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CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT | ST. KITTS & NEVIS

# Sustainable Island State Contribution (SISC) – Donation Route

St Kitts & Nevis citizenship through a USD 250,000 Sustainable Island State Contribution for a main applicant or a family of up to four.

**INVESTMENT FROM**

USD 250,000

**TIMELINE**

120–180 days to approval in principle (CIU)

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## At a glance

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| COUNTRY<br>**St. Kitts & Nevis** | ROUTE<br>**Citizenship by Investment - Donation** |
| MINIMUM INVESTMENT<br>**USD 250,000** | TIMELINE<br>**120–180 days to approval in principle (CIU)** |
| FAMILY MEMBERS<br>**Spouse, children up to age 29, parents aged 55+** | LAST UPDATED<br>**1 October 2026** |

## Overview

The **Sustainable Island State Contribution** is St Kitts & Nevis's main donation route, at **USD 250,000** for a main applicant or a family of up to four, plus **USD 25,000** for each additional dependant under 18 and **USD 50,000** for each additional dependant aged 18 or over. St Kitts moved to this level in **July 2023**, a year before the wider Eastern Caribbean minimum took effect.

## Government fees and timing

From the Citizenship by Investment Unit and the Statutory Rules and Orders in force:

- Application fee (SRO No. 1 of 2026): **USD 25,000** for a main applicant, a main applicant with a spouse and up to two dependants, or a main applicant with up to three dependants; **USD 25,000** for each additional dependant under 18 and **USD 50,000** for each additional dependant aged 18 or over.
- **USD 30,000** to add a spouse or qualifying dependant after approval in principle, and **USD 7,500** for each child under three born after the certificate of registration.
- Due diligence: **USD 10,000** main applicant, **USD 7,500** each dependant aged 16 and over.
- Application processing: **USD 250** per application.

The Unit's 2024 brochure states that it advises approval, denial or delay within **120 to 180 days** of acknowledging an application.

## Travel access today

Here is where **St Kitts & Nevis** stands today:

**United Kingdom: visa-free, but you need an ETA.** Since 8 January 2025 an electronic travel authorisation is required before travel. “Visa-free” without that qualifier is no longer accurate.

**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

- The Citizenship by Investment Unit's 2024 brochure states that it advises approval, denial or delay within 120 to 180 days of acknowledging an application.
- One contribution covers a main applicant or a family of up to four.
- Family inclusion: spouse, children under 18, unmarried children aged 18 to 29 who are substantially supported, and parents aged 55 and over.
- No residency requirement to maintain citizenship.
- Visa-free to the United Kingdom with an ETA; not listed in US Presidential Proclamation 10998.

## Requirements

- Make the SISC contribution after Approval-in-Principle (AIP).
- Pass due diligence and background screening; every main applicant attends an interview.
- Provide full documentary evidence for verification, including valid passports/IDs, police and health certificates, source-of-funds, and civil status documents.

### When this route may not fit

- Unclear or unverifiable source of funds.
- Adverse background findings, sanctions, watchlist or prior CBI rejection.
- Inability to complete interview or supply required documentation.

# Document checklist

### Identity & Civil

- Passport copies (valid >=12 months) for main applicant and dependents
- Birth certificates for all dependents
- Marriage certificate (if spouse included)
- Divorce/name change certificate (if applicable)
- Proof of address (utility bill/bank statement)

### Financial & Source of Funds

- Bank statements (last 6–12 months)
- Evidence of income, business proceeds, or sale of assets
- Banker's/professional reference
- Documentation proving funds for SISC

### Compliance

- Police clearance certificates (all jurisdictions of residence)
- Medical/health certificates
- Limited power of attorney (if applicable)
- CVs for adult applicants
- Military records/exemption (if applicable)

### Dependents & Relationships

- Birth certificates for dependent children
- Proof of relationship for qualifying parents

# Important notes

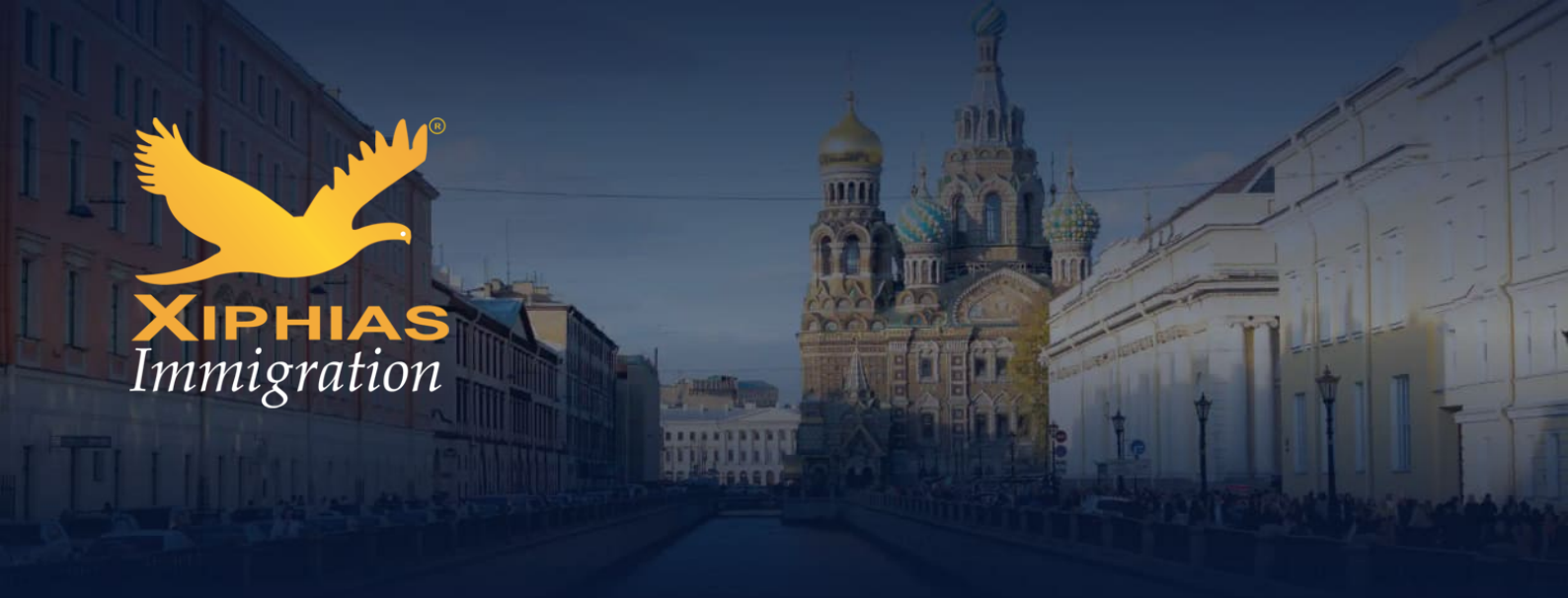
- Fees and dependant definitions on this page follow the Statutory Rules and Orders in force — SRO 43 of 2024 and SRO 1 of 2026 — which take precedence over older published summaries.
- A mandatory interview applies to every main applicant, introduced by SRO 26 of 2023. Dependants aged 16 and over may be interviewed if deemed necessary.
- New obligation after grant: citizens by investment must enrol in the National Biometric Enrolment and Passport Modernisation Programme, effective 14 April 2026, with a deadline of 31 July 2027. This is a continuing duty, not a one-off at application.
- Indian citizenship ends automatically on acquiring citizenship of St Kitts & Nevis.

### Compliance

- Sustainable Island State Contribution: USD 250,000. St Kitts reached this level in July 2023, a year ahead of the regional floor.
- Approved developer real estate: USD 325,000. Private real estate: USD 325,000 for a condominium or USD 600,000 for a single-family house. These were reduced from USD 400,000 and USD 800,000 by SRO 43 of 2024 on 25 October 2024 — the opposite direction to the rest of the region.

- Real estate holding period: seven years, the longest of the five.
- Public Benefit Option: USD 250,000, from which the USD 25,000 application fee is deducted.
- Application fees under SRO 1 of 2026: USD 25,000, plus USD 25,000 per additional dependant under 18, USD 50,000 per additional dependant aged 18 or over, USD 30,000 to add a dependant after approval in principle, and USD 7,500 for a child under three born after the certificate of registration.
- Dependent children are defined as aged 18 to 29, unmarried and substantially supported, with no study requirement — redefined by SRO 1 of 2026 on 16 January 2026. Dependent parents from age 55, reduced from 65 by SRO 43 of 2024.
- Processing: the Unit's 2024 brochure states 120 to 180 days from acknowledgment to a decision.
- No residency or visit requirement after grant.

**Official sources:** St Kitts & Nevis Citizenship by Investment Unit; Saint Christopher and Nevis — Law Commission (Statutory Rules and Orders); UK Government — check if you need a UK visa; UK Government — electronic travel authorisation (ETA); 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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