

Samoan citizenship can be obtained **one of four ways**: citizenship by birth, citizenship by descent, citizenship by marriage or citizenship by permanent residency. This chart compares citizenship by permanent residency to a **proposed fifth way**: citizenship by investment.

**EXISTING**

**PROPOSED**

*Citizenship by Permanent Residency*




*Citizenship by Investment*








APPLY FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCY

APPLY FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENCY *by investment*

NO MINIMUM STANDARDS. APPLICANTS ARE ASSESSED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FACTORS SUCH AS:

MUST INTEND TO INVEST AT LEAST \$4M TALA IN:

-  SOCIAL & ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO SAMOA
-  PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN SAMOA
-  LANGUAGE SKILLS

-  AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING
-  RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY
-  GOVERNMENT LAND DEVELOPMENT
-  TOURISM
-  INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
-  A GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FUND OR CHARITABLE TRUST
-  FISHERIES PROCESSING

INVESTMENT IN OTHER INDUSTRIES WOULD BE CONSIDERED, EXCLUDING:

-  FOOD RETAIL
-  RENTAL VEHICLES
-  TAXIS
-  PUBLIC BUSES

MUST DEPOSIT AT LEAST 70% OF INVESTMENT FUNDS UPFRONT, IN A SAMOAN BANK

WOULD NOT APPLY TO INVESTMENTS ON CUSTOMARY LAND

**DUE DILIGENCE: what is checked?**

- POLICE CHECK
- HEALTH CHECK
- REFERENCES
- POLICE CHECK
- HEALTH CHECK
- DETAILED INVESTMENT PLAN
- PROOF OF NET WORTH
- AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- SOUNDNESS OF INVESTMENT AND INVESTOR INVESTIGATED BY A QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY

HOLD PERMANENT RESIDENCY *for 5 years*

HOLD TEMPORARY RESIDENCY *for 3 years*

CAN BE CANCELLED BASED ON RESIDENT'S BEHAVIOR

EXPECTED TO SPEND AT LEAST 50% OF EACH YEAR IN SAMOA

CAN BE CANCELLED BASED ON RESIDENT'S BEHAVIOR

CAN BE CANCELLED IF INVESTMENT PLAN IS NOT COMPLIED WITH

MUST SPEND AT LEAST 15 DAYS PER YEAR IN SAMOA

YEAR  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5

APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP *after 5 years*

APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP *after 3 years*

**CITIZENS: have the right to...**

-  VOTE
-  PURCHASE LAND
-  HOLD A SAMOAN PASSPORT
-  EASIER ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT
-  APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
-  APPLY FOR CHEAPER HEALTHCARE
-  GET THE PENSION

CITIZENSHIP BY PERMANENT RESIDENCY *can be cancelled*

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT *can be cancelled*

CAN BE CANCELLED BASED ON CITIZEN'S BEHAVIOR

CAN BE CANCELLED BASED ON CITIZEN'S BEHAVIOR  
CAN BE CANCELLED IF INVESTMENT PLAN IS NOT COMPLIED WITH