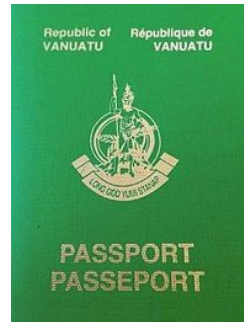


VANUATU CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

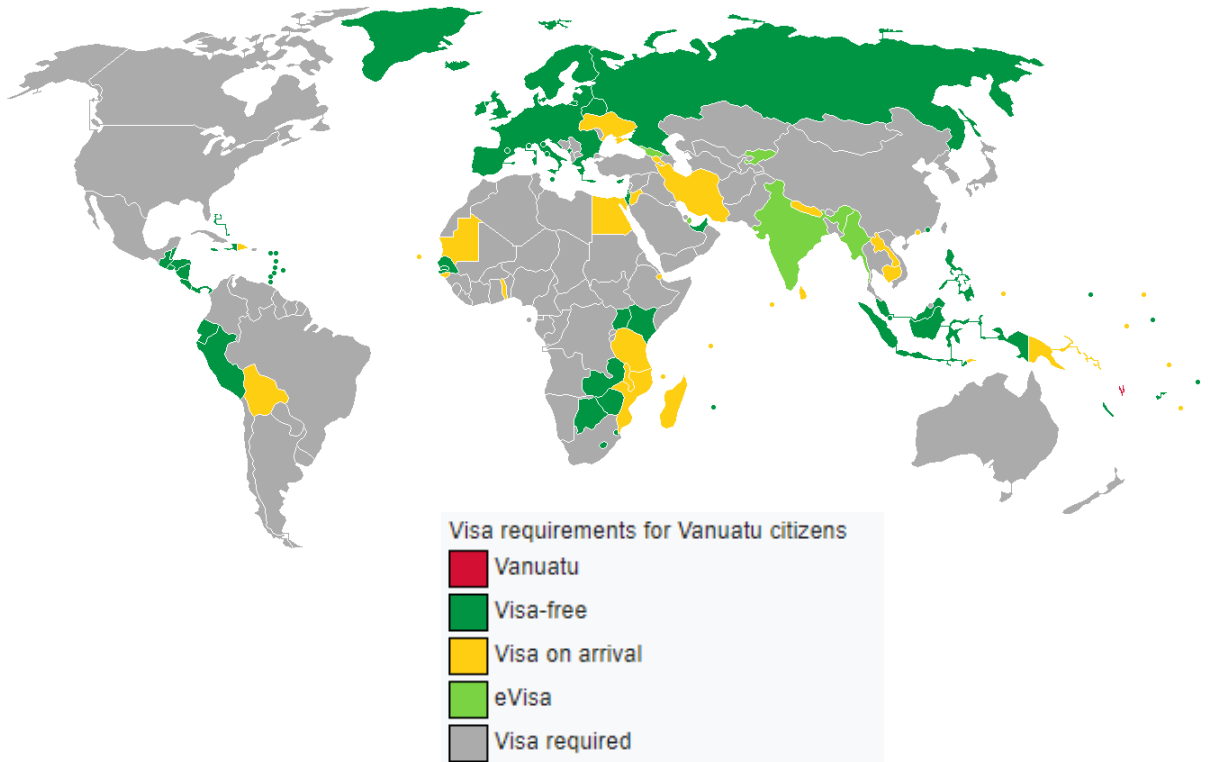
The Republic of Vanuatu has launched the Contribution Program pursuant to Section 13D of the Vanuatu Citizenship Act [CAP 112], under the Citizenship (Contribution Program) Regulation Order No. 220 of 2016 enacted on 19 December 2016. The Contribution Program aims to attract high quality new immigrants to support the economic development of the Republic of Vanuatu. The advantages of the program are:

- ⦿ **Mature legal system**
- ⦿ **Fully supported by the Vanuatu Government**
- ⦿ **No landing and residing requirement**
- ⦿ **Dual citizenship allowed**
- ⦿ **Three generations can be included in the application**
- ⦿ **Short approval time, about 6 weeks**



THE PROGRAM

As of 1/1/17, Vanuatuan citizens had **visa-free or visa on arrival access to 114 countries** and territories, ranking the Vanuatuan passport 45th in terms of travel freedom according to the Henley visa restrictions index. Vanuatu signed a mutual visa waiver agreement with Schengen Area countries on 28 May 2015, with Russia on 20 September 2016 and with United Arab Emirates on 27 September 2017.



THE PROCEDURES

An individual that makes a monetary contribution, which includes the support fees to the Development Account of the Vanuatu Government as well as the administrative and legal fees, is entitled to lodge an application for citizenship under Section 13D of the Vanuatu Citizenship Act [CAP 112] after duly depositing an initial payment.

The application shall be submitted to the Vanuatu Citizenship Commission for consideration and once a decision is made, the applicant shall be notified for the final payment. It takes 6 to 8 weeks from the date that an application is submitted to the Commission to become a citizen of the Republic of Vanuatu and obtain the passport.

The main applicant's spouse and up to 2 children aged below 18 can apply along with the main applicant for no additional fee. Additional children, as well as children aged 18 to 20 and parents aged 50 or older may also apply along with the main applicant upon payment of additional fees.

The following documents and information are required for the application:

1. Nomination forms (for all applicants)
2. Passport application forms (for all applicants)
3. Personal Information forms (for all applicants)
4. Certified true copy of existing passport (cover with first and last 3 pages - for All Applicants)
5. Certified true copy of existing identity card (both sides – for all the applicants)
6. Notarized copy of marriage certificate (both sides / full set – for the spouse)
7. Notarized documentary proof of relation with parents (for the Parents)
8. Notarized birth certificate (For the Children)
9. Notarized non-criminal record or authenticated police clearance certificate (for all applicants)
10. Medical health certification (for all the applicants)
11. School transcript or other educational certification (for children aged 18-25)
12. Proof of assets (minimum of USD250,000) (for the principal applicant)
13. Personal profile or curriculum vitae, employment certification (original), and academic certification (copy – for the principal applicant)
14. Bank reference letter (original) and Character reference by a professional (original – for the principal applicant)
15. 6 Passport photos of white background (40mm x 50mm – for all the applicants)

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