

Unlock Sri Lanka: A closer look at visa options for foreign nationals

A practical guide to long-stay, investment,
and digital-lifestyle residency options.



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The Digital Nomad Visa (DNV)

Unlocking new opportunities for global remote professionals.

Sri Lanka's new Digital Nomad Visa (DNV) offers foreign remote workers, freelancers, and entrepreneurs the chance to live and work from one of South Asia's most vibrant destinations. Eligible foreign professionals can now reside in the country for up to a year while working exclusively for overseas clients/employers.

Who is it for?

Remote employees, founders, and freelancers working for businesses **registered outside Sri Lanka**, serving **clients overseas**

Eligibility Criteria

- **A foreign national aged 18+** engaged in remote employment/operating a business registered outside Sri Lanka, serving clients outside the country
- **A minimum monthly remittance of USD 2,000** is required for the main applicant, with an **additional remittance** per month for each dependent **beyond two**

Why Choose the Digital Nomad Visa?

Tap into curated perks that turn Sri Lankan living seamless, your workday sharp, and your experience deeply fulfilling:

- Legally reside in Sri Lanka
- Open personal bank accounts for everyday banking needs
- Rent or lease property—live where you choose
- Enroll children in leading international/private schools
- Access local telecommunications, internet, and utility services for smooth remote-working
- Join coworking hubs, ICT programs, and tourism events (public and private)

Documents

Submit a completed application form and all required documents

Application and Issuance

Submission of fully completed documentation

Visa duration and fees

- Issued for 01 year and is renewable
- Separate fees for the main applicant, spouse, and each dependent

My Dream Home Visa

Opening the door to long-stay living for foreign nationals—issued in renewable 2-year terms.

Sri Lanka has introduced its **My Dream Home Visa Program** to welcome foreign retirees and long-stay residents seeking a peaceful, affordable lifestyle on one of South Asia's most loved islands. The program offers eligible applicants long-term residence, allowing them to enjoy the country's warm climate, rich culture, and high quality of life. With simplified requirements and a focus on stability and comfort, the My Dream Home Visa enables individuals to establish a second home in Sri Lanka while maintaining financial independence through overseas income.

Applicants can benefit from expert guidance on residency rules, financial requirements, property matters, and ongoing compliance under the My Dream Home Visa. Our teams are ready to support a seamless transition into long-term living in Sri Lanka, ensuring clarity, comfort, and full regulatory compliance throughout the process.

Who is it for?

Foreign retirees and long-stay residents who can maintain financial independence via overseas income

Visa duration

- 2-year residence visa, renewable upon meeting program requirements

Eligibility and Financial Requirements

- To qualify, applicants must maintain a **USD 15,000** fixed deposit in a **Sri Lankan bank** and **remit USD 1,500 monthly** for the principal, plus **USD 750** for each spouse or dependent child

Documents and Application

- Completed application and supporting documentation per program guidelines

Why Choose the My Dream Home Visa?

- Enter into property rental/lease agreements, giving you the freedom to choose where you live
- Enroll children in international/private schools, ensuring access to quality education
- Access local telecommunications, internet, and utility services, supporting a smooth remote-working experience
- Engage with coworking hubs, ICT initiatives, and tourism events hosted by both government, and private sectors

Investor Visa

Build in Sri Lanka—investment-linked residency for you, your spouse, and your family.

Sri Lanka today stands as one of South Asia's most promising and fast-advancing investment hubs – an island nation with a stable and peaceful environment, renewed economic momentum, and a strong focus on sustainable development. Celebrated for its natural beauty, landscapes, and investor-friendly reforms, the country offers an ideal setting for long-term residency and business growth. With rising global confidence, expanding economic sectors, and a harmonious living environment free from conflict, Sri Lanka provides investors with the perfect blend of opportunity, stability, and quality of life.

Sri Lanka invites global investors to participate in its long-term residency programme by investing in approved sectors of the national economy. The Investor Visa allows eligible foreign nationals, together with their spouse, and dependents, to reside in Sri Lanka while managing their investments.

Who is it for?

Global investors participating in **approved sectors of the national economy**, seeking **residency plus a platform to grow**

Visa Duration

- USD 100,000 minimum for a **5-year visa**
- USD 200,000 minimum for a **10-year visa**

Why Choose the Investor Visa? Your Investment Pathways

- **Equity** investment in Sri Lankan companies (minimum 10% voting shares)
- Opening/operating overseas company **branches in** Sri Lanka
- **Government or Central Bank-issued debt securities** (min. 5-year maturity)
- **Term deposits** in LKR or designated foreign currencies
- **Acquisition of immovable property** under Sri Lankan law

Banking and Documents

- Open an Inward Investment Account (IIA) and a Visa Programme Foreign Currency Account (VPFCA) with any licensed commercial bank
- Provide: application forms, passport copy, photographs, investment proposal, marriage/birth certificates (if applicable), medical and police clearance, and bank confirmation letter

Summary

Sri Lanka offers three clear residency routes for foreign nationals:

Visa Type	Eligibility	Financial Requirements	Visa Duration
Digital Nomad Visa (DNV)	Foreign nationals aged 18 and above working remotely for overseas employers/clients (no local employment permitted)	Minimum monthly remittance of USD 2,000 for the main applicant, additional remittance per month for each dependent beyond two	1-year validity, renewable annually
My Dream Home Visa	Retirees and long-stay foreign residents seeking a secondary home in Sri Lanka	USD 15,000 fixed deposit in a local bank + monthly remittance of USD 1,500 (main applicant) and USD 750 per spouse and each dependent	Issued in 2-year terms, renewable
Investor Visa	Foreign nationals making qualifying investments in Sri Lanka	Minimum investment of USD 100,000 (5 years) or USD 200,000 (10 years)	Residency granted in line with investment tenure (for 5 or 10 years)

Each visa category is governed by applicable fees and regulatory guidelines.

Whichever visa pathway you choose, we're here to support you every step of the way—from eligibility and documentation to banking, compliance, and settling into the exciting island life in Sri Lanka.

**Terms & Conditions as stipulated by the Department of Immigration and Emigration of Sri Lanka will apply.

We're here to help - contact:



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