

Countries that allow dual citizenship – and those that don't

We guide you through a **continent-by-continent breakdown** of the rules, complete with pointers for countries where quirks or specifics apply. At the end of this article, you'll find a **downloadable kit** for you to refer back to any time.



Country	Good to know	Status
Algeria	Requires renunciation of previous citizenship – although a loophole applies.	✓
Angola		✓
Benin		✓
Burundi		✓
Cape Verde		✓
Comoros	Officially, dual citizenship is not permitted, but in practice this rule isn't often applied.	✓
Egypt	Officials must be informed of the citizen's intention to apply for dual citizenship.	✓
Ghana		✓

Ivory Coast		✓
Kenya		✓
Lesotho		✓
Libya		✓
Madagascar		✓
Malawi		✓
Mauritius		✓
Morocco		✓
Senegal		✓
Sierra Leone		✓
Somalia		✓
South Africa	Citizens over the age of eighteen must apply to retain their South African passport before acquiring dual nationality.	✓
Sudan		✓
Tunisia		✓
Uganda		✓
Zambia	Citizens who lost their original nationality before the law was changed can apply to have their citizenship reinstated.	✓

Asia

Country	Good to know	Status
Bangladesh	Citizens lose their passport, however, if they commit a crime within five years of being awarded nationality.	✓
East Timor		✓
Hong Kong		✓
Iraq		✓
Israel	Jews are permitted to claim citizenship under the Law of Return legislation.	✓

Jordan	Citizens who lost their original nationality before the law was changed can apply to have their citizenship reinstated.	✓
Pakistan	Pakistan only allows individuals from sixteen specified countries to hold dual citizenship. Pakistani dual citizenship bars citizens from certain rights.	✓
Philippines	Dual citizenship is much easier to acquire if the original citizenship is Filipino, as opposed to the other way around – it's difficult for foreign nationals to be granted it.	✓
Sri Lanka		✓

North America

Country	Good to know	Status
Canada	Dual citizenship is actively promoted in Canada.	✓
The United States	Dual citizenship is discouraged in the United States.	✓
Saint Kitts and Nevis	An extremely relaxed citizenship-by-investment scheme operates here.	✓
Mexico	Citizens are required to enter and leave Mexico using their Mexican passports.	✓
Dominican Republic		✓
Honduras		✓
Costa Rica		✓

Panama	Citizens are required to take an oath proclaiming renunciation of their original citizenship, but in practice this isn't recognised by other countries. The Friendly Nations Visa is one alternative worth considering.	✓
Jamaica		✓
Trinidad and Tobago		✓
Barbados	Barbados actively encourages dual citizenship.	✓
Saint Lucia		✓
Grenada		✓
Antigua and Barbuda	Not only does Antigua and Barbuda allow dual citizenship – it also has a very strong citizenship-by-investment scheme .	✓
Dominica		✓

South America

Country	Good to know	Status
Argentina	Citizens are required to enter and leave Argentina using their Argentinian passports if visiting the country for more than 90 days.	✓
Bolivia		✓
Brazil	Citizens are required to enter and leave Brazil using their Brazilian passports.	✓
Chile		✓
Colombia	Dual citizens cannot hold certain government positions. Citizens who lost their nationality can apply to have their citizenship reinstated.	✓

Ecuador	Citizens who lost their nationality as a result of naturalisation elsewhere can apply to have their citizenship reinstated.	✓
Paraguay	One of the easiest places in the world to acquire dual nationality.	✓
Peru	This primarily applies to citizens of Hispanic countries, although in practice Peru applies relaxed dual citizenship laws.	✓
Uruguay		✓

Europe

Country	Good to know	Status
Albania		✓
Armenia		✓
Belgium		✓
Cyprus	In addition to citizenship by naturalisation, Cyprus also has an economic citizenship scheme.	✓
Czech Republic	Citizens who lost their nationality can apply to have their citizenship reinstated.	✓
Denmark		✓
Finland		✓
France		✓
Greece		✓
Hungary	In addition to citizenship by naturalisation, Hungary also has an economic citizenship scheme.	✓
Iceland		✓
Ireland	Irish citizenship can be acquired by individuals who can prove Irish ancestry.	✓

Italy	Italian citizenship can be acquired by individuals who can prove Italian ancestry.	✓
Latvia		✓
Luxembourg		✓
Macedonia		✓
Malta	In addition to citizenship by naturalisation, Malta also has an economic citizenship scheme.	✓
Portugal	Portugal has a generous citizenship-by-investment scheme.	✓
Romania	No residency conditions need to be fulfilled for Romanian citizenship to be awarded.	✓
Russia		✓
Serbia	Serbia has a citizenship-by-ancestry scheme, similarly to Ireland and Italy.	✓
Sweden		✓
Switzerland		✓
Turkey		✓
United Kingdom	In some cases, British Overseas Territories' nationals may not be granted dual citizenship.	✓

Oceania

Country	Good to know	Status
Australia	Australia actively encourages dual citizenship, and has a very relaxed citizenship-by-investment scheme.	✓
Fiji	In addition to standard dual citizenship regulations,	✓

	spouses of citizens may also apply for citizenship provided a certain number of conditions are met.	
Nauru		✓
New Zealand	Citizens run the risk of losing their dual citizenship in the event of any acts contrary to the country's interests.	✓
Palau		✓
Samoa		✓
Tuvalu		✓
Vanuatu		✓

Countries that allow dual citizenship under special circumstances

This dual citizenship countries list features countries where dual citizenship is permitted under particular circumstances, or in specific cases. Contact Relocate Antigua for more in-depth detail of each country's requirements, and check official authorities' website for guidance, as these requirements and cases can often change.

Afghanistan
Austria
Bosnia
Bulgaria
Croatia
El Salvador
Eritrea
Estonia
Georgia
Germany
Guatemala
Guyana
Liechtenstein
Moldova
Montenegro
Namibia
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Norway
Panama
Poland
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Seychelles
Slovenia
South Korea
Spain
Taiwan
Tanzania
The Netherlands

Countries that don't allow dual citizenship

The countries listed below do not currently allow dual citizenship – but as the number of nations that permit dual citizenship increases, you can expect to see it shorten in the future.

Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Belarus
Bhutan
Botswana
China
Congo
Cuba
Djibouti
Ethiopia
Haiti
India
Indonesia
Iran
Japan
Kazakhstan
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Laos
Macau
Malaysia
Marshall Islands
Micronesia
Monaco
Mongolia
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
North Korea
Oman
Papua New Guinea
Qatar
San Marino

Saudi Arabia
Singapore
Slovakia
Solomon Islands
Swaziland
Tajikistan
Thailand
Tonga
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uzbekistan
Venezuela
Vietnam
Yemen
Zimbabwe

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