

United States

EB-5 Immigrant Investor Programme

The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swath of North America, with Alaska in the northwest and Hawaii extending the nation's presence into the Pacific Ocean. Major Atlantic Coast cities are New York, a global finance and culture center, and capital Washington, DC. Midwestern metropolis Chicago is known for influential architecture and on the west coast, Los Angeles' Hollywood is famed for filmmaking.

EB-5 Immigrant Investor Programme- Requirements

In order to qualify for residency, applicants must fulfil ONE of the following investment options:

Creation of a New Enterprise – Applicant must make at least US\$1 million investment in a new commercial enterprise, or make a minimum investment of US\$500,000 if investing in a Targeted Employment Area (rural areas or areas with unemployment of at least 150 percent of the national average). Additionally, the must create full-time employment for at least 10 qualified US workers; or

Investment in a Regional Centre – Opportunities to be pre-approved by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), applicants must make an investment of at least US\$500,000 and create full-time employment for at least 10 qualified US workers.

Considerations

- Applicants must have a net worth in excess of US\$ 1 million.
- Proof must be provided as to the legal source of these funds.
- Residency requirements: 6 months in any 12.

Timescales

The USCIS normally takes 15-20 months to process applications, which may be longer for certain nationalities.

Benefits of the Programme

- Leads to permanent residence 'Green card' status.
- Access to public education system at all age levels.
- Offers right to residency in all states, including Texas and Florida which are free of state-level income tax.
- Dependant family members can be included.
- Leads to full citizenship after 5 years of legal residence.

Key Facts



- Hosts world's most advanced medical and educational facilities, making it an ideal location for raising a family.



- Being the world's largest and strong economy, the country provides access to a business-friendly environment and a great range of resources.



- Home to thousands of private schools, many of which are multi-lingual and provide a route to some of the highest-ranking universities in the world.



- Required investment from US\$500,000 under the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Programme.

