

# **DOMINICA – ECONOMIC CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME:**

## **Commonwealth of Dominica**



In Partnership with –**PT Shamrock**

## THE BENEFITS OF CITIZENSHIP

### Dominican Passport

passport and main spouse and



### Benefits of Citizenship/Second include:

Dominica offers second Citizenship for life for the applicant, the applicant's dependent children (if any).

### Dual citizenship

Dual Citizenship is permitted and there is no residence requirement. It is necessary to visit Dominica once to attend an interview however. (You can choose to reside here if you wish to).

### Granting of Citizenship

If you have submitted all the required documents and completed all necessary procedures (like due -diligence) and the interview with the government was successful, you can expect to receive your Certificate of Naturalization and Passport within eight weeks. However, it can vary, depending upon the country of your current citizenship. The Minister of Legal Affairs will personally sign the Certificate of Naturalization authenticating you as a citizen of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

### Second Passport validity

The validity of passports in Dominica is ten (10) years. A child's passport is valid for five (5) years.

### Visa-Free Travel

Travel visa-free to more than one hundred (100) countries. Where a visa is required (Schengen States), it is relatively easy to obtain it within a day.

### Tax free status

Second passport and Dominica citizenship is the key to safeguard your wealth. There are no capital gains taxes, gift, wealth and inheritance taxes.

### Security

Protection of bank accounts, real estate and businesses, both abroad and within your own country.

### Confidentiality

The Government of Dominica does not inform the country of your current citizenship or residency about your second or third citizenship.

### Residential permit

Such permit is easier to obtain by Dominican citizens wishing to reside in Monaco, Switzerland, Andorra, United Kingdom, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Bahamas and other Caribbean countries.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Government views the economic citizenship programme as one component of its national capital mobilization portfolio towards its ultimate goal of national development and as such intends to channel capital from the economic citizenship programme towards public and private sector projects where a need is identified. Public sector projects identified for financing under the programme include:

(1) building of schools (2) renovation of the hospital (3) building of a national Sports stadium (4) The promotion of the Offshore Sector.

With respect to private sector projects, government emphasis is on the tourism, information technology and agricultural sectors and therefore public sector projects to be financed under the programme will fall within one of these sectors.

## **BACKGROUND**

Chapter VII of the Constitution sets out the conditions under which citizenship may be obtained or granted. Sections 97 to 100 make provisions for entitlement to citizenship by birth, parentage and marriage respectively. Section 101 allows Parliament to pass laws to grant citizenship to other persons who are not entitled under the preceding sections. Section 101 provides as follows: 101. There shall be such provision as may be made by Parliament for –

1. the acquisition of citizenship of Dominica by persons who are not eligible or who are no longer eligible to become citizens of Dominica under the provisions of this Chapter; 2. depriving of his citizenship of Dominica any person who is a citizen of Dominica otherwise than by virtue of section 97, 98 or 99 of this Constitution; 3. the renunciation by any person of his citizenship of Dominica. Citizenship provided for by section 101 of the Constitution could only be granted under the Naturalization and Citizenship Act which stipulated that persons who had been continuously resident in Dominica for five (5) years could apply for naturalization and may be eligible for citizenship on payment of prescribed fees. In 1993 the concept of Economic Citizenship was introduced whereby the residency requirement was waived. This amendment to the Citizenship Act meant that for a stipulated investment, persons could apply for Dominica citizenship.

## **INVESTMENT OPTIONS**

The citizenship program of the Commonwealth of Dominica requires making an economic contribution to the country. This investment benefits social development programs and supports the country's financial security.

### **FAMILY OPTION**

Under this option the investor-applicant pays US\$100,000 which qualifies the investor, spouse and two (2) children under 18 for economic citizenship. An additional US\$15,000 per child is required for children who have turned 18 years but are less than 21 years old (that is the child has yet to become 21 years old). Also, a cash contribution of US\$25,000 will be required for any additional child under twenty-one (21).

### **SINGLE OPTION**

A Single Option application is defined as one where the investor (whether single or married) is the sole applicant for economic citizenship. Under this option the "Single" investor would be required to make a cash investment of US\$75,000 which would be directed towards public sector financing.

## **APPLICATION FEES**

Application fee (Non-refundable), Processing Fee (Non-refundable), Naturalization Fee, Stamp Fee amount to approximately US\$ 3,000 per investor, however these fees are subject to change therefore prior verification with an DOMINICA SOURCE representative is required.

# THE PROCESS

## WEEK1-3:

**STEP 1** – DOMINICA SOURCE commence due diligence process upon payment in full of relevant fees and receipt of signed consent for background checks to be carried out by a specialized independent agency. 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.

**STEP 2** -DOMINICA SOURCE prepares Government application forms and support documentation for submission.

## WEEK 4 –8:

**STEP 3** -Application is submitted and Government advises DOMINICA SOURCE as to whether the application was denied or approved in principle.

## WEEK 8 –12:

**STEP 4** -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.

**STEP 5** -The request for compulsory interview with the Dominica government appointed committee is issued at this time. If the client is unable to travel to Dominica and our DOMINICA SOURCE will arrange to have the committee travel to the client, please note this will be at the client's expense.

**STEP 6** – DOMINICA SOURCE notifies client of results. The signed, notarized Oath Of Allegiance will then be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Labor, to complete the submission process.

Upon approval by the Prime Minister of Dominica, the client is issued a Certificate of Naturalization and DOMINICA SOURCE will obtain passport/s within 1 week.

Please note that this is a guideline as processing times may vary depending on each individual case and the Government policy. This will not be the legal responsibility of DOMINICA SOURCE. The granting of citizenship is at the sole discretion of the Government of Dominica but, generally, the application is only denied if the due diligence reveals that the applicant has made false statements in the application forms or other submitted documents; has engaged in criminal activities or is under investigation in relation to criminal activities (or is alleged to have been) engaged in or associated with any activity that would bring disrepute to Dominica.

## WHY USE DOMINICA SOURCE AND WHAT IS DOMINICA SOURCE'S ROLE IN THE PROCESS?

DOMINICA SOURCE is a registered and licensed government agent of the programme in Dominica We are professionals with extensive experience in Legal & Offshore Services since 1994. We have our own in-house lawyer to ensure a timely and seamless service to our clients. .We assist our clients with questions in completing the forms and attend to their needs as requested. We advise clients immediately of any errors or omissions in their original application form and any other supporting documentation. Clients will be regularly updated by DOMINICA SOURCE about the status of their application. We have excellent relationships with the applicable government offices. We fully prepare our clients for the interview, inform them of the potential questions they will be asked and personally escort them to the interview.. We will ensure full support to our clients when they are on island. We can handle all travel and accommodation requirements for our clients. DOMINICA SOURCE has an extremely high success rate with the programme. The client will receive their passport in a timely manner. The services of DOMINICA SOURCE extend far beyond the programme should you wish to consider permanent relocations to the island.

PT Shamrock's referral fee is US\$5,000

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- Edmund Burke - 1784