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Singapore Residency by Investment

Singapore Global Investor Programme at S$10m, S$25m or a S$200m family office, plus the ONE Pass and Employment Pass routes. Employment Pass thresholds rise again on 1 January 2027.

PROGRAMMES	CAPITAL	CURRENCY
3	Singapore	SGD

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Singapore at a glance

CAPITAL **Singapore**	POPULATION **6.21 million**
LANGUAGE **English, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil**	CURRENCY **SGD**
TIME ZONE **UTC+8**	CLIMATE **Tropical, hot & humid year-round**
PROGRAMMES WE ADVISE ON **3**	LAST UPDATED **1 October 2026**

Overview

The Singapore Global Investor Programme (GIP) grants Permanent Residency to established business owners, founders and family office principals who invest S$10 million in a new or existing Singapore business (Option A), S$25 million in a GIP-select fund (Option B), or establish a Singapore Single Family Office with at least S$200 million under management, of which at least S$50 million is deployed in Singapore (Option C). PR through this route grants family inclusion, access to Singapore's business ecosystem, and a potential pathway to citizenship after holding PR for two years. Singapore's political stability, low crime rates, and world-class infrastructure make it an ideal destination for investors seeking both lifestyle and business opportunities.

Key points

- Direct PR for the investor and immediate family.
- Ability to include spouse and children under 21 years.
- Potential pathway to Singapore citizenship after 2 years of PR.
- Access to Singapore's strategic location and business-friendly environment.
- High standard of living with quality healthcare and education.
- No requirement to renounce current citizenship until applying for Singapore citizenship.

Programmes in Singapore



Singapore GIP – Business Investment Route

Direct pathway to Singapore Permanent Residency through business investment

From SGD 10,000,000 | 12 months



Singapore GIP - Fund Investment Route

Direct pathway to Singapore Permanent Residency through GIP Fund investment

From SGD 25,000,000



Singapore GIP – Single-Family Office (SFO) Route

Direct pathway to Singapore Permanent Residency through Single-Family Office investment.

From SGD 200,000,000

What the Global Investor Programme actually requires

Option	Requirement
A — business	**S$10 million** into a new or existing Singapore business
B — fund	**S$25 million** into a select GIP fund
C — family office	Singapore Single Family Office with **at least S$200 million AUM**, of which **at least S$50 million deployed and maintained in Singapore** within 12 months

Option C is S$200 million under management with a S$50 million Singapore-deployment condition. The S$50 million must be deployed within 12 months of Final Approval and kept in Singapore for as long as the Re-Entry Permit runs. The deployment condition was introduced on **15 March 2023**, when Options A and B were also raised from S$2.5 million; the S$200 million figure itself did not change.

Who qualifies, and what it costs to apply

Applicant profile	Track record and financials	Options open
Established business owner	At least 3 years' entrepreneurial track record; company turnover of at least **S$200 million** in the last year and on average over the last 3 years; at least 30% shareholding; approved industry	A, B or C
Next-generation business owner	Immediate family's company turnover of at least **S$500 million** in the last year and on average over 3 years; family holds at least 30% or is the largest shareholder; applicant on the C-suite or Board	C only
Founder of a fast-growth company	Founder and one of the largest individual shareholders; company valued at **S$500 million** or more, backed by reputable venture capital or private equity investors; approved industry	A, B or C
Family office principal	At least 5 years' entrepreneurial, investment or management track record; net investible assets of at least **S$200 million**, real estate excluded	C only

EDB charges a non-refundable application fee of **S$10,000**, and processing takes around 12 months. Approval-in-principle is valid for six months to make the investment, and you then have 12 months from Final Approval to formalise PR. The Re-Entry Permit runs **five years**. It is renewed for five more where the investment, employment and residence conditions for your option are all met — residence meaning you or all your dependants live in Singapore more than half the time — or for three years on a softer test.

The salary routes, and a date to plan around

- **ONE Pass** — S$30,000 a month, five years, renewable for five. A new **AI and Tech Track** opens in **January 2027**, replacing Tech.Pass, where the S$30,000 can include at least S$22,500 fixed salary plus vested non-cash.
- **Employment Pass** — S$5,600 general, S$6,200 financial services, rising with age to S$10,700 and S$11,800 at 45 and over. **COMPASS** requires 40 points.

Plan around 1 January 2027. The Employment Pass thresholds rise to **S$6,000** general and **S$6,600** financial services, with renewals following on 1 January 2028. If your timeline crosses that date, budget for the higher number.

Running your own company in Singapore. A founder can set up a Singapore company and work in it on an Employment Pass, with no fixed investment amount. See the Singapore Self-Employed Employment Pass.

Citizenship, and what it would cost you

Singapore citizenship becomes possible **two years after permanent residency** — but **Singapore does not permit dual citizenship**, and India does not either. Taking Singaporean citizenship would end your Indian citizenship automatically under Section 9(1) of the Citizenship Act 1955. Permanent residency has no such effect, which is why most Indian families stop there.

How the application works

1. **Submit the GIP application with supporting documents to the Economic Development Board (EDB), with the S$10,000 non-refundable application fee.**
2. **EDB assesses the applicant's track record, company financials and proposed investment; processing takes around 12 months.**
3. **Interview with EDB if shortlisted.**
4. **Make the investment within the six-month validity of the approval-in-principle.**
5. **Receive Final Approval once the investment is in place.**
6. **Complete PR formalities with the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority within 12 months and receive a five-year Re-Entry Permit.**

General requirements

- Clean criminal record.
- Qualify under one of the four GIP applicant profiles below.
- Established business owner: at least 3 years' track record, company turnover of at least S$200 million in the last year and on average over the last 3 years, and at least 30% shareholding (Options A, B or C).
- Founder of a fast-growth company valued at S$500 million or more, backed by reputable venture capital or private equity investors (Options A, B or C).
- Next-generation business owner, where the immediate family's company turnover is at least S$500 million (Option C only).
- Family office principal with net investible assets of at least S$200 million, real estate excluded (Option C only).
- Option A investments must be in an approved industry; Re-Entry Permit renewal tests the investment, employment (Options A and C) and residence conditions.

Questions clients ask

What is the minimum investment required for the Singapore GIP?

S$10 million in a new or existing Singapore business (Option A), S$25 million in a GIP-select fund (Option B), or a Singapore Single Family Office with at least S$200 million under management, of which at least S$50 million is deployed in Singapore (Option C).

Can my spouse and children be included in the application?

Yes, spouse and children under 21 years can be included.

How long must I maintain the investment?

Investments must be maintained throughout the validity of the Re-Entry Permit.

Is there a pathway to Singapore citizenship?

Yes, after holding PR for at least 2 years, you may apply for Singapore citizenship.

Are there preferred business sectors for investment?

Option A investments must be in an approved industry on EDB's list; XIPHIAS checks your business against the current list before filing.

What are the application fees for the program?

EDB charges a non-refundable application fee of S$10,000. Operational costs then depend on the investment route.

Do I need to renounce my current citizenship?

Renunciation is required only when applying for Singapore citizenship, as dual citizenship is not allowed.

Can I move to Singapore without investing S$10 million?

Yes. A founder can set up a Singapore company and work in it on an Employment Pass, with a qualifying salary from S$5,600 a month and no fixed investment amount. This is the Singapore Self-Employed Employment Pass, listed under Corporate.

Official sources: Singapore Economic Development Board — Global Investor Programme; Immigration & Checkpoints Authority; Ministry of Manpower — Employment Pass.



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