

# Residency And Citizenship



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# Why Foreign Residency

- Lifestyle
- Business
- Plan B
- Route to Citizenship

# What Type Of Residency

## Broad options

- Retiree or pensioner's visa
- Investor visa
- Visa for the entrepreneur

## Residency permit doesn't always mean work permit

- Exceptions exist with specific visas in Belize, Colombia, Ecuador, DR, and Panama

**\*Not all residency permits lead to citizenship**

# Documents Required

- Proof of investment or income depending on visa type
- Marriage certificate if you are applying with your spouse
- Birth certificates if you are applying with children
- Police report from where you currently reside (for most countries)
- A health exam (in some countries)

# Document Authentication

- All countries require international authentication
  - Apostille (if they're a signatory)
  - Consular legalization
- Translations required if documents are in a language other than the country's language

# Citizenship

- Some residency visas can lead to citizenship
- Confirm when the clock starts
- May be required to renounce original citizenship
- Multiple citizenships
- Hidden consequences

# Residency Considerations

- Taxes
- Required time in the country
- Ease of access
- Ability to work or run a business
- Desire for citizenship

# Best Back Up Residency Options

- Colombia
- Malta (Golden Visa)
- Mexico
- Panama
- Portugal (Golden Visa)
- Uruguay



# Best Citizenship Options Through Naturalization

- Colombia – 5 Years Permanent Residency
- Paraguay – 3 Years Permanent Residency
- Portugal – 5 Years Legal Residency
- Uruguay – 3 or 5 Years Legal Residency
- Brazil – 4 years Permanent Residency

# Economic Citizenship Options

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Dominica
- Grenada
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Lucia
- Vanuatu
- Cyprus
- Malta