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CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME

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Dear Esteemed Investors and Citizens,

As the Executive Chairman of the Board of Governors of the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship Unit, I am excited to usher in a new era for our Citizenship Programme – one that has been synonymous with excellence for more than 40 years.

Our vision is grounded in six key principles that inform everything we do:

**Transparency:** We will ensure that our processes and decisions are clear and accessible to all stakeholders.

**Communication:** We believe in open dialogue with our investors and stakeholders. Your insights and feedback are invaluable as we strive to deliver consistently exceptional service.

**Good Governance:** Upholding the highest standards of integrity and accountability is paramount. We are dedicated to ensuring that our operations reflect these values.

**Transformation:** We are committed to meeting the changing needs of our clients and the global market, transforming our operations to deliver speed and efficiency while embracing innovation.

**Global Leadership:** St. Kitts and Nevis will continue to set the benchmark in the investment migration landscape. We will leverage our strengths to lead the way and inspire confidence in our premier Citizenship Programme internationally.

**Sustainability:** Our future depends on our ability to preserve and protect our natural and cultural heritage. We are dedicated to implementing sustainable practices that benefit our citizens, investors, stakeholders, and our environment.

We pride ourselves on offering tailored solutions designed to meet the unique needs of our clients whilst ensuring a seamless and rewarding experience.

I look forward to working with you as you become part of the world's most established and respected Citizenship Programme.

Warm regards,

*Calvin St. Juste.*

Executive Chairman of the Board of Governors, the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship Unit.



# St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship Programme

The St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship Programme is one of the main pillars of the economic development of St. Kitts and Nevis and has generated substantial benefit to the people of the nation over the years.

As pioneers of the migration industry, St. Kitts and Nevis remains a top destination for those seeking alternative citizenship from a trusted and reputable country. The twin-island Federation launched the Citizenship Programme in 1984 and it has since been consistently ranked as one of the world's best programmes.

The Citizenship Unit is committed to strengthening the Citizenship Programme and has prioritised the reform of the Citizenship Programme which aims to further enhance its integrity and competitiveness.

## Management of the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship Unit

In June 2024, the National Assembly successfully passed the Citizenship by Investment Unit Act, 2024, establishing the Citizenship Unit as a separate body corporate, as opposed to a Government department, operational from 31 July 2024.

The Citizenship Unit has perpetual succession, a common seal and the ability to sue and be sued in its corporate name.

In addition to the Board of Governors, there is a Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer as well as Chief Due Diligence and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer to oversee the Programme.

### Board of Governors

Since January 2023, the Citizenship Unit has been managed by an appointed Board of Governors, who are in charge of advising the Prime Minister on the operation and activities of the Unit, as well as monitoring and reviewing the development and policies of the Citizenship Programme.

## Technical Committee

The review of all Citizenship Programme applications is the responsibility of the Technical Committee, who are also in charge of ensuring that all due diligence background checks and spot checks are comprehensively completed on all Citizenship Programme applications.

## Continuing International Due Diligence Unit

In a historic session of the National Assembly the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis marked a significant milestone by establishing the Continuing International Due Diligence (CIDD) Unit, operational from 31 July 2024.

The inception of the CIDD Unit heralds a new era in the evolution of the Citizenship Programme, building upon four decades of excellence, consolidation, and enhancement. By integrating ongoing due diligence practices, the CIDD Unit is poised to elevate the programme's integrity and efficacy to unprecedented levels.

The launch of the CIDD Unit underscores St. Kitts and Nevis' unwavering commitment to excellence, integrity, and responsible citizenship practices, setting a new benchmark for global citizenship programmes worldwide.



# Citizenship Programme Options

## Sustainable Island State Contribution (SISC)

The SISC fund is used to support the economic and social development of St. Kitts and Nevis following seven pillars of prioritisation:

1. Increasing local food production
2. Transitioning to Green Energy
3. Diversifying the economy
4. Attracting and supporting sustainable industries
5. Evolving the Creative Economy
6. Recovering from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic
7. Expanding social protections and safety nets to protect the most vulnerable

This fund provides discerning investors the option to contribute to their new nation. It is a sustainable and secure solution for intelligent investors who want to make a smart move. All contributions are payable to the Federal Consolidated Fund.

Scan the QR code for SISC Minimum Investment, Due Diligence and Application Fees.



## Developer's Real Estate Investment Option

Only Approved Developments are eligible for the Real Estate Investment Option under the Citizenship Programme. A trusted and strategic diversification strategy for your portfolio. Discerning investors may apply for citizenship through the purchasing of a designated real estate unit of an Approved Development.

Scan the QR code for Developer's Real Estate Minimum Investment, Due Diligence and Application Fees.



# Private Real Estate Investment Option

A distinctive choice for the unique investor. Applicants may qualify for citizenship through an investment in Approved Private Real Estate.

Scan the QR code for Private Real Estate Minimum Investment, Due Diligence and Application Fees.



Resale: The Approved Private Real Estate does not qualify for purchase in a subsequent Citizenship Programme application, unless the Board of Governors is satisfied that substantial further investment was injected into the real estate unit by way of further construction, renovation or otherwise.

# Public Benefit Option

The Public Benefit Option provides the Government with the means of achieving its capital investment goals.

Discerning persons or entities who would like to: develop an industry, finance the construction of a real estate development on State land, construct a real estate development project on land to be transferred to the State, or otherwise bring some substantial benefit to the people of St. Kitts and Nevis can apply to the Board of Governors to be designated as an Approved Public Benefactor. They can then apply for their projects to be designated as Approved Public Benefit Projects qualified for sale under this option.

Approved Public Benefit Projects designated by the Citizenship Unit can not only maximise local employment, but also make it possible to embark upon projects including transfer of technology and capacity building.

Scan the QR code for Public Benefit Option Minimum Investment, Due Diligence and Application Fees.





## The St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship Programme application process is as follows:

### **Step 1: Choose Your Agent**

Select an Authorised Agent from the official Government list. You can not apply directly.

### **Step 2: Complete Your Application**

Complete all forms and supply all documents via your Authorised Agent.

### **Step 3: Background Checks**

Wait for the Citizenship Unit to process your application and conduct all due diligence checks. All main applicants are required to attend a mandatory interview. Dependants aged 16 years of age or older may at the discretion of the Citizenship Unit be required to attend an interview.

Once your application is vetted and you are successful, an approval-in-principle letter will be issued.

### **Step 4: Make Your Contribution Or Investment**

Make your investment after you receive the approval-in-principle letter.

### **Step 5: Citizenship Granted**

Receive your citizenship.



## Due Diligence Fees

Upon submission of an application, non-refundable due diligence fees must also be paid.

## Post-approval Application Fees

On approval-in-principle of an application made through the Approved Real Estate Investment, Approved Private Real Estate Sale or Public Benefit Options, post-approval application fees apply.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What are the requirements to become a citizen of St. Kitts and Nevis through the Citizenship Programme?**

The main applicant must be at least 18 years of age, must have made an investment for the prescribed amount, and must meet other application requirements.

## **Can I contact the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship Unit directly?**

The Citizenship Unit engages only with Authorised Agents. An Authorised Agent is a person licenced by the Financial Services Regulatory Commission to conduct corporate or trust services in St. Kitts and Nevis. Additionally, an Authorised Agent would have paid the Authorised Agent's fees, and is authorised to act on behalf of the main applicant in relation to a Citizenship Programme application.

The main applicant should contact an Authorised Agent from the official list of Authorised Agents on our website. The Authorised Agent will guide the main applicant through the application requirements, and handle and submit the application to the Citizenship Unit on their behalf. The Citizenship Unit cannot endorse or recommend any Authorised Agent to applicants.

## **Are the application forms available online?**

No. The application forms for the Citizenship Programme can only be obtained through, and submitted to the Citizenship Unit by, an Authorised Agent.

## **Do interviews form part of the application process?**

Yes, mandatory interviews are required for all main applicants. The Citizenship Unit may at its discretion require any dependants aged 16 or over to attend an interview.





### **Does the Programme recognise same sex marriage?**

The laws of St. Kitts and Nevis define “spouse” as the partner of the opposite sex by marriage.

### **What is the maximum number of dependants allowed?**

There is no limit on the number of permitted dependants.

### **What are the fees involved?**

Applicants are required to pay a minimum investment fee as well as processing, due diligence and application fees, dependent on which investment option is chosen. Processing fees are applicable to all applicants and all applicants aged 16 or over are required to pay due diligence fees. Additional post approval-in-principle Citizenship Programme application fees apply under the Real Estate Investment Option, the Private Real Estate Sale Investment Option, and the Public Benefit Option.

### **If I am no longer interested in becoming a citizen will my monies be refunded?**

If a Certificate of Registration has not been issued, and dependent on any sale and purchase agreement made with a real estate provider, monies will be refunded, with the exception of due diligence fees and processing fees.

### **Can an applicant remit fees directly to the Citizenship Unit?**

Processing fees, due diligence fees, and post-approval application fees must be paid through the applicant's Authorised Agent. Wire transfers to the Citizenship Unit are only applicable for approved applicants for the remittance of contributions to the SISC.

### **Do I have to reside in St. Kitts and Nevis in order to apply for citizenship?**

No. Residing in St. Kitts and Nevis is not required when applying for the Citizenship Programme.

### **What is a police certificate?**

A police certificate refers to a statement from a national law enforcement authority on the status of a person's criminal record. It is also referred to as “certificate of no criminal record” or “police clearance record”.

### **Who is required to produce a police certificate?**

The main applicant and all dependants 16 years of age or older are required to produce a police certificate. Applicants who will turn 16 within three months of submitting their application must also provide a police certificate.



### **How long does the application process take?**

Within 120 - 180 days of acknowledgment from the Citizenship Unit of submission of a Citizenship application, the Citizenship Unit will advise whether an application is:

- Approved-in-principle;
- Denied; or
- Delayed for cause and is still being processed.

Applicants will be kept apprised of the status of their applications through their Authorised Agent.

### **Can I submit my application in a language other than English?**

No. Applications that are not in English are not accepted by the Citizenship Unit. Any supporting documents not in English must be provided both in the original language and concurrently with a certified translation into English.



### **Can my family be included in my application?**

Yes. A main applicant may include the following family members as dependants in their application:

- a) The spouse of the main applicant;
- b) Children aged under 18;
- c) Children aged between 18 and 25 who are in full-time attendance at a recognised secondary or tertiary level institution of learning and fully supported by the main applicant;
- d) Children aged 18 or over who are physically or mentally challenged; and
- e) Parents of the main applicant or the spouse of the main applicant aged 55 or over, living with and fully supported by the main applicant.

## **What are the requirements for financially sponsored applications?**

The following documents are required on applications that are financially sponsored by a parent or child of the sponsored main applicant.

A birth certificate is required to confirm the relationship between the financial sponsor and main applicant.

The following documents will be required from the financial sponsor:

- C1 Application Form
- Birth Certificate
- Letter of Employment and/or Business/Incorporation Documents
- Proof of Address Document
- A twelve-month bank statement, dated within six months of submission
- A bank reference letter

The financial sponsor will be subject to due diligence checks and will incur due diligence fees in addition to the application fees.

## **How do I apply for name changes?**

The Citizenship Unit will no longer be processing applications for name changes to Certificates of Registration.

All required name changes to the passport will be done when the passport renewal process is being conducted.

All relevant documents must be submitted to the Passport Office, to request the name change.

All previous names will be stated on the Observation Page of the new passport.

## **What are the requirements for post-citizenship additions?**

All post-citizenship addition applications will be processed through the Citizenship Unit.

The post-approval addition fees are as follows:

- **US\$30,000** (Thirty Thousand United States Dollars) for addition of spouse or other qualified dependant after approval-in-principle of the main applicant.
- **US\$7,500** (Seven Thousand Five Hundred United States Dollars) for the addition of each dependant child of the main applicant under three years of age and born after the date the Certificate of Registration is issued to the main applicant.



In addition, the standard fees for processing, due diligence, bank due diligence, Certificate of Registration and passport will be required.

The following dependants are eligible:

1. New spouse married **after** main applicant acquired citizenship
2. Newborn child up to the age of 3 born **after** main applicant acquired citizenship
3. Eligible dependant child aged 3+ born **after** main applicant acquired citizenship
4. Eligible dependant parent who reached the age of eligibility (55 or that in force at the time of the application) **after** the main applicant acquired citizenship

Any dependants **who were eligible but not included in the original application cannot apply for citizenship by the post-citizenship addition route and fees.**

In this instance, such dependants may apply via a sponsored application.

### **Does the Citizenship Unit accept Cryptocurrency as a source of wealth?**

The Citizenship Unit now accepts cryptocurrency as a partial source of wealth. Please note a separate proof of wealth not derived from crypto will be required.

There will be additional due diligence fees associated with this source of funds.



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