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CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT | SAINT LUCIA

St. Lucia Citizenship by Investment – National Economic Fund (NEF) Donation Route

Saint Lucia citizenship through a non-refundable National Economic Fund contribution of USD 240,000 for an applicant alone or with up to three qualifying dependants.

INVESTMENT FROM

USD 240,000

TIMELINE

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At a glance

COUNTRY **Saint Lucia**	ROUTE **Citizenship by Investment - Donation**
MINIMUM INVESTMENT **USD 240,000**	TIMELINE **Under 90 days in most cases (CIP guideline)**
FAMILY MEMBERS **Spouse, children up to age 30, parents aged 55+, siblings**	LAST UPDATED **1 October 2026**

Overview

Saint Lucia's **National Economic Fund** is a non-refundable government contribution from **USD 240,000**, covering the applicant alone or with up to three qualifying dependants.

Saint Lucia offers the widest choice of the five Eastern Caribbean programmes — fund, government bond, real estate and enterprise — and the broadest definition of who counts as a dependant.

Government fees and timing

From the Citizenship by Investment Programme:

- Additional dependants beyond three: **USD 10,000** each under 18, **USD 20,000** each aged 18 or over; **USD 5,000** for a newborn aged 12 months or under.
- Processing: **USD 2,000** main applicant, **USD 1,000** each dependant.
- Due diligence: **USD 8,000** main applicant, **USD 5,000** each dependant. Due diligence is conducted only on applicants above the age of 16.

The Programme states that, in most cases, its processing time for a grant of citizenship is significantly below its 90-day guideline.

Travel access today

Here is where **Saint Lucia** stands today:

United Kingdom: a visa is required. The UK removed visa-free access for Saint Lucia on **5 March 2026** under Statement of Changes HC 1691, expressly because of the citizenship-by-investment programme. The transitional window closed on 16 April 2026.

United States: a visa is required, as it is for every Caribbean CBI passport. No programme in this region gives visa-free entry to the United States.

Canada: a visitor visa is required. None of the five Caribbean citizenship-by-investment countries has visa-free access to Canada.

On Schengen and the EU: access is currently in place, but the EU's revised visa suspension mechanism, adopted on 31 December 2025, makes operating a citizenship-by-investment scheme a self-standing ground for suspending visa-free travel. The European Commission wrote to Antigua & Barbuda in June 2026 seeking a phase-out, and an EU report is due in December 2026. Schengen access should not be treated as permanent.

What this does to an Indian passport

India does not allow dual citizenship. Section 9(1) of the Citizenship Act 1955 provides that a citizen of India who voluntarily acquires the citizenship of another country **ceases to be a citizen of India**. Acquiring any Caribbean citizenship is voluntary, so your Indian citizenship ends **automatically on the day it is granted** — no Indian decision, no discretion, no deferral. The Indian passport must be surrendered and a Surrender Certificate obtained.

You can then apply for **Overseas Citizen of India** status. The Ministry of External Affairs states plainly that OCI is not dual citizenship: no vote, no constitutional posts, no equality in public employment, and **no acquisition of agricultural land, farmhouses or plantation property in India**.

This is a **replacement** for your Indian citizenship, not an addition. Plan around that.

Key benefits

- Processing for a grant of citizenship is, in most cases, significantly below the Citizenship by Investment Programme's 90-day guideline.
- Simple, contribution-based route: one amount covers an applicant with up to three qualifying dependants.
- No residency requirement before or after citizenship.
- The broadest dependant definition of the five, including unmarried siblings under 18 with parental consent.
- Supports Saint Lucia’s national development through the NEF.

Requirements

- Make the NEF contribution after receiving approval from the Citizenship by Investment Programme.
- Pass due diligence (background, financial, health) and attend an interview, in person or virtually.
- Provide all required documentation (IDs, proof of funds, birth/marriage certificates, dependent proofs).
- Comply with Saint Lucia CBI regulations, nationality, and sanctions restrictions.

When this route may not fit

- Unclear or unverifiable source of funds.
- Adverse background findings or sanctions/watchlist presence.
- Failure to complete KYC/AML checks or provide required documents.

Document checklist

Identity & Civil

- Valid passport copies (main applicant and dependents)
- Birth certificates (applicant and dependents)
- Marriage certificate (if applicable)
- Police clearance / background check for applicants aged 16+

Financial & Source of Funds

- Proof of source of funds / bank statements

Health & Compliance

- Medical certificate (as per CIU guidelines)
- Professional reference letters (if required)
- Signed application forms
- Recent passport-sized photographs

Important notes

- Saint Lucia lost visa-free access to the United Kingdom on 5 March 2026 under Statement of Changes HC 1691, expressly because of the citizenship-by-investment programme. The transitional window closed on 16 April 2026.
- No Caribbean citizenship-by-investment passport gives visa-free access to the United States.
- Applications have been subject to an interview, in person or virtually, since 1 September 2023, at the due diligence stage.
- Indian citizenship ends automatically on acquiring Saint Lucian citizenship.

Compliance

- Routes: National Economic Fund from USD 240,000; National Action Bond USD 300,000 plus a USD 50,000 non-refundable administrative fee, non-interest-bearing and held five years; approved real estate from USD 300,000 plus administrative fees of USD 30,000 or USD 45,000; and enterprise projects.
- Due diligence is conducted only on applicants over 16. Processing fees are USD 2,000 for the main applicant and USD 1,000 per dependant; due diligence USD 8,000 and USD 5,000.
- Saint Lucia has the broadest dependant definition of the five: children up to 21, or up to 30 if fully supported; parents over 55; and unmarried siblings under 18 with parental consent.
- No residency or visit requirement after grant.
- The Citizenship by Investment Programme states processing is significantly below its 90-day guideline.

Official sources: Saint Lucia Citizenship by Investment Programme; UK Government — Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules HC 1691; UK Government — check if you need a UK visa; Government of Canada — find out if you need a visa; Citizenship Act 1955, Section 9(1) — Government of India; Government of India — passport surrender certificate; Ministry of External Affairs — Overseas Citizenship of India scheme; OECS — regional CBI standards.



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