

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

 BEST
CITIZENSHIPS

Citizenship By Investment

BROCHURE
2025

SUPER FAST CITIZENSHIP

NEUTRAL & INCLUSIVE

FAMILY INCLUDED

VISA-FREE

GLOBAL MOBILITY
ACCESS

60+ COUNTRIES

PROCESSING

60

DAYS

STARTING

USD 90,000

ONWARDS



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SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

HISTORY

The islands making up São Tomé and Príncipe were formed approximately 30 million years ago due to volcanic activity in deep water along the Cameroon Line.

Over time, interactions with seawater and periods of eruption have engendered a wide variety of different igneous and volcanic rocks on the islands with complex assemblages of minerals.

São Tomé and Príncipe

A TROPICAL AFRICAN GEM

São Tomé and Príncipe is a tropical island paradise with pristine beaches and lush rainforests. Visitors can explore Obo National Park and experience the warm hospitality of its people.

São Tomé and Príncipe, a small island nation in the Gulf of Guinea off Central Africa's west coast, is the second-smallest country in Africa. Comprising two main islands, it boasts rich volcanic soil, a tropical climate, and is renowned for producing some of the world's finest organic cocoa and coffee. The country's lush landscapes and natural beauty make it a growing destination for eco-tourism.

Tourism, agriculture, and fisheries form the backbone of its economy. The government encourages sustainable development and offers attractive tax incentives for investors in tourism, agriculture, and renewable energy. There are no capital gains or inheritance taxes, while corporate tax stands at 25% and personal income tax ranges from 0% to 25%. Property tax is levied annually based on property value.

São Tomé and Príncipe

**AVERAGE
PROCESSING
TIME**

60 DAYS

Decisions on Application are taken within 2-3 months
sometimes much faster.



FAMILY APPLICATIONS

ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS

| Category | Requirement |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Age | At least 18 years old |
| Clean Background | No criminal record |
| Due Diligence | Complete due-diligence |
| Children | Eligible up to 30 years old |
| Parents & Grandparents | Eligible if aged 55+ |

FUTURE ADDITIONS

| Category | Details |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Submission Fee | US \$5,000 |
| NTF Donation (Single) | US \$90,000 |
| NTF Donation (Family 2-4) | US \$95,000 total |
| Spouse Fee (Government) | US \$10,000 |
| Dependent fee | US \$5,000 per person |

São Tomé and Príncipe

Required Documents



General

The following forms and documents are required from each applicant, including children:

Completed Application Forms

- Fully filled and signed application form for each applicant.

Passport Documents

- Certified copy of a valid passport (all applicants & dependents).
- Passport-size photographs (as per CIU guidelines).

Criminal Background Certificates

- Police clearance / criminal record certificate issued by:
 - Country of nationality
 - Country of residence (for the last 5 years)

Proof of Residence

- Utility bill / rental agreement / official residence certificate.

Birth Certificates

- Certified birth certificates for all dependents.

Marriage or Relationship Proof (if applicable)

- Marriage certificate OR
- Proof of de-facto partnership (for unmarried partners).

Due Diligence Documentation

- Due Diligence Report issued by a CIU-approved provider.
- Authorization form for background checks.

Source of Funds Evidence

- Declaration of lawful source of funds.
- Supporting bank statements, salary slips, tax returns, or audited financials.

Government Fees & Payment Proof

- Proof of payment of basic fees and due diligence fees.

Main Applicant

- Original bank reference letter or 12–24 months of bank statements issued by an internationally recognized financial institution (not older than three months). Proof of lawful income sources, such as employment letters, contracts, recent payslips, business ownership documents, or tax certificates where applicable.
- Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) or professional résumé, along with a personal declaration if desired.
- Original medical certificate confirming good health, including HIV or communicable disease test results if requested by the CIU (must not be older than three months).
 - Signed Contribution Agreement for the National Transformation Fund, with proof of available funds and confirmation of initial fee payments.
- Declaration confirming the applicant has not served more than three years of imprisonment as required by Nationality Law 2022, along with a sworn affidavit confirming a clean record and authenticity of all submitted documents.
- Notarised and apostilled coloured copy of the passport bio-data page.
- Notarised identity documents and two original documents confirming the applicant's residential address (utility bill, tenancy agreement, or title deed), not older than three months.
- The main applicant must provide a recent bank reference letter or 12–24 months of bank statements (not older than three months), together with proof of lawful income such as employment letters, payslips, business documents, audited accounts, or tax records. An updated CV, a medical certificate, HIV/health tests if requested, the signed NTF Contribution Agreement, evidence of funds, fee receipts, and a legal declaration confirming no imprisonment over three years must also be submitted.
- A notarised and apostilled passport bio-data page, notarised identity documents, and two recent proofs of residential address (issued within the last three months) are required for verification. Any additional documents requested by the Citizenship Unit must be supplied promptly to ensure smooth and efficient processing.

— São Tomé and Príncipe Document Certification



All documents submitted must be properly certified by an authorised professional such as a Notary Public, attorney, commissioner of oaths, justice of the peace, or any officially recognised certifying officer. Certified copies must include the certifier's full name, signature, date, official stamp, and confirmation that the document is a true copy of the original.

Please prepare these documents well in advance.

Apostille

- Documents issued in foreign countries must be apostilled under the Hague Convention, where applicable. For countries not part of the Apostille Convention, documents must be legalised through the competent government authority, embassy, or consulate to be considered valid by the Citizenship Investment Unit (CIU).

Notary Public

- Certified copies must be endorsed by a registered Notary Public with full name, signature, seal, registration number, date, and confirmation that the document is a true and accurate copy. Any unclear, incomplete, or illegible notarial seal or contact details may lead to CIU rejection.

Medical Examiner's Credentials

- Medical certificates, health reports, and lab results must be issued by a registered and licensed medical examiner. Each document must clearly show the doctor's full name, licence number, clinic or hospital details, and official medical stamp.

Translator's Credentials - Translations must be certified with full translator details, stamp, and accuracy.

A TAX FRIENDLY NATION

Sao Tome & Principe

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT



Trusted

Stable democracy with strong governance and global partnerships.

Strong Passport

Growing international relations and regional mobility with select visa-free access.

Licensed Subagent

We are licensed subagent for STP CIP program. We closely work with law firms, authorized agents giving you peace of mind.



SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE CITIZENSHIP KEY BENEFITS



AMONG THE MOST AFFORDABLE
CBI PROGRAMS



NO RESIDENCY OR TRAVEL
REQUIRED



EASY DOCUMENTATION
PROCESS



APPROVAL IN AS FAST AS 2
MONTHS



VISA-FREE ACCESS TO 60+
COUNTRIES



E-visa entry to UAE &
Qatar



BENEFITS WITH PORTUGAL
AND CPLP NATIONS



OPEN TO MOST NATIONALITIES
(EXCEPT NORTH KOREA)



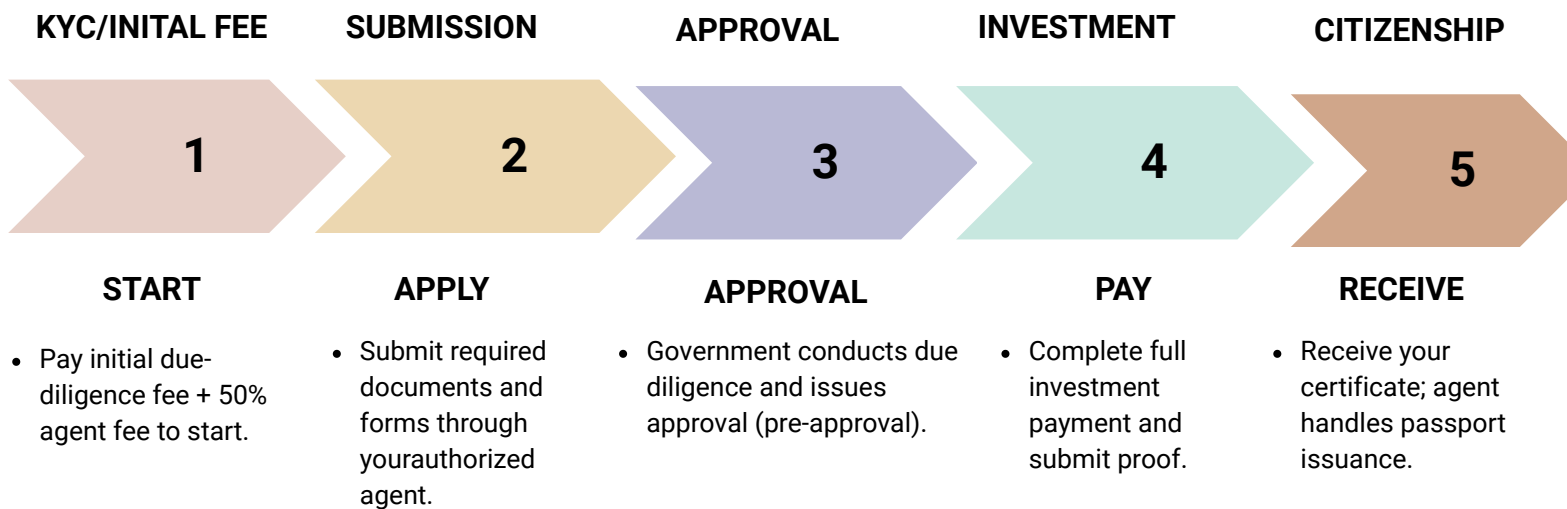
SPOUSE, KIDS \leq 30
YEARS, ELDERS 55+

Sao Tome & Principe

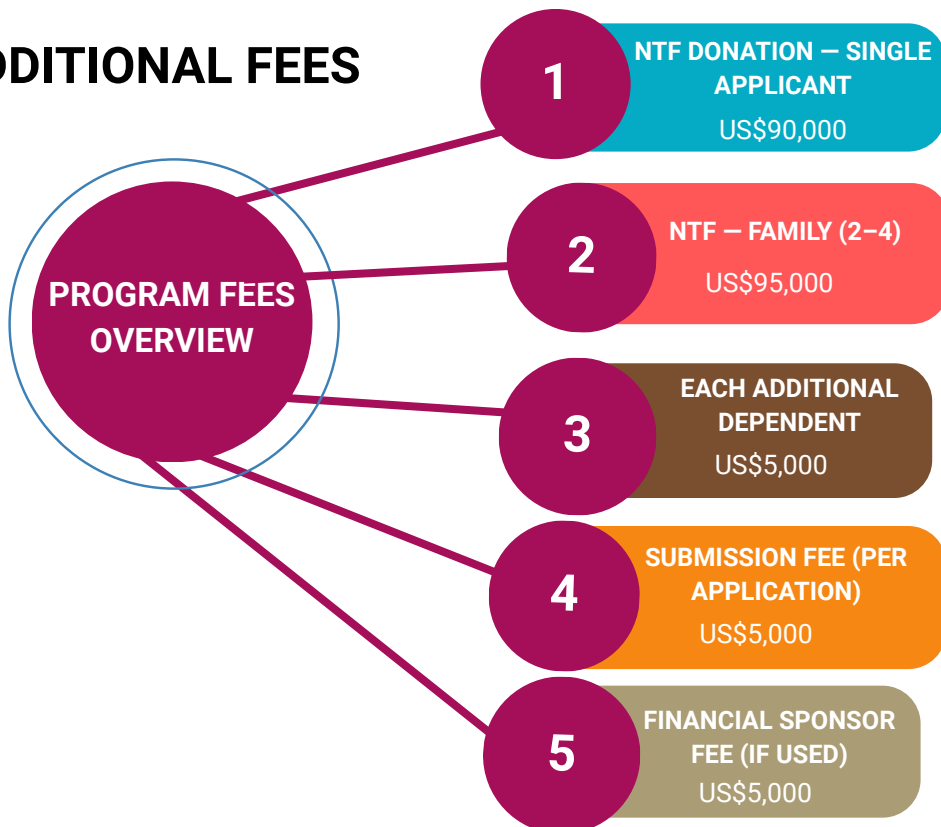
APPLICATION STAGES

PROCESSING

ENSURE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND FORMS ARE READY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SÃO TOMÉ & PRÍNCIPE CIU THROUGH YOUR AUTHORIZED AGENT.



ADDITIONAL FEES



About São Tomé and Príncipe



São Tomé and Príncipe is a peaceful, Portuguese-speaking island nation in the Gulf of Guinea, made up of two lush volcanic islands known for their dramatic mountains, dense rainforests and pristine beaches. Once uninhabited, the islands were discovered by Portuguese explorers in the 1470s and later developed into major plantation economies based on sugar, cocoa and coffee, relying heavily on enslaved African labour. This history shaped the islands' culture, language and mixed Afro-Portuguese identity. After gaining independence in 1975, São Tomé and Príncipe became one of Africa's most democratic states, known for political stability, a high literacy rate and strong environmental protection. Today, its economy depends on cocoa exports, small-scale fishing, tourism and foreign investment, while its natural areas—such as Obo National Park and the UNESCO-designated Príncipe Biosphere Reserve—make it a rising ecotourism destination. With warm tropical weather year-round, rich biodiversity, and a relaxed island lifestyle, São Tomé and Príncipe is often described as one of Africa's hidden gems.





São Tomé and Príncipe is often called the "Chocolate Island," producing some of the world's finest cocoa for well over a century. Cocoa cultivation remains a vital part of the nation's identity, with generations of São Toméans dedicated to preserving this tradition of excellence. From fertile soils to the expertise of its farmers, the cocoa industry bespeaks the resilience and craftsmanship of the people, earning international recognition for its quality and authenticity. Today, this legacy continues to play an important role in the country's culture and economic development. Through the Citizenship by Investment Programme, investors have the opportunity to contribute to this progress while becoming part of São Tomé and Príncipe's future.



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|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Official Name | Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe |
| Capital | São Tomé |
| Language | Portuguese |
| Population (2023) | 220,372 |
| GDP (Nominal, 2024) | \$751 million |
| GDP per Capita | \$3,167 |

National Transformation Fund

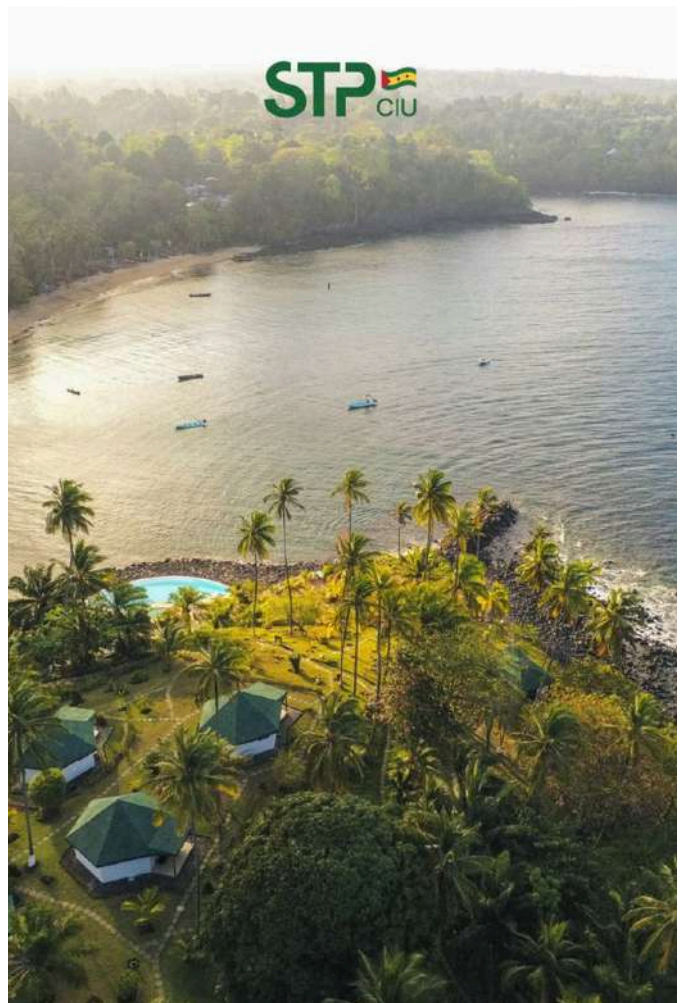
CONTRIBUTIONS

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|  | Single Applicant – USD 90,000 |
|  | Family Application (2 to 4 applicants) – USD 95,000 |
|  | Each additional qualifying dependent – USD 5,000 |
|  | Citizenship documents per applicant* – USD 750 |

STPCIP Invest & Obtain

The São Tomé and Príncipe Citizenship by Investment Unit is the official authority responsible for administering the Citizenship by Investment Program. Established under the mandate of STP Service Advisory, the Unit oversees the program implementation, compliance, and policy development in line with national objectives. The Program provides a legal pathway to citizenship through a government-approved contribution. For more information, or to view licensed marketing agents authorized to assist with the application process.

The São Tomé and Príncipe Citizenship by Investment Programme offers applicants a unique opportunity to become citizens of one of Africa's most peaceful and naturally beautiful island nations. Designed to support sustainable national development, the programme provides a straightforward and efficient pathway to citizenship through approved financial contributions. With its stable political environment, strategic location in the Gulf of Guinea, and rich cultural heritage, São Tomé and Príncipe is emerging as an attractive option for global investors seeking security, mobility, and a high-quality lifestyle. The nation's growing emphasis on environmental protection, economic diversification, and international cooperation further enhances its global appeal.



Through the programme, investors can enjoy a range of benefits including visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to select countries, favourable tax conditions, and the ability to pass citizenship to future generations. São Tomé and Príncipe offers a safe living environment, a growing tourism sector, and unspoiled natural beauty—making it appealing not only for investors but also for families seeking a peaceful second home. The programme is promoted as one of the most affordable in the world, offering a low-cost yet powerful alternative within the global citizenship market.

The programme provides a simple, transparent process supported by licensed agents, requiring due-diligence checks and investment in approved national projects. It offers a reliable path to citizenship, enhanced global mobility, and contributes to the country's sustainable development.

São Tomé & Príncipe's Blockchain



São Tomé and Príncipe's Citizenship by Investment Program Goes Digital. The Citizenship by Investment Unit of São Tomé and Príncipe is proud to announce a landmark development: the nation's CBI program will become the first in the world to operate on blockchain technology. Through a strategic partnership between the Government of São Tomé and Príncipe, STP Service Advisory (STPSA), and IOPn, a UAE-based sovereign technology provider, the program will soon be managed through a fully digital, blockchain-powered platform.

This innovation marks a major milestone for the global CBI industry, introducing new levels of transparency, efficiency, and data security in citizenship processing. By integrating blockchain technology, São Tomé and Príncipe will ensure that every stage of the application process is fully verifiable and tamper-proof, significantly reduce processing times and administrative inefficiencies, and strengthen international confidence through secure, transparent, and accountable governance.

"This collaboration represents a turning point not only for our program, but for how small nations can leverage innovation to strengthen credibility and trust," said Disney Leite Ramos, Director of the Citizenship by Investment Unit of São Tomé and Príncipe. The initiative also reflects São Tomé and Príncipe's commitment to embracing digital transformation and responsible innovation. By partnering with IOPn and STPSA, the CIU will ensure that the program continues to meet the highest international standards of compliance, transparency, and service excellence. As the world's first blockchain-enabled citizenship programme, São Tomé and Príncipe reaffirms its position as a forward-thinking nation, and one that bridges technology with investment to create long term global value.





FUNDING THE FUTURE CIP CONTRIBUTIONS

“Powering Progress for a Stronger São Tomé and Príncipe.”

São Tomé and Príncipe has taken an important step in strengthening its energy sector through the Citizenship by Investment Program. With funds from the program, three new generators, with a combined capacity of nearly four megawatts, were purchased. Once installation is finalized, these generators will stabilize the national power system, restore regularity in electricity supply, and significantly reduce the country’s dependency on external providers. This development is particularly impactful following the withdrawal of Tesla STP, whose services previously generated monthly costs of more than €510,000 for the state. By reducing such financial burdens, the government can reallocate resources to other pressing areas of national development.

His Excellency, the Prime Minister of the Republic, was present to personally oversee this important project and expressed his satisfaction with the progress and results achieved so far. The Citizenship by Investment Program ensures that funds are directed into the National Transformation Fund, supporting strategic sectors including energy, healthcare, education, housing, tourism, industry, and infrastructure.

The acquisition of these generators, along with the planned purchase of a new transformer, reflects the government’s commitment to building a more resilient energy system - one that directly improves the quality of life for citizens, while advancing São Tomé and Príncipe’s broader development goals. The acquisition of these generators along with the planned purchase of a new power transformer reflects the government’s commitment to building a more resilient, self-sufficient, and modern energy system. This initiative not only enhances daily life for citizens and businesses but also lays the foundation for stronger economic growth, increased investor confidence, and a more sustainable future for São Tomé and Príncipe.

ADVANCING TRANSPARENCY: CIU NOW OPERATIONAL

We are proud to announce the official opening of the São Tomé and Príncipe Citizenship Investment Unit (CIU) office. Headquartered in Dubai, UAE, our new premises represents an important step in establishing a dedicated institution to oversee and manage the country's Citizenship by Investment Programme.

With the office now fully operational, the CIU has commenced the processing of applications. Our mandate is to ensure that every application is handled with the highest standards of transparency, due diligence, and efficiency, in line with international best practices.

The establishment of the CIU signifies an important milestone in the Government's commitment to building a program that contributes to the sustainable development of São Tomé and Príncipe through the National Transformation Fund, while maintaining the integrity and credibility of the process.



SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE PASSPORT

VISA FREE LIST



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List of Countries & Territories

AFRICA

Algeria*
 Cameroon*
 Central African
 Republic*
 Congo (Republic)*
 Eritrea*
 Eswatini*
 Mali*
 Morocco*
 Niger*
 São Tomé and
 Príncipe*
 Sudan*
 Tunisia*
 Benin
 Gambia

AFRICA

Rwanda
 Ghana
 South Africa
 Zambia
 Cabo Verde**
 Comoros**
 Egypt**
 Guinea-Bissau **
 Madagascar**
 Malawi**
 Mauritius**
 Mozambique**
 Namibia**
 Senegal***
 Seychelles**
 Somalia**
 Tanzania**
 Zimbabwe**

AFRICA

Nigeria +
 Angola +
 Botswana +
 Burkina Faso +
 Chad +
 Congo (DRC) +
 Côte d'Ivoire +
 Djibouti +
 Equatorial Guinea +
 Gabon +
 Guinea +
 Lesotho +
 Liberia +
 Libya +
 Mauritania +
 Sierra Leone +
 South Sudan +
 Togo +
 Uganda+
 Kenya***

CONTINUED...

EUROPE

Andorra *
 Austria *
 Belarus *
 Belgium *
 Bosnia &
 Herzegovina*
 Bulgaria *
 Croatia *
 Cyprus *
 Czech Republic *
 Denmark *
 Estonia *
 Faroe Islands *
 Finland *
 France *
 Germany *
 Gibraltar *
 Greece *
 Greenland *
 Hungary *
 Iceland *
 Ireland *
 Italy *
 Latvia *
 Liechtenstein *
 Lithuania *
 Luxembourg *
 Malta *
 Monaco *
 Montenegro *

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EUROPE

North Macedonia *
 Norway *
 Poland *
 Portugal *
 Romania *
 Russia *
 San Marino *
 Serbia *
 Slovakia *
 Slovenia *
 Spain *
 Sweden *
 Switzerland *
 Ukraine *
 United Kingdom *
 Vatican City *
 Kosovo
 Albania +
 Moldova +

EUROPEAN
TERRITORIES

Åland Islands *
 Guernsey *
 Jersey *
 Isle of Man *
 Svalbard *

NORTH
AMERICA

Barbados *
 Belize *
 Canada *
 Dominican Republic *
 Grenada *
 Jamaica *
 Mexico *
 United States *
 Bahamas
 Costa Rica
 Dominica
 El Salvador
 Guatemala
 Haiti
 Honduras
 Nicaragua
 Panama
 Saint Vincent and the
 Grenadines *
 Saint Lucia **
 Antigua and Barbuda ***
 Cuba +
 Saint Kitts and Nevis +
 Trinidad and Tobago +

CONTINUED...

**SOUTH
AMERICA**

Argentina *
 Brazil *
 Chile *
 Guyana *
 Paraguay *
 Peru *
 Uruguay *
 Venezuela *
 Ecuador
 Bolivia **
 Colombia +
 Suriname +

OCEANIA

Australia *
 Kiribati *
 Marshall Islands *
 Nauru *
 New Zealand *
 Tonga *
 Vanuatu *
 Micronesia
 Samoa
 Palau **
 Tuvalu **
 Fiji +

**OCEANIA
TERRITORIES**

Cook Islands
 Niue
 Tokelau *
 New Caledonia *
 French Polynesia *
 Wallis and Futuna *

**PACIFIC
TERRITORIES**

Guam *
 Northern Mariana Islands *
 American Samoa *
 Pitcairn Islands *

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**CARIBBEAN
TERRITORIES**

Anguilla *
 Aruba *
 Bonaire *
 British Virgin Islands *
 Cayman Islands *
 Curaçao *
 Puerto Rico *
 Saint Martin *
 Sint Eustatius *
 Sint Maarten *
 Turks and Caicos *
 Bermuda
 Montserrat +

**AFRICAN
TERRITORIES**

Mayotte *
 Réunion *
 Ceuta *
 Melilla *
 Saint Helena +
 Ascension Island +
 Somaliland **

CONTINUED...

ASIA

Afghanistan *
 Armenia *
 Azerbaijan *
 Brunei *
 China *
 Cyprus *
 India *
 Israel *
 Japan *
 Kuwait *
 Lebanon *
 Myanmar *
 North Korea *
 Saudi Arabia *
 South Korea *
 Taiwan *
 Tajikistan *
 Turkmenistan *
 United Arab Emirates *
 Uzbekistan *
 Yemen *
 Hong Kong
 (SAR China)
 Malaysia
 Philippines
 Singapore

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ASIA

Bangladesh **
 Cambodia **
 Iran **
 Jordan **
 Laos **
 Macao **
 Maldives **
 Nepal **
 Timor-Leste **
 Bahrain +
 Bhutan +
 Georgia +
 Indonesia +
 Iraq +
 Kazakhstan +
 Kyrgyzstan +
 Mongolia +
 Pakistan +
 Qatar +
 Sri Lanka +
 Syria +
 Thailand +
 Vietnam +

ASIAN
TERRITORIES

Abkhazia *
 Taiwan *
 Nagorno-Karabakh *
 Palestine
 Northern Cyprus
 South Ossetia
 Transnistria

FAQ.



1 What is the eligibility?

- Least 18 years of age at the time of application;
- Must be of good character;
- Make the required qualifying investment under the program;
- Evidence of a legitimate source of income;
- Meet health requirements as defined by the authorities.

2 What are the benefits accessible to CPLP citizens?

Citizens of São Tomé and Príncipe have preferential immigration, residence, and work privileges in all CPLP member countries, allowing easier entry and movement within the Portuguese-speaking world. However, for Portugal specifically, STP nationals must apply for a visa from their home country before entering Portugal to request a one-year residence permit. Those seeking Portuguese citizenship must demonstrate A2-level Portuguese language proficiency, and may also be required to pass a history and civics exam. In addition, some residence permit renewals may require proof of continued Portuguese language skills.

3 What is the official processing times?

The official timeframe for the naturalization process under the São Tomé citizenship program is 110 days. In most cases applications are decided quickly in 60 days.

4 Do you have military service?

(ART 14/5,6,7,8) Naturalised investors do not have to serve in the Military.

5 Are there any residence conditions?

None.

6 Do you have real estate option?

No. At this time this route is not available.

7 Does Sao Tome permit dual citizenship?

Yes dual citizenship is permitted under the nationality act of 2003.

8 Do i need visas to travel to UK and Schengen area?

Yes, you will need visas, which can be obtained easily with Santomean passport.

9 What citizenship rights given to investors?

Equal rights a sao tome citizen including right to vote, public office, politics etc..

10 What documents are required for São Tomé & Príncipe citizenship by investment application?

There are a few documents applicants will need in order to qualify for São Tomé & Príncipe citizenship:

- Birth Certificate
- Police Clearance Certificate
- Passport pictures
- Current Passport
- Proof of Address
- Medical Clearance Results
- Source of Funds Documentation
- Police Clearance Certificate

11 Does São Tomé & Príncipe recognize dual citizenship??

Yes, São Tomé & Príncipe recognizes dual citizenship. Investors can retain their original nationality whilst holding São Tomé & Príncipe citizenship. The country's laws do not require new citizens to renounce their existing citizenship.

12 How Long does it take to acquire an São Tomé & Príncipe passport?

While processing times can't be guaranteed, typically applications are processed and citizenship is achieved within just 1-2 months.