by the requisite non-refundable processing and due diligence fees for the principal applicant, his or her spouse and each qualifying dependent.
- Incomplete application forms will be returned to the authorised agent.
- Where an application for citizenship by investment has been granted, the Unit will notify the authorised agent that the qualifying investment and requisite government administration fees must be paid before the Certificate of Citizenship can be granted.
- Where an application has been denied, the applicant may, in writing, request a review by the Minister.

ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP:

- The principal applicant must make the qualifying investment within sixty (60) calendar days after notice by the Unit to the authorised agent of approval of their application.
- In the case of an investment in an approved real estate or enterprise project, the principal applicant must pay the government administrative fees due within 60 full days after notice by the Unit to the authorised agent of approval of their application.
- An applicant who is granted citizenship by investment must take the oath or affirmation of allegiance to Saint Lucia in person in Saint Lucia or at any Saint Lucia Embassy, High Commission or Consulate, as prescribed by the Minister.
- The Minister may, by order, revoke a grant of citizenship in exceptional circumstances as may be deemed necessary.

These Guidelines are issued by the Citizenship by Investment Board this November, 2015.

Dated

Signed
Dr. Ernest Hilaire
Chairperson of the the Citizenship by Investment Board