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I Assent

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ERROL CHARLES,
Governor-General.

November 3, 2025.

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AN ACT to amend the Citizenship by Investment Act, Cap. 1.20.

[10th November, 2025]

BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Assembly and the Senate of Saint Lucia, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) Act, 2025.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, “principal Act” means the Citizenship by Investment Act, Cap. 1.20.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by —

(a) deleting the definition for “qualifying dependant” and by substituting the following —

“ “qualifying dependant” —

(a) means —

(i) a spouse of the applicant,

(ii) a child of the applicant or of his or her spouse who is twenty-one years of age or below,

(iii) a child of the applicant or of his or her spouse who is no more than thirty years of age and fully supported by the applicant,

(iv) a parent of the applicant or of his or her spouse who is above fifty-five years of age and fully supported by the applicant,

(v) an unmarried sister or brother of the applicant who is below eighteen years of age and has received the consent of his or her parent or guardian to make an application for citizenship by investment;

(b) includes an individual of any age who is physically or mentally challenged and fully supported by the applicant.”;

(b) inserting in the correct alphabetical sequence the following definitions —

““business advisory partner” means a company that provides consultancy, policy advice and global marketing services to the Unit;”;

“marketing agent” means a company that solicits sales work with a business advisory partner or an authorized agent to promote the Programme;

“OECS Member State” means a State which is a party to the Treaty of Basseterre;

“Sovereign Wealth Fund of Saint Lucia” means the Sovereign Wealth Fund of Saint Lucia established under section 3 of the Sovereign Wealth Fund Act, No. 5 of 2025;

“Treaty of Basseterre” means the Treaty establishing the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States done at Basseterre on 18 June 1981 the text of which is set out in the Schedule of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Act, Cap. 19.12;”.

Amendment of section 5

4. Section 5(2) of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (d) and by substituting the following —

“(d) two persons with qualifications and experience in —

(i) marketing,

(ii) finance,

(iii) compliance,

(iv) international relations, or

(v) any other area determined by Cabinet.”.

Substitution of section 8

5. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 8 and by substituting the following —

“Powers of Board

8.—(1) The Board has the powers that are necessary for carrying out its functions under section 7.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the powers of the Board are —

(a) to request any information or document with respect to an application for citizenship by investment from —

(i) the applicant or a qualifying dependant,

(ii) the Unit,

(iii) any other person who may be able to assist in the review of an application for citizenship by investment, as determined by the Board;

(b) to co-opt a person to assist or advise on a subject matter at a particular meeting of the Board;

(c) in the case of an approved real estate project, to enter into an agreement for the development of an approved real estate project;

(d) in the case of an approved enterprise project, to enter into an agreement with a developer for the financing and implementation of an approved enterprise project.”.

(3) Where the Board co-opts a person under subsection (2)(b), he or she does not have the right to vote at the meeting of the Board.

(4) Where the Board enters into an agreement under subsection (2)(c) or (d), the terms and conditions of the agreement must provide for —

(a) the establishment of an escrow account in which the developer keeps all monies for the approved real estate project or approved enterprise project;

- (b) the reporting requirements for the deposit and withdrawal of monies from the escrow account;
- (c) the oversight and implementation of the approved real estate project or approved enterprise project in accordance with the prescribed guidelines published by the Unit.”.

Insertion of new section 19A

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 19, the following new section 19A —

“Allocation to Sovereign Wealth Fund

19A. No less than ten per cent and no more than twenty-five per cent of any balance at the end of the financial year resulting from the activities carried on by the Unit that is available after making full allowance for the operations of the Unit shall be paid to the credit of the Sovereign Wealth Fund.”.

Amendment of section 30

7. Section 30(3) of the principal Act is amended by —

- (a) deleting the words “An applicant” and by substituting the words “An application”;
- (b) by deleting subsection (4) and by substituting the following —
 - “(4) An application must —
 - (a) be made in the prescribed form;
 - (b) be dated and signed;
 - (c) be accompanied by all requisite documentation and information;
 - (d) be accompanied by the prescribed non-refundable processing fees; and
 - (e) be accompanied by —
 - (i) a health certificate issued by a medical practitioner with respect to each applicant and qualifying dependant,
 - (ii) a police certificate from the applicant’s country of residence,

- (iii) a banker's reference, and
 - (iv) the details and evidence of the proposed qualifying investment;
- (f) in the case of a qualifying dependant who is physically or mentally challenged and fully supported by the applicant —
- (i) a certified court order or other legally recognized document which attests to the incapacity of the applicant,
 - (ii) a medical certificate in support of the incapacity of the applicant,
 - (iii) documentary evidence of his or her dependence on the applicant for financial support,
 - (iv) proof of residence, cohabitation or direct care by the applicant.”.

Insertion of new section 30A

8. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 30 the following new section 30A —

“Residency and genuine link requirements

30A.—(1) Where an application for citizenship by investment is made under section 30, an applicant and each qualifying dependant shall comply with the prescribed requirements for residency and genuine link.

(2) Subsection (1) takes effect from the 1st day of January, 2026.”.

Amendment of section 36

9. Section 36 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (1), by including the words “by investment” immediately after the words “an application for citizenship”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1), the following new subsection (1A) —

“(1A) An application under subsection (1) must be accompanied by —

- (a) a sworn affidavit to declare the prescribed financial resources;

- (b) any other supporting documents to demonstrate the declared financial resources and source of funds;
- (c) in subsection (2), by deleting the word “application” and by substituting the words “application for citizenship by investment”;
- (d) by deleting subsection (3) and by substituting the following

—
 “(3) The Board —

- (a) shall deny an application for citizenship by investment where an applicant —
 - (i) provides false information,
 - (ii) has been convicted of a criminal offence except where the offence is a minor traffic offence,
 - (iii) is the subject of a criminal investigation,
 - (iv) is considered to be a potential national security risk,
 - (v) is involved in any activity likely to cause disrepute to Saint Lucia,
 - (vi) has been denied a visa to a country with which Saint Lucia has visa-free travel and has not subsequently obtained a visa to that country;
- (b) may deny an application for citizenship by investment where the application for citizenship by investment of an applicant is denied by an OECS Member State.”;
- (e) by deleting subsection (5) and by substituting the following

—
 “(5) Where an applicant satisfies all the requirements of an application for citizenship by investment —

- (a) the applicant shall take the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to Saint Lucia; and
- (b) the Minister shall issue a certificate of registration to register the person as a citizen of Saint Lucia.”;

(f) by inserting immediately after subsection (6), the following new subsection (7) —

“(7) The Board may approve annually the prescribed number of applications for citizenship by investment.”.

Insertion of new section 36A

10. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 36 the following new section 36A —

“Restriction on change of name

36A.—(1) A citizen shall not change his or her name within five years of being issued a certificate of registration under section 36(5)(b).

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a change of name legally required due to —

- (a) marriage, divorce, adoption or legitimization evidenced by a certified court order, adoption decree or marriage or divorce certificate;
- (b) inclusion in a witness protection, anti-trafficking or comparable programme necessitating a change for security purposes, evidenced by certification from the competent authority;
- (c) a clerical or transliteration by the Unit or other competent authority.

(3) Without prejudice to the Passports Act, Cap. 10.03 and subsections (1) and (2), where a citizen changes his or her name after being issued a certificate of registration, he or she shall, prior to making an application for a passport under the Passports Act, Cap. 10.03, give written notice to the Unit of the change of name.

(4) A notice under subsection (3) must be accompanied by —

- (a) a certified copy of the Deed Poll; and
- (b) the prescribed change of name due diligence fee.

(5) On receipt of a notice under subsection (3) and the accompanying document and fee under subsection (4), the Unit shall conduct a due diligence check on the change of name.

(6) After conducting a due diligence check on the change of name under subsection (5), the Unit shall provide a copy of the result of the due diligence check to —

(a) the citizen;

(b) the Immigration Department.”.

Amendment of principal Act

11. The principal Act is amended by deleting the word “promoter” wherever it appears and by substituting the words “marketing agent”.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 28th day of October, 2025.

CLAUDIUS J. FRANCIS,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Passed in the Senate this 30th day of October, 2025.

ALVINA REYNOLDS,
President of the Senate.