

Vanuatu Citizenship Development Support Program(DSP)



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AJC is an advisory and accounting firm established in Vanuatu since 2003. We offer a wide range of company services such as Audit and Accounting services, incorporation of local and offshore companies, corporate secretariat and support to investors seeking to obtain different kinds of licences issued by Vanuatu administration. We also help individual applying for Vanuatu Citizenship under the Development Support Program (DSP).

AJC has a team of fully English/French bilingual lawyers and accountants able to assist you in all the steps of your citizenship application in Vanuatu. We uniquely combine professionals from the legal side to professionals from accounting and finance side in order to provide our customers relevant advice and useful professional services.

We are a fully recognised company and trust service provider by the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission and AJC is also one of the only 12 approved auditors in the country. Therefore we are particularly well suited to provide you with a trustable intermediary to fulfil your application. We have clients all over the world including China, Hong Kong, Israel, India, Singapore, the United States, Australia, the UK, Russia and Europe.



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The Development Support Program (DSP)

Starting January 2017, the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu has launched the **Development Support Program (DSP)** for the purpose of raising funds to support infrastructure and promoting economic development of Vanuatu. The DSP is a new provision enacted by the Vanuatu Government under the Citizenship Act with the powers conferred on the Prime Minister. Candidates may apply for Vanuatu Honorary Citizenship by contributions to the Government of Vanuatu of **\$130,000 USD** for a single applicant and up to **\$180,000 USD** per application for a family of up to four (4) members.¹ The citizenship acquired under the DSP program is fully recognised by the Government of Vanuatu and the nationality is regarded as Ni-Vanuatu (Vanuatu citizen). Those applying for and receiving Vanuatu Citizenship under the DSP have the full right to reside in Vanuatu at all times and the passport is renewable upon expiry. Moreover, Citizenship is hereditary.

The applicant must not have any criminal record and must be of high standing in his or her community, organisation, society or country.

Key points

- Vanuatu passport gives access to 113 visa-free or visa on arrival countries including the United Kingdom, European Union and Singapore. Vanuatu also has a mutual visa waiver agreement with Schengen Area and Russia.
- You can add most of your family to your application.
- You can stay up to 90 days within any 180 period in a Schengen country and 6 months in a year in the United Kingdom.
- Vanuatu has zero corporate tax, it also has no income tax, no capital gains tax, no estate tax, no wealth tax, no withholding tax, no gift tax and no other personal income taxes. Aside from a locally applied 15% VAT, there are almost no taxes at all. Vanuatu is business-friendly.
- Completely confidential process
- You can only apply for a Vanuatu citizenship through a “Designated Agent” who is appointed by the government.
- Vanuatu is a member of the Commonwealth and its citizens are considered Commonwealth citizens granting them additional rights in the United Kingdom and certain Commonwealth countries.
- Passports are valid for a period of 10 years renewable for the same period.



¹ A family application includes two married adults and two children under 18 years old. Additional children, older children, dependent adults require additional fees. Due Diligence Fee and price for individual passports are not included.

Costs

Application Fees*	
Single applicant	USD\$130,150
Married couple	USD\$150,150
Married couple with one child under 18 years old	USD\$165,150
Married couple with two children under 18 years old	USD\$180,150
Passport application (per person)	USD\$250
Citizenship Commission Fees	
Citizenship Commission application fee (per application)	USD\$50
Certificate fee (per application)	USD\$100
Due Diligence Fee	
Due Diligence Checks (per application)	USD\$5,000
Additional Application Fees for larger families	
Each additional child under 18 years old	USD\$10,000
Each dependent adult of 18 to 25 years old	USD\$10,000
Each dependent adult over 50 years old	USD\$10,000
Optional fees for overseas ceremony	
Air travel and accommodation	USD\$15,000***

*Fees are set by law. Contact us for more details.
***Exact cost will vary depending on your location.

Calculations

For a one person	
Application Fee	USD\$130,150
Due Diligence Fee	USD\$5,000
Passport application	USD\$250
Total	USD\$135,400
For a family of two adults	
Application Fee	USD\$150,150
Spouse	included
Due Diligence Fee	USD\$5,000
Passport application	USD\$500
Total	USD\$155,650
For a family of two adults and three children	
Application Fee	USD\$180,150
Spouse	included
First Child under 18 years old	included
Second Child under 18 years old	included
Third Child under 18 years old or dependent adult of 18 to 25 years old	USD\$10,000
Due Diligence Fee	USD\$5,000
Passport application	USD\$1250
Total	USD\$196,400

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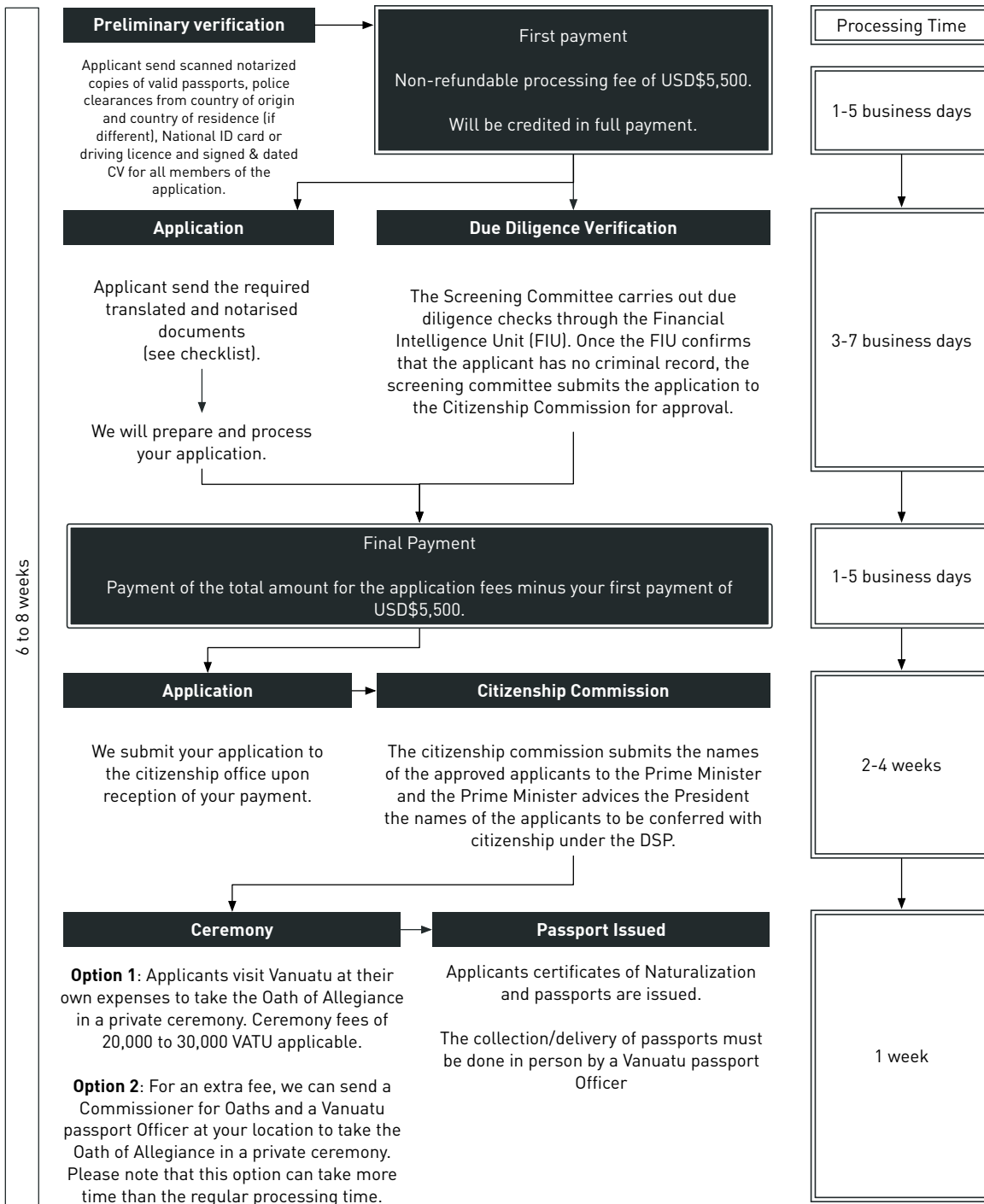
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Process

The process is relatively simple and straight forward once all requirement documents are in our possession. Usually, it takes about 4 to 8 weeks to complete the full process.

Please note that the VFIU fee of US\$5,500” and 25% of the prescribed fee are non-refundable if the Citizenship Commission declines the application and you are required to submit a proof of the source of funds for due diligence verification.





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About Vanuatu

Vanuatu is a South Pacific Ocean nation made of an archipelago of 83 islands stretching 1300 kilometres.

Multiple waves of colonisers, each speaking a distinct language, migrated to the Melanesian islands in the millennia preceding European exploration. This settlement patterns accounts for the complex linguistic diversity found on the archipelago to this day.

The British and French settled on the islands in the 19th century and called the newly formed country "New Hebrides". In 1906 they agreed to an Anglo-French Condominium, which administered the islands until independence in 1980, when the new name of Vanuatu was adopted.

Population

285,784 (April 2016 estimate).
Population growth rate 1.95%.

Economy

Primarily based on small-scale agriculture, which provides a living for about two thirds of the population. Fishing, offshore financial services, and tourism,

with an estimated 111,000 visitors in 2015, are other mainstays of the economy. Australia and New Zealand are the main source of tourists and aid.

A small light industry sector caters to the local market. Tax revenues come mainly from import duties and VAT.

Since 2002, the government has stepped up efforts to boost tourism through improved air connections, resort development, and cruise ships facilities.

Agriculture, especially livestock farming is the second target for growth.

The islands offer scuba diving at coral reefs, underwater caverns and wrecks such as the WWII-era troopship SS President Coolidge. Hiking trails ascend active volcanoes such as Mt. Yasur. Other popular activities include rainforest ecotours, kayaking and deep-sea fishing, plus relaxing at resorts and spas.

Travelling to Vanuatu

You can fly to Port Vila's Bauerfield International airport (VLI) directly from, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Solomon. New direct flights to China are coming soon.

Required Documents

Additional documents may be required or requested.

Principal candidate's required documents	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed Nomination Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth certificate / or approved option
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Color photograph (40mm x 50mm) – JPEG file
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asset report confirming assets → US\$250,000 in the Candidate' name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank reference / letter of Good Standing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employment letter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage certificate (for couple or family application only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 professional referees to confirm the good character of the Candidate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Degree / Diploma where available
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of current residential address dated less than 3 months (utility bill, bank statement etc.)
Principal candidate's asset proof (if applicable)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employment certification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank reference
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professionnal reference
<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic certification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others
Required documents for Spouse	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed Nomination Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth certificate / or approved option
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Color photograph (40mm x 50mm) – JPEG file
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of current residential address dated less than 3 months (utility bill, bank statement etc.)
Required documents for dependent children under 18-year-old,	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed Nomination Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Color photograph (40mm x 50mm) – JPEG file
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical certificate
Required documents for dependent resident over 18 years old	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed Nomination Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Color photograph (40mm x 50mm) – JPEG file
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Degree or Education certificate - if available
Required if applicable	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Change of name documents

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Trusted Partner

The procedure to apply for citizenship under the DSP requires a designated agent who receive and forward your money and your application to the citizenship commission. To successfully obtain your Vanuatu citizenship, you fully rely on an unknown agent to manage your application and fund transfer. At AJC, our experienced multilingual staff can process your application faster than any other service provider and make sure you are helped and informed along the way.

AJC has partnered with a local designated agent to offer a better, more trusted and professional service than any other Vanuatu Citizenship service provider.

In order to guarantee you a maximum protection, we manage the money transfer with our locally based trust company which receive the money and transfer it directly to the government. We are the only entity that can guarantee oversight of your money transfer directly to the Vanuatu Government.

As a well established and renowned local business since 2003. We are a trusted partner you can count on.



Marine Dondelinger-Mathis

Manager Corporate Services and
Head Manager of Compliance

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Frequently asked questions

Can I keep my current Citizenship and become a Vanuatu Citizen?

Yes, Vanuatu accept double citizenship.

What are the requirements to become a Vanuatu Citizen?

The main requirements are as follows. The main applicant must demonstrate assets in his or her name of over US\$250,000. You must be at least 18 years old and at most 65 years old. You must pay the contribution of \$130,000 USD for a single applicant. You must have no criminal record. Other requirements may apply.

Can I fill the application myself?

No, only designated agents can submit an application on your behalf.

Can I fill the application online?

No. Although most of the process can be done online, you will need to send original certified copies of your documents physically.

How long is the application process?

The application process may take 4 to 8 weeks. We will keep you informed when your application reaches specific milestones.

Do I need to submit my application in English?

Yes, the only accepted language by the Citizenship Commission is English. If your required documents are not in English, you must provide certified translations (translated copies that are notarised or certified by a recognised authority).

How many members of my family can be included in my application?

All, as long as they are dependents. Your family application contains 4 persons. Any additional dependent member will require an additional fee as described in the costs section of this document.

Do I have to go to Vanuatu to apply for citizenship?

No. You can apply simply by contacting us. The final step of the process, the ceremony, requires a physical presence of a Commissioner for Oaths approved by the Citizenship Commission and a Vanuatu passport Officer. You can either fly to Vanuatu at your own expenses or meet the travelling costs of the Agents to the country of your choice, anywhere in the world. This extra fee includes air tickets, accommodation and agents' fees"

What is a police certificate?

A police certificate is a document stating that you do not have a criminal record. It can be named "Certificate of no criminal record" or "Police clearance report" or other names depending on where you live.

Does Vanuatu Citizenship expire?

No, you and your family will have citizenship for life and it will be passed on to your kids and their kids. You will have to renew your passport every 10 years.

How much will it cost to renew my passport in 10 years?

Each individual passport renewal cost about 250 USD (25,000 vatu).

Can I change my name?

Yes. Once you are granted citizenship, you can change your name by sending us a letter that explains your motivation to change your name and your passport will be issued with your new name. This request will take additional time and fees before your passport is issued.

Are there countries excluded from the program?

Yes, any citizen of the following countries are excluded from the program :

- Iran
- Iraq
- North Korea
- Syria
- Yemen

This country list is subject to change.

Exemptions:

The commission may accept applications from restricted countries if the applicant shows that he or she (1) has not resided in the restricted country for the past 5 years; and (2) provides evidence of permanent residency abroad.

Map of Visa free, Visa on arrival and eVisa countries*

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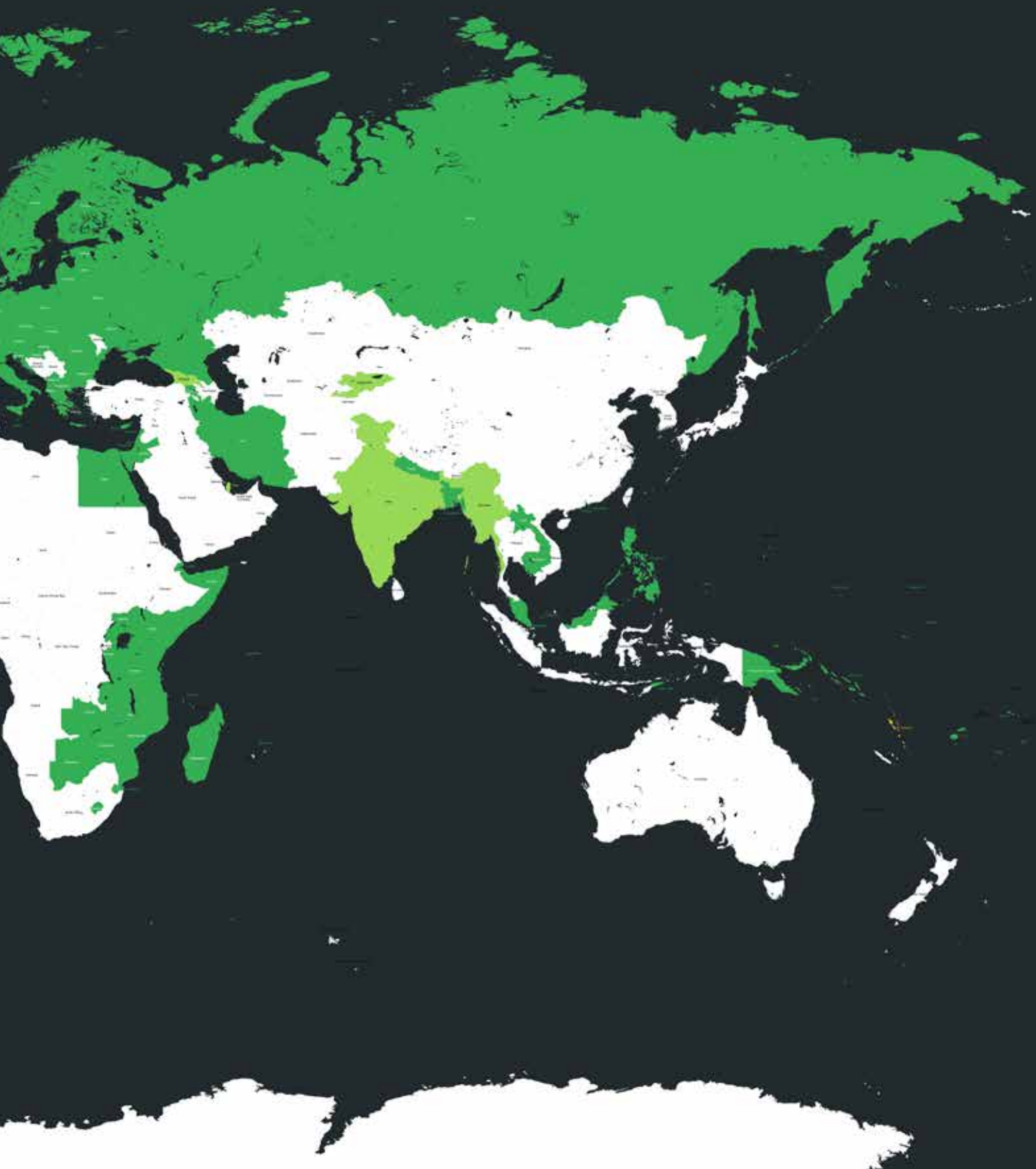
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Detailed list of visa requirement for Vanuatu Passport*

Abkhazia	Visa required	Canada	Visa required	Ghana	Visa required
Afghanistan	Visa required	Cape Verde	Visa on arrival	Gibraltar	Visa not required
Akrotiri and Dhekelia	Visa not required	Cayman Islands	Visa not required	Greece	Visa not required
Albania	Visa required	Central African Republic	Visa required	Greenland	Visa not required
Algeria	Visa required	Chad	Visa required	Grenada	Visa not required
American Samoa	Visa required	Chile	Visa required	Guam	Visa required
Andorra	Visa not required	Chilean Antarctic Territory	Special permits required	Guatemala	Visa not required
Angola	Visa required	China	Visa required	Guinea	Visa required
Anguilla	Visa not required	Colombia	Visa required	Guinea-Bissau	Visa on arrival
Antigua and Barbuda	Visa not required	Comoros	Visa on arrival	Guyana	Visa required
Argentina	Visa required	Cook Islands	Visa not required	Haiti	Visa not required
Argentine Antarctica	Special permits required	Costa Rica	Visa not required	Heard Island and McDonald Islands	Special permits required
Armenia	Visa on arrival	Côte d'Ivoire	Visa required	Honduras	Visa not required
Aruba	Visa required	Croatia	Visa not required	Hong Kong	Visa not required
Ascension Island	Entry Permit required	Cuba	Tourist Card required	Hungary	Visa not required
Australia and territories	Visa required	Curaçao	Visa required	Iceland	Visa not required
Australian Antarctic Territory	Special permits required	Cyprus	Visa not required	India	eVisa
Austria	Visa not required	Czech Republic	Visa not required	Indonesia	Visa not required
Azerbaijan	Visa required	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Visa required	Iran	Visa on arrival
Bahamas	Visa not required	Denmark	Visa not required	Iraq	Visa required
Bahrain	Visa required	Djibouti	Visa on arrival	Ireland	Visa not required
Bangladesh	Visa required	Dominica	Visa not required	Israel	Visa not required
Barbados	Visa not required	Dominican Republic	Tourist card on arrival	Italy	Visa not required
Belarus	Visa not required	Ecuador	Visa not required	Jamaica	Visa not required
Belgium	Visa not required	Egypt	Visa on arrival	Japan	Visa required
Belize	Visa required	El Salvador	Visa not required	Jordan	Visa on arrival
Benin	Visa required	Equatorial Guinea	Visa required	Kazakhstan	Visa required
Bermuda	Visa not required	Eritrea	Visa required	Kenya	Visa not required
Bhutan	Visa required	Estonia	Visa not required	Kiribati	Visa not required
Bolivia	Visa on arrival	Ethiopia	Visa required	Kosovo	Visa not required
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Visa required	Falkland Islands	Visa required	Kuwait	Visa required
Botswana	Visa not required	Faroe Islands	Visa not required	Kyrgyzstan	eVisa
Bouvet Islands	Special permits required	Fiji	Visa not required	Laos	Visa on arrival
Brazil	Visa required	Finland	Visa not required	Latvia	Visa not required
British Antarctic Territory	Special permits required	France	Visa not required	Lebanon	Visa required
British Indian Ocean Territory	Special permit required	France French West Indies	Visa not required	Lesotho	Visa not required
British Virgin Islands	Visa not required	French Guiana	Visa not required	Liberia	Visa required
Brunei	Visa required	French Polynesia	Visa not required	Libya	Visa required
Bulgaria	Visa not required	French Southern and Antarctic Lands	Special permits required	Liechtenstein	Visa not required
Burkina Faso	Visa required	Gabon	Visa required	Lithuania	Visa not required
Burundi	Visa required	Gambia	Visa not required	Luxembourg	Visa not required
Cambodia	Visa on arrival	Georgia	eVisa	Macau	Visa on arrival
Cameroon	Visa required	Germany	Visa not required	Macedonia	Visa required

Madagascar	Visa on arrival	Papua New Guinea	Visa on arrival	South Sudan	Visa required
Malawi	Visa on arrival	Paraguay	Visa required	Spain	Visa not required
Malaysia	Visa not required	Peru	Visa not required	Sri Lanka	Visa on arrival
Maldives	Visa on arrival	Peter I Island	Special permits required	Sudan	Visa required
Mali	Visa required	Philippines	Visa not required	Suriname	Visa required
Malta	Visa not required	Pitcairn Islands	Visa not required	Swaziland	Visa not required
Marshall Islands	Visa on arrival	Poland	Visa not required	Sweden	Visa not required
Mauritania	Visa on arrival	Portugal	Visa not required	Switzerland	Visa not required
Mauritius	Visa not required	Puerto Rico	Visa required	Syria	Visa required
Mayotte	Visa not required	Qatar	eVisa	Taiwan	Visa required
Mexico	Visa required	Queen Maud Land	Special permits required	Tajikistan	Visa required
Micronesia	Visa not required	Republic of the Congo	Visa required	Tanzania	Visa not required
Moldova	Visa required	Réunion	Visa not required	Thailand	Visa required
Monaco	Visa not required	Romania	Visa not required	Timor-Leste	Visa on arrival
Mongolia	Visa required	Ross Dependency	Special permits required	Togo	Visa on arrival
Montenegro	Visa not required	Russia	Visa not required	Tokelau	Visa required
Montserrat	Visa not required	Rwanda	Visa required	Tonga	Visa on arrival
Morocco	Visa required	Saint Helena	Visitor Pass required	Transnistria	Visa not required
Mozambique	Visa on arrival	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Visa not required	Trinidad and Tobago	Visa not required
Myanmar	eVisa	Saint Lucia	Visa not required	Tristan da Cunha	Permission required
Nagorno-Karabakh	Visa required	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	Visa not required	Tunisia	Visa required
Namibia	Visa required	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Visa not required	Turkey	Visa required
Nauru	Visa on arrival	Samoa	Entry Permit on arrival	Turkmenistan	Visa required
Nepal	Visa on arrival	San Marino	Visa not required	Turks and Caicos Islands	Visa required
Netherlands	Visa not required	São Tomé and Príncipe	Visa required	Tuvalu	Visa on arrival
Netherlands Caribbean	Visa required	Saudi Arabia	Visa required	U.S. Virgin Islands	Visa required
New Caledonia	Visa not required	Senegal	Visa not required	Uganda	Visa not required
New Zealand	Visa required	Serbia	Visa required	Ukraine	Visa on arrival
Nicaragua	Visa not required	Seychelles	Visitor Permit on arrival	United Arab Emirates	Visa required
Niger	Visa required	Sierra Leone	Visa required	United Kingdom and Crown dependencies	Visa not required
Nigeria	Visa required	Singapore	Visa not required	United States	Visa required
Niue	Visa not required	Sint Maarten	Visa required	Uruguay	Visa required
North Korea	Visa required	Slovakia	Visa not required	Uzbekistan	Visa required
Northern Cyprus	Visa not required	Slovenia	Visa not required	Vatican City	Visa not required
Northern Mariana Islands	Visa required	Solomon Islands	Visa on arrival	Venezuela	Visa required
Norway	Visa not required	Somalia	Visa required	Vietnam	Visa required
Oman	Visa required	Somaliland	Visa on arrival	Wallis and Futuna	Visa not required
Pakistan	Visa required	South Africa	Visa required	Yemen	Visa required
Palau	Visa on arrival	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	Permit required	Zambia	Visa not required
Palestine	Visa not required	South Korea	Visa required	Zimbabwe	Visa not required
Panama	Visa not required	South Ossetia	Visa not required		

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