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Egypt Citizenship by Investment

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PROGRAMMES	VISA-FREE DESTINATIONS	CAPITAL	CURRENCY
4	50	Cairo	Egyptian Pound

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Egypt at a glance

CAPITAL **Cairo**	POPULATION **109,450,000**
LANGUAGE **Arabic**	CURRENCY **Egyptian Pound**
TIME ZONE **UTC+2 (Eastern European Time)**	CLIMATE **Desert / Mediterranean**
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Overview

Egypt grants citizenship by investment under Law No. 140 of 2019, implemented by Prime Ministerial Decree 3099/2019 as amended by PM Decree 876/2023 and PM Decree 3562/2023. Four routes are open: a USD 250,000 non-refundable contribution to the state treasury, USD 300,000 in real estate, USD 450,000 in an investment project (USD 350,000 in the project plus USD 100,000 non-refundable), or a USD 500,000 three-year interest-free deposit at the Central Bank. The Cabinet publishes an overall standard of six to twelve months. A government fee of USD 10,000 applies per application.

Key points

- Approximately 50 visa-free or visa-on-arrival destinations (Henley Passport Index, 2026). No EU or UK visa waiver.
- No residence requirement to hold or keep the citizenship, but six months of temporary residence is granted to execute the investment
- Spouse follows a separate two-year route under Law 26/1975; parents, grandparents and siblings cannot be included
- Egypt permits dual nationality. India does not — Indian citizenship ends on acquisition.
- Citizenship can be withdrawn within ten years for fraud, five years on conviction for a felony

Programmes in Egypt



Bank Deposit Route — Egypt Citizenship by Investment

USD 500,000 held at the Central Bank of Egypt for three years, interest-free, and repaid in Egyptian pounds.

From USD 500,000 | 6–12 months (Egyptian Cabinet standard)



Business Investment – Egypt CBI

USD 350,000 in an Egyptian investment project plus a USD 100,000 non-refundable payment.

From USD 450,000 | 6–12 months (Egyptian Cabinet standard)



Donation Route – Egypt Citizenship by Investment

The simplest path — a one-time contribution to Egypt's state treasury.

From USD 250,000 | 6–12 months (Egyptian Cabinet standard)



Real Estate Investment – Egypt Citizenship by Investment

Invest at least USD 300,000 in Egyptian real estate, transferred from abroad, to obtain Egyptian citizenship.

From USD 300,000 | 6–12 months (Egyptian Cabinet standard)

How the application works

1. **Eligibility check by XIPHIAS to assess candidate credentials for Egypt Citizenship by Investment.**
2. **Collect and certify all necessary supporting documents, including passports, birth certificates, and financial statements.**
3. **Submit the application and pay the non-refundable fee to the Egyptian CBI Unit.**
4. **Complete due diligence and background checks performed by Egyptian authorities.**
5. **Make the investment according to your chosen CBI option: Donation, Real Estate, Business, or Bank Deposit.**
6. **Receive the official citizenship decree and Egyptian passport.**

General requirements

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a clean criminal record to qualify for Egypt Citizenship by Investment.
- Pass thorough due diligence screenings conducted by Egyptian authorities, including proof of legal source of funds.
- Be in good health, confirmed through a medical examination by approved practitioners.
- Fulfill the program's specified investment requirement: Donation to the State Treasury, Government-approved Real Estate, Business Investment, or Bank Deposit.

Questions clients ask

How long does the Egypt Citizenship by Investment process take?

The Egyptian Cabinet publishes a staged standard: three to six months for a preliminary decision, six months of temporary residence to execute the investment, then a final decision within three months. Its own FAQ gives the overall timeframe as six to twelve months.

Can I include my family in the application?

Minor children acquire the nationality with you. A spouse does not: under Articles 6 and 7 of Law 26/1975 a spouse follows a separate route that requires two years from notifying the Minister of Interior. Parents, grandparents and siblings cannot be included.

How many countries can Egyptian citizens visit without a visa?

Approximately 50 destinations visa-free or visa-on-arrival, per the Henley Passport Index 2026. There is no EU or UK visa waiver. Rankings are commercial indices, not government data, and they change.

Do I need to live in Egypt to qualify for citizenship?

There is no residence requirement to obtain or keep the citizenship. On preliminary approval you are granted a right of temporary residence in Egypt for six months to execute the investment, so the process is not entirely remote.

What does it cost in government fees?

A non-refundable USD 10,000 government fee, paid by bank transfer from abroad to a designated Central Bank account. It is stated per application rather than per person. Egypt does not publish a separate per-person passport issuance fee.

Are there any restrictions on the citizenship?

Yes. Article 9 of Law 26/1975 defers political rights for five years and parliamentary eligibility for ten years. The citizenship can be withdrawn within ten years for fraud or false statements, and within five years on conviction for a felony or an honour crime.



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