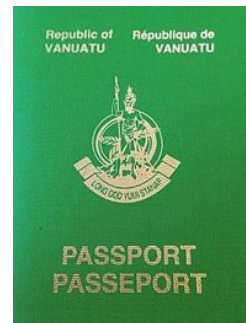


VANUATU CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

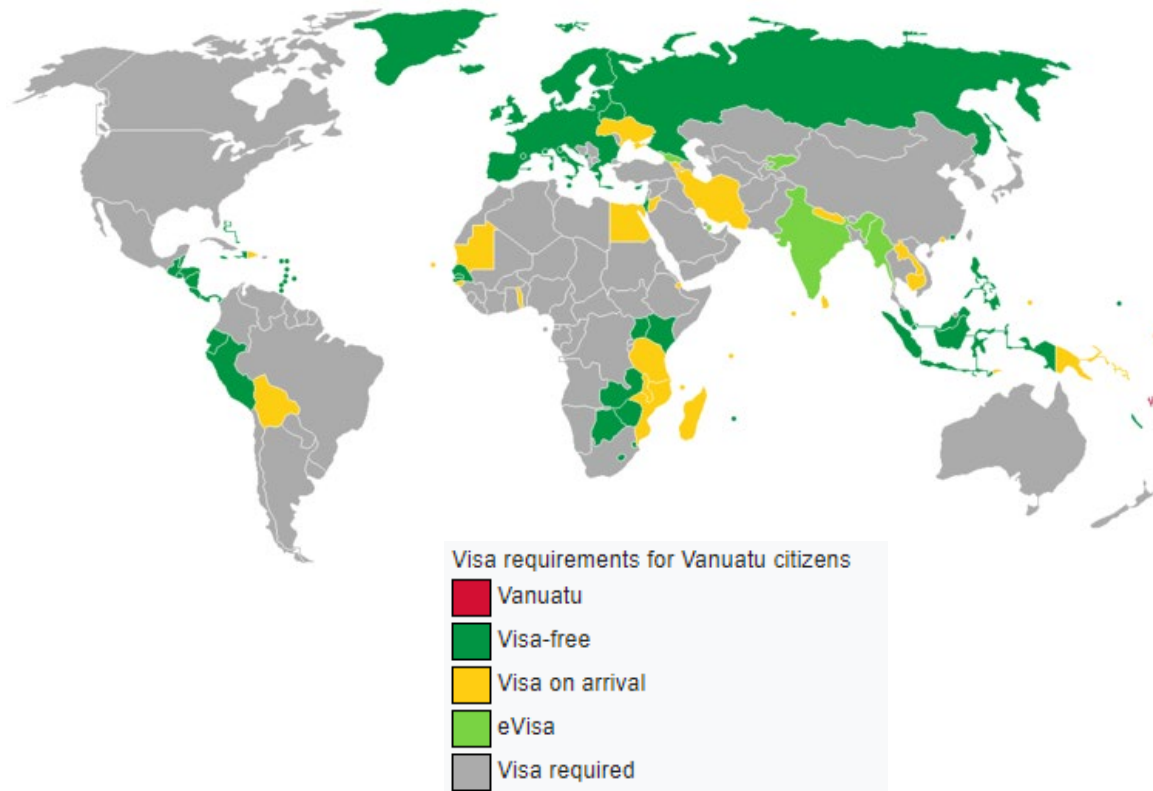
The Republic of Vanuatu has launched the Contribution Program pursuant to Section 13D of the Vanuatu Citizenship Act [CAP 112], under the Citizenship (Contribution Program) Regulation Order No. 220 of 2016 enacted on 19 December 2016. The Contribution Program aims to attract high quality new immigrants 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 113 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 and with Russia on 20 September 2016.



THE PROCEDURES

An individual who gives 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 contributed the initial payment.

The applications shall be lodged with the Citizenship Commission for consideration and decision shall be made after the clearance from the Screening Committee. It takes 6 to 8 weeks from the date of application lodged till the time become the citizen of the Republic of Vanuatu and obtain the passport.

Moreover, the applicant's spouse, children aged below 18, unmarried children aged between 18 and 25 who are receiving full-time education, and parents aged above 50 may also apply along with the applicant.

The following documents and information are required for the application

1. Application forms
2. Certified true color copy of existing passport (cover with first and last 3 pages)
3. Certified true color copy of existing identity card (both sides)
4. Notarization of marriage certificate (full)
5. Notarization of documentary proof showing the relation with parents
6. Notarization of birth certificate
7. Notarization of no criminal records or police clearance certificate
8. Health declaration
9. School transcript or other certification from school (original in English or w/ certified translation)
10. Notarization of certificate of not married issued by government authority
11. Asset proof (not less than USD250,000)
12. Personal profile, Employment certification (original), and Academic certification (copy)
13. Bank reference letter (original), and Character reference by professional (original) (Upon request by Vanuatu Government)
14. 6 x Passport photos of white background (40mm x 50mm)

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