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# WHAT IS A PLAN B?

If you live, work, bank, invest, operate a business, and hold all your assets in the same country where you hold citizenship, you are placing all your resources in a single location. This approach assumes that everything in that country will remain stable, regardless of global circumstances—a risky assumption.

Recent events have demonstrated how quickly situations can spiral out of control. Relying solely on the hope that "everything will be fine", is a gamble. A well-thought-out contingency plan—commonly referred to as Plan B—is an essential safeguard against unforeseen disruptions. The events of the COVID-19 pandemic, for instance, highlighted how rapidly life can shift from normal to chaotic.

Economic downturns, natural disasters, political instability, or even minor bureaucratic errors can have devastating consequences. In extreme cases, these events could jeopardize your finances, assets, and even personal freedoms. However, taking proactive measures to protect yourself and your family can significantly reduce these risks.

Developing a Plan B is equivalent to creating an insurance policy tailored to your unique needs. While we typically insure tangible items like health, property, or savings, some risks such as taxation changes, inflation, banking instability, or restrictions on capital require alternative strategies. Traditional insurance doesn't cover these vulnerabilities, but a strategic Plan B can.

A Plan B can protect you from foreseeable risks while also positioning you to adapt and thrive in an unpredictable future. By taking steps to protect your financial and personal security, you can ensure stability and resilience, no matter what challenges arise in the global or political landscape.

# THREE SIGNS YOU NEED A BACKUP PLAN



## 1. IT'S PRACTICAL NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES

A strong Plan B is designed to be beneficial regardless of what the future holds or doesn't hold. It remains relevant despite any unforeseen circumstances that might crop up, including political changes, unexpected events, or shifts in your job or business.

For instance, having a second passport is always a wise choice. It insures you in case things go wrong in the host country, facilitating a quick exit for you and your family. Even if you never use your passport, it adds a layer of preparedness. Similarly, diversifying your assets through multiple investment streams protects you in any situation.

Every step in your Plan B should serve a purpose, whether circumstances require it or not. It's a safeguard that won't harm you if things go smoothly but will be invaluable during challenging times. In today's environment, with increasing taxes on wealth and income, creating a Plan B has become less of a backup and more of a primary strategy for many.

## 2. A PLAN B MINIMIZES YOUR RISKS

Protecting what you've worked hard to earn—your income, savings, property, and future potential—is a critical part of a Plan B. While earning money is often the initial challenge, preserving it is just as important.

Asset protection involves securing what you have now, what you'll earn in the future, and what you intend to leave behind for your loved ones. This includes managing risks while also safeguarding your personal freedoms.

Basic liberties like gathering with loved ones, practicing religion, or traveling internationally were widely taken for granted until events like the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted them unexpectedly. Global Citizen Solutions has long highlighted the value of obtaining a second residency or citizenship, but many people didn't recognize the risks until they became undeniable.

Reflecting on what we've learned, consider: **if you had the chance earlier, would you have delayed securing a second residency or citizenship?**

## 3. A PLAN B POSITIONS YOU FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Beyond managing risks and ensuring freedom, a comprehensive Plan B prepares you to take advantage of emerging opportunities. It allows you to enhance your financial stability, explore new avenues for growth, and build wealth.

Two key strategies to achieve this are diversifying your investments and legally reducing your tax obligations. These approaches not only position you for future gains but also ensure you're prepared for whatever comes next. With such measures in place, you can thrive under any circumstances.

# WHAT IS A PLAN B PASSPORT?

A Plan B passport serves as a backup option in case your primary citizenship becomes restrictive or less advantageous. It's about diversification. Just as you wouldn't put all your assets in one place, relying on a single citizenship can limit your mobility, freedom, and opportunities, especially in unpredictable times.

Even citizens of countries with strong passports, like the US or UK, have turned to second citizenships to regain travel freedom during events like the COVID-19 pandemic or political elections, using these triggers as a push to relocate abroad. As investor Jim Rogers famously noted, having only one passport is a significant risk in today's world. A Plan B passport mitigates geopolitical risks and ensures greater flexibility.



*"Plan B can come in several forms or aspirations. Typically, here we look at it as residency and citizenship planning, and they can come in handy in times of political instability, which we are experiencing to a certain degree at the moment, or economic downturn. But they can also be, in a very positive light, a very important tool in asset protection, unique business opportunities, security, and most importantly, family legacy."*

**PATRICIA CASABURI**

MANAGING DIRECTOR  
AT GLOBAL CITIZEN SOLUTIONS

# WHAT IS A PLAN B RESIDENCE?

A Plan B residence gives you the legal right to live in another country, with the possibility of obtaining citizenship down the line. It's a popular route to take, particularly because it offers you a quicker route to live abroad, access new investment opportunities, and reduce your tax burden.

Residency permits come in many shapes and forms. Some require an investment in real estate, funds, or business and are commonly referred to as [Golden Visas](#) or **Residency by Investment Programs**. Others work as **relocation visas**, enabling remoter workers, entrepreneurs, and retirees to move abroad and start a new life in the country fairly quickly. In many cases, citizenship by naturalization becomes an option after a given number of years.

A Plan B residence is as much about having a contingency plan as it's about immediately **improving your lifestyle**. From language and integration to healthcare, safety, climate, and education opportunities there are many factors at play when picking your residency of choice. The best part about a Plan B solution is that it's fully customizable and tailored to your **unique situation and life goals**.



*"One of the things that came from COVID was the importance of mobility. People couldn't leave their country because they didn't have a dual residence in another country. If they had that Plan B, it would have been a great backup plan."*

**JOE RICE**

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# SIX REASONS YOU NEED A SECOND PASSPORT OR RESIDENCY



## 1. ENHANCED MOBILITY

No one should feel trapped in their country of birth just because they were born there. For those who can choose, having dual nationality or [a second residence](#) opens doors to **new opportunities and lifestyles**.

A second passport isn't just about citizenship—it's about freedom. Freedom to dream, build, and live on your terms. Sadly, not everyone gets that choice.

Being tied to one country means relying on its systems, taxes, and services, even when they don't serve you. By diversifying where you live, work, and invest, you gain flexibility and security in an unpredictable world.

Advances in digital communication and global financial systems have made international travel, digital nomadism, global entrepreneurship, online businesses, and cross-border investments increasingly accessible. These shifts represent a broader movement toward global mobility and diversification.



## 2. QUALITY OF LIFE

Obtaining second citizenship or residence is not just about having one in your pocket. It's as much about what happens after you reach your destination and decide to live in the country with your family.

A second passport or residence permit from a country ranking high in quality of life unlocks a myriad of opportunities- from superior healthcare and education to work and business opportunities, all of which can **significantly improve your lifestyle**.



## 3. FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY

Citizenship by investment and residency programs provides individuals with the opportunity to conduct business in the host country, unlocking financial and entrepreneurial possibilities both locally and within the region.

For Americans, these programs also offer access to international financial services that are often out of reach due to strict FATCA regulations. For example, the **Maltese Exceptional Investor Naturalization Program (MEIN)**, is a magnet for Western investors. It's the only EU country that offers citizenship by investment and is an excellent backup plan that does not require any physical residence for permanent residency holders to maintain their status, offering an ideal second home.



## 4. AUTONOMY

A second passport or residence liberates you from being tied to a single nation-state, giving you **the freedom to choose where you want to live and thrive.**

It breaks the dependence on one government and its policies, allowing you to escape the constraints of a single jurisdiction. This freedom is especially valuable when dealing with corrupt or oppressive regimes that lack accountability, offering a path to greater independence and security.



## 5. SECURITY

Securing a Plan B solution in a stable and peaceful country can be a lifesaver during times of political, economic, or social turmoil in your home country. It serves as invaluable **insurance for those in vulnerable regions.**

It also provides a critical safety net—a Plan B—to protect you and your family if your current country becomes uninhabitable.



*“There are two primary motivations for why we went with a Plan B. One is related to giving our daughter an alternative. We’ve seen women’s rights in the US eroding... and we wanted to provide her a Plan B. Plan A is to stay and fight; Plan B, just in case.”*

**JEFF GRAHAM**

CLIENT AT GLOBAL CITIZEN SOLUTIONS



## 6. TAX MANAGEMENT

Dual citizenship or second residency can offer significant advantages for tax optimization. Some countries only tax income earned within their borders, allowing income generated abroad to remain tax-free.

Generally speaking, this is not only achieved by getting a second passport, but by actually relocating to the respective country. This creates opportunities for investors to manage their wealth more efficiently by establishing and managing funds or investments in low-tax jurisdictions.



# HOW TO OBTAIN A PLAN B PASSPORT

There are several ways to get a second passport, each with their own set of requirements and considerations.



## CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

This requires a financial contribution to the destination country, such as donating, investing in a business, buying property or government bonds.



## CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

If you have parents or grandparents from a country that grants citizenship based on ancestry, you may qualify for citizenship through your lineage.



## CITIZENSHIP BY NATURALIZATION

This typically involves living in the country for a specified number of years, passing a language test, and showing familiarity and affinity with the country's culture, history, and laws.



## CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE

Marrying a citizen of a country that provides citizenship through marriage can also open the door to becoming a citizen.



Global Citizen Solutions has helped investors secure citizenship in a range of countries from all over the world, including [Vanuatu](#), [Antigua and Barbuda](#), [Dominica](#), [Grenada](#), [St. Kitts and Nevis](#), and [St. Lucia](#), as well as in [Malta](#) and [Türkiye](#).

During the pandemic, Türkiye saw a surge in demand due to its property-based investment options, which appealed particularly to Chinese investors familiar with real estate wealth generation. The Caribbean programs are popular for their affordability, with some programs starting at \$200,000, and offer quick processing times.

**TAKE OUR QUESTIONNAIRE TO SEE  
WHICH PROGRAM IS FOR YOU**

# MOST POPULAR CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMS



If citizenship by investment seems intriguing, the first step is to research countries offering this program. Look into their citizenship by investment requirements, application timelines, and benefits.

To help you out, we've curated a list of popular citizenship by investment programs below.

## ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA: SO MUCH MORE THAN A PLAN B PASSPORT



Securing a second citizenship is a smart move but combining it with owning a home in that country takes your Plan B to the next level. In a destination like Antigua and Barbuda, known for its appeal as a lifestyle haven for Western buyers, the pairing of a second passport with a [second home is unmatched](#).

Now is an ideal time to consider [real estate investment in Antigua and Barbuda](#). The country is booming with international attention, and the influx of high-profile luxury brands entering the tourism market shows promise.

Acquiring a personal villa while being approved under the Citizenship by Investment Program (CIP) offers a top-tier solution for those seeking a backup plan. It's the perfect blend of a secure passport and a tranquil retreat in a picturesque paradise.

## MALTA: CITIZENSHIP BY NATURALIZATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICES THROUGH DIRECT INVESTMENT



As an EU member, Malta offers one of the world's strongest passports, granting the right to live and work anywhere in the European Union or Schengen zone. Known for its strict four-tier due diligence process, this program is among the most respected and sought-after in the world. As an authorized agent, Global Citizen Solutions has helped hundreds of investors navigate this carefully managed program successfully.

Through this program, individuals can obtain [Maltese citizenship](#) by contributing to the nation's economic growth. After a residency period of 36 months—or 12 months for eligible applicants—citizenship is granted. While investors gain the right to live in Malta, there is no immediate need to do so, **making Malta an excellent Plan B option for global citizens**, and the only such program in Europe that enables direct citizenship by investment.

## TÜRKIYE



Türkiye might not be the first country that comes to mind for a Plan B passport, but its unique position as a transcontinental nation bordered by three seas makes it a key hub for global trade and market access.

Known for its popular real estate investment option, [Türkiye Citizenship by Investment Program](#) offers a practical route for those looking to invest in tangible assets while gaining access to both European and Asian markets through an investment in the Turkish economy.

Investment opportunities include purchasing property, contributing to fixed capital, depositing funds into a Turkish bank account, investing in government bonds, participating in real estate or venture capital funds, joining a private pension system with a minimum three-year commitment, or creating jobs for at least 50 people.

## GRENADA



Grenada's citizenship by investment program offers a quick and straightforward process, making it an ideal choice for those looking to relocate within a few months and enjoy enhanced global mobility. For entrepreneurs aiming to tap into Asian markets, a Grenadian passport can be particularly advantageous. Notably, it allows visa-free travel to China and provides visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to over 140 destinations, including Hong Kong and Singapore.

To obtain Grenadian citizenship, you can either invest in approved real estate or contribute to the National Transformation Fund. Once your application is submitted, the government typically responds within approximately 90 days, and if approved, you'll receive [your passport within ten business days](#).

## VANUATU



Vanuatu hands-down offers the [quickest route to a Plan B passport](#). In as little as 90 days, you can acquire a Vanuatuan passport in exchange for a \$130,000 investment for a single applicant. Why Vanuatu? Don't underestimate this nook of the world, the island nation is paradise for those looking for peace and quiet.

It's the perfect retreat from daily life, where every day can feel like a holiday. Aside from the option to do a direct government donation, investors can also opt for the real estate route to citizenship, snapping up a villa valued at a minimum of \$200,000. This option is ideal for those looking to convert their property into a rental opportunity or as a holiday home.

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# HOW TO QUALIFY FOR A PLAN B PASSPORT



To qualify for a [Plan B passport](#), applicants must meet financial criteria and pass strict due diligence checks. Investment options include:



## REAL ESTATE

A favored choice in regions with attractive property markets.



## DONATIONS

Typically, the most popular and cost-effective path.



## BONDS/FUNDS

Less popular among certain investors but still viable.



## HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE?

Processing times vary. The Caribbean programs generally take under a year, with some, like St. Kitts and Nevis, offering fast-track options for an extra fee. For those seeking faster processing, Vanuatu offers a quick route but has limitations on visa-free travel access.

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT PLAN B PASSPORT

Selecting the best program depends on your goals and budget. Start by asking, “What’s your reason for acquiring a second passport?” Whether for travel, education, or financial planning, personalized advice ensures you make the right decision.

A Plan B passport is more than just a travel document—it’s an investment in security, freedom, and a stable future for you and your family. Explore your options today and take the first step toward greater peace of mind.

**SEE THE WORLD’S BEST PASSPORTS FOR  
TRAVEL, LIFESTYLE & INVESTMENT**

# A GENERATIONAL GIFT: LEAH'S JOURNEY TO A PLAN B



Hailing from the United States, Leah and her husband's motivation for a Plan B was simple — they wanted to give their children something truly special: a generational gift.

Having lived, worked, and studied overseas themselves, they understood the value of global opportunities. They wanted their kids to have the freedom to live and work abroad without needing a company to sponsor their visa.

The Portuguese Golden Visa was the perfect solution, offering flexibility that fit into their lives rather than the other way around. It didn't require a permanent move or long stays, which meant their family could explore Portugal during school breaks and holidays while keeping their roots in the U.S.

Leah's decision to work with GCS came during the pandemic when navigating the process felt daunting. Working with GCS, Leah found the process manageable despite its complexity, as the team provided guidance through the bureaucratic hurdles, simplifying what could have been an overwhelming experience. For Leah, pursuing a Plan B wasn't just about preparing for the unknown—it was about creating a richer, more secure future for her family.

# HOW TO OBTAIN A PLAN B RESIDENCE

If obtaining a second passport through an investment isn't an option, securing a second residency is an excellent alternative. It provides the reassurance of having a fallback location and, in many cases, can lead to citizenship through naturalization after a few years. There are several routes you can take to obtain a second residency:



## RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT (ALSO REFERRED TO AS A GOLDEN VISA)

This requires a financial contribution to the destination country, such as donating, investing in a business, buying property or government bonds.



## RESIDENCY THROUGH BUSINESS OR STARTUP INVESTMENT

Setting up a business or investing in local enterprises to gain residency rights.



## DIGITAL NOMAD VISA

Aimed at professionals who wish to live and work remotely from a new country.



## PASSIVE INCOME VISA/RETIREMENT BASED RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Some countries offer residency pathways for retirees or passive income earners who can prove they are financially sustainable.

Some of the most popular residency programs are offered by Portugal, Malta, Italy, Spain, Greece, Cyprus, and the United Arab Emirates.

**TAKE OUR QUESTIONNAIRE TO SEE WHICH PROGRAM IS FOR YOU**

# MOST POPULAR RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

## PORTUGAL



Portugal is well known for its rich cultural heritage, from its world-famous Port wine and soulful fado music to its distinctive Piri Piri flavors and legendary footballers like Cristiano Ronaldo. But beyond its cultural appeal, Portugal stands out for offering one of Europe's most attractive residency-by-investment programs.

As a member of the European Union, Portugal provides a high standard of living, with excellent healthcare, modern infrastructure, political stability, safety, and a mild climate. For those seeking to establish a foothold in Europe, the country's Golden Visa program presents one of the most accessible and advantageous pathways to residency.

[The Golden Visa is a streamlined residency-by-investment initiative](#) that allows non-EU/EEA nationals to obtain a Portuguese residence permit by making a qualifying investment in the country. Investment options include purchasing real estate, contributing to investment funds, or supporting cultural and scientific endeavors.

One of the key advantages of this program is its flexibility. While the visa grants residency, it does not impose strict stay requirements, making it an ideal choice for investors who want the benefits of European residency without needing to relocate full-time. After five years, participants who meet the necessary criteria can apply for Portuguese citizenship, securing one of the world's most powerful passports.

## MALTA



Crowned the jewel of the Mediterranean, [Malta offers several pathways to residence](#). The most popular option is via its Permanent Residence Program (MPRP). It enables non-EU nationals and their eligible family members with the opportunity to secure permanent residency in Malta.

This program offers several benefits, including visa-free travel within the Schengen Zone and the right to reside, settle, and remain in

Malta indefinitely. With a thriving economy, optimal living standards, and English being an official language, Malta is a suitable option for high-net-worth investors.

A key advantage of the MPRP is its flexibility, as there are no mandatory stay requirements, making it particularly appealing to high-net-worth individuals with international commitments. Additionally, the program can serve as a potential pathway to Maltese citizenship, although applicants must reside in Malta for at least six years and demonstrate genuine connections to the country to qualify.

## CANADA



Canada has long been a top destination for those seeking a better quality of life, a strong economy, and a welcoming environment. With its thriving business scene, access to international markets, and government-backed support for innovation, it's no wonder entrepreneurs are drawn to the country.

For those looking to build a business and secure permanent residency, [Canada's Start-Up Visa \(SUV\) Program](#) provides a unique opportunity. This program is designed for founders with innovative ideas who want to grow their businesses while benefiting from Canada's economic stability and business-friendly policies.

Beyond residency, the program connects entrepreneurs with private

sector investors, such as angel investor groups and venture capital firms, who may provide funding and mentorship. The goal is simple: attract forward-thinking businesses that can thrive globally, create jobs, and contribute to Canada's economy.

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



For decades, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has cultivated a reputation for its tax-lax status, world-class digital infrastructure, and unparalleled glamour. As a result, it's been a magnet for high-net-worth individuals, entrepreneurs, and international investors. While citizenship by investment was never an option, the UAE's Golden Visa Program is.

[The UAE Golden Visa](#) offers foreign professionals, investors, entrepreneurs, scientists, exceptional students, and humanitarian pioneers the opportunity to live, work, or study in the UAE while enjoying exclusive benefits. This long-term residency program provides a stable and rewarding environment for talented individuals. It is important to flag here that there are multiple options to residency, depending on your profession and whether you are an investor or not.

## GREECE



Among Europe's residency-by-investment programs, [Greece's Golden Visa](#) has remained a top choice, particularly for individuals seeking greater mobility and visa-free access to the Schengen Zone.

This program is known for its family-friendly benefits, allowing not only spouses and children but also parents and even grandparents to be included in the application. With no minimum stay requirement, it provides a flexible route to residency, and for those committed to long-term settlement, it can eventually lead to Greek citizenship.

However, obtaining citizenship requires more than just an investment—you'll need to build strong ties to Greece and integrate into local life. That said, with its Mediterranean climate, relaxed pace, and renowned cuisine, settling into Greece may be an easy transition for many.

## ITALY



Italy is a country of beautiful contradictions. It has everything—mountains, cities, culture, heritage, cuisine, slow-paced countryside living, and the full buzz of metropolitan hubs. Beyond the lifestyle, Italian culture is a deep web of family, community, and connections.

For those looking to enjoy a slice of this paradise, [the Italian Golden Visa](#), often called La Dolce Visa, provides a pathway to residency. This program grants non-EU investors a renewable residence permit in exchange for a qualifying investment in Italy's economy.

Beyond lifestyle perks, Italy boasts the third-largest economy in the Eurozone and ranks among the world's top economies. Strategically positioned as a gateway between Europe and North Africa, it offers access to a stable economic environment and seamless travel throughout the Schengen Zone, making it an attractive choice for investors and global citizens alike.

# HOW TO QUALIFY FOR A PLAN B RESIDENCE

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## REAL ESTATE

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## DONATIONS

Typically, the most popular and cost-effective path.



## BONDS/FUNDS

Less popular among certain investors but still viable.

## TIMELINE & REQUIREMENTS

Paperwork requirements vary by country, and each residency program has its own timeline and criteria. However, regardless of the program, applicants typically need to provide the same key documents: proof of income, a clean criminal record, and health certificates for themselves and their family members.

Some programs, like UAE's fast-track residency, offer approval within weeks or months, while others follow a more extended process. Understanding these timelines is essential for efficient planning. With a wide range of options available, each program comes with its own benefits and considerations, making it important to choose the one that best aligns with your needs.

# PLAN B IN THE FORM OF: SECOND RESIDENCY



If obtaining a second passport through an investment isn't an option, securing a second residency is an excellent alternative. It provides the reassurance of having a fallback location and, in many cases, can lead to citizenship through naturalization after a few years.

Portugal offers an attractive option with its [Golden Visa Program](#), as does [Spain](#) and [Greece's Golden Visa](#). For those seeking a more flexible residency pathway, other notable residency programs include:

- [Malta Residency By Investment Program](#)
- [Cyprus Golden Visa](#)

# GROW YOUR WEALTH SAFELY



As a leading global mobility firm, we've helped hundreds of globally savvy citizens with tailor-made Plan B strategies. Whether you need a residency or citizenship solution, relocation visa assistance, tax optimization and asset protection support, or banking and real estate solutions, we can help. Recognizing that no two global citizens are alike, we design your own customized mobility plan based solely on your needs and objectives.

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