

Estonian Citizenship

- Visa-free travel to 173 countries, including the EU and the Schengen Area
- The right to live, work, and study in any of the 27 European jurisdictions
- Access to advanced digital public services and social guarantees
- Stability and security of life in a developed EU country



Estonian citizenship opens access to full-fledged life within the European Union, ensuring freedom of movement, employment, and education, as well as social guarantees in any European country. The legal company Jurpass provides comprehensive support at every stage of obtaining an Estonian passport, guaranteeing strict compliance with legislation and complete transparency of the process. We undertake the majority of the work — from document preparation to interaction with government authorities. Together with Jurpass, your path toward a new status will be safe, comfortable, and predictable.

**Estonian citizenship is your reliable path to Europe,
opening a world of new opportunities!**

Why It Is Worth Obtaining EU Citizenship



Employment Opportunities in Europe

With an EU passport, you may obtain employment in any EU member state without work permits or sponsorship, as you will possess equal rights with local citizens.



Global Mobility

An EU citizen passport provides visa-free entry to 173 countries worldwide, including the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. It is one of the world's strongest passports, ensuring freedom of movement without visa restrictions.



High Standards of Education

EU citizenship opens access to Europe's leading universities on preferential terms, as well as the right to receive government grants, scholarships, and participate in student exchange programs.



Freedom to Choose Your Country of Residence

EU citizens have the right to freely choose a jurisdiction for residence and employment without the need to obtain a residence permit. For lawful residence, simple registration at the place of residence is sufficient.



Modern Healthcare System

EU passport holders are entitled to medical treatment in most European countries through the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which grants access to the services of leading clinics.



Social Protection and Government Support

EU citizenship guarantees a high level of social protection, providing access to pension benefits, unemployment allowances, family support programs, and a wide range of social assistance measures.



Successful Business Development

Entrepreneurs holding EU passports gain access to the single European market of 450 million consumers, enabling them to freely establish companies and conduct business in any EU country.



Citizenship for Future Generations

European citizenship is inherited, granting your children and grandchildren all advantages associated with life, education, and employment in stable and developed EU countries.



The Right to a Pension from Multiple EU Countries

If you have worked in several EU countries, each of them will calculate pension payments for your employment history, which may significantly increase your total monthly income.



Visa-Free Destinations with an Estonian Passport

An Estonian passport allows travel to 173 countries worldwide without obtaining a tourist or any other visa. With this document, travel throughout the European Union and the Schengen Area becomes exceptionally convenient because there is no need to pass customs controls. An Estonian passport significantly increases your mobility.

Visa-Free Regime (Visa Free) – 118 Countries

Visa Free is the opportunity to visit a country without obtaining a visa for a specified period. Upon arrival, a passport stamp is simply placed in your passport.

List of Countries Available for Visa-Free Entry:

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| 1. Albania | 25. Cyprus | 50. Japan | 75. Norway | 98. Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines |
| 2. Andorra | 26. Czech Republic | 51. Kazakhstan | 76. Palau | 99. Suriname |
| 3. Angola | 27. Denmark | 52. Kiribati | 77. Palestinian
Territories | 100. Sweden |
| 4. Antigua and Barbuda | 28. Dominica | 53. Kosovo | 78. Panama | 101. Switzerland |
| 5. Argentina | 29. Dominican Republic | 54. Kyrgyzstan | 79. Paraguay | 102. Taiwan |
| 6. Armenia | 30. Ecuador | 55. Latvia | 80. Peru | 103. Tajikistan |
| 7. Austria | 31. El Salvador | 56. Lesotho | 81. Philippines | 104. Thailand |
| 8. Bahamas | 32. Eswatini | 57. Liechtenstein | 82. Poland | 105. Timor-Leste |
| 9. Barbados | 33. Fiji | 58. Lithuania | 83. Portugal | 106. Tonga |
| 10. Belarus | 34. Finland | 59. Luxembourg | 84. Romania | 107. Trinidad and Tobago |
| 11. Belgium | 35. France | 60. Macau | 85. Saint Lucia | 108. Tunisia |
| 12. Belize | 36. Gambia | 61. Malaysia | 86. Samoa | 109. Tuvalu |
| 13. Bolivia | 37. Georgia | 62. Malta | 87. San Marino | 110. Turkey |
| 14. Bosnia and
Herzegovina | 38. Germany | 63. Marshall Islands | 88. Sao Tome and
Principe | 111. Ukraine |
| 15. Botswana | 39. Greece | 64. Mauritius | 89. Senegal | 112. United Arab Emirates |
| 16. Brazil | 40. Grenada | 65. Mexico | 90. Serbia | 113. Uruguay |
| 17. Brunei | 41. Guatemala | 66. Micronesia | 91. Singapore | 114. Uzbekistan |
| 18. Bulgaria | 42. Haiti | 67. Moldova | 92. Slovakia | 115. Vanuatu |
| 19. Cape Verde | 43. Honduras | 68. Monaco | 93. Slovenia | 116. Vatican City |
| 20. Chile | 44. Hong Kong | 69. Mongolia | 94. Solomon Islands | 117. Venezuela |
| 21. China | 45. Hungary | 70. Montenegro | 95. South Africa | 118. Zambia |
| 22. Colombia | 46. Iceland | 71. Morocco | 96. South Korea | |
| 23. Costa Rica | 47. Ireland | 72. Netherlands | 97. Spain | |
| 24. Croatia | 48. Italy | 73. Nicaragua | | |
| | 49. Jamaica | 74. North Macedonia | | |

Visa on Arrival – 46 Countries

Visa on Arrival is an entry authorization issued directly at the point of arrival ([airport or seaport](#)).

List of Countries Available with a Visa on Arrival:

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| 1. Australia | 10. Djibouti | 19. Iran | 29. Namibia | 39. Sierra Leone |
| 2. Azerbaijan | 11. Egypt | 20. Jordan | 30. Nepal | 40. South Sudan |
| 3. Bahrain | 12. Equatorial Guinea | 21. Kuwait | 31. Nigeria | 41. Sri Lanka |
| 4. Bangladesh | 13. Ethiopia | 22. Laos | 32. Oman | 42. Tanzania |
| 5. Burundi | 14. Gabon | 23. Lebanon | 33. Pakistan | 43. Togo |
| 6. Cambodia | 15. Guinea | 24. Madagascar | 34. Papua New Guinea | 44. Uganda |
| 7. Comoros | 16. Guinea-Bissau | 25. Malawi | 35. Qatar | 45. Vietnam |
| 8. Democratic Republic
of the Congo | 17. India | 26. Maldives | 36. Russian Federation | 46. Zimbabwe |
| 9. Cuba | 18. Indonesia | 27. Mauritania | 37. Rwanda | |
| | 19. Iran | 28. Mozambique | 38. Saudi Arabia | |

Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) – 9 Countries

ETA ([Electronic Travel Authorization](#)) is an electronic authorization for visa-free entry obtained online before travel. It is linked to your passport.

List of Countries Accessible with an Electronic Authorization:

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| 1. Canada | 6. Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| 2. Côte d'Ivoire | 7. Seychelles |
| 3. Israel | 8. United Kingdom |
| 4. Kenya | 9. United States
of America |
| 5. New Zealand | |

Obtaining U.S. and Canadian Visas



Estonian citizens require a visa for long-term residence in the United States and an eTA authorization for Canada. The level of trust toward applicants from Estonia, as an EU member state, is extremely high.

According to statistics, in 2024 more than 95% of applications submitted by Estonian citizens for entry into the United States and Canada were approved. At the same time, only approximately 60% of applications submitted by citizens of the Russian Federation and CIS countries were approved during the same year.

This demonstrates that Estonian citizenship allows travel to North American countries without significant obstacles.

Choosing the Optimal EU Immigration Program: Estonia, Romania, or Bulgaria

Параметр	 Estonian Citizenship	 Romanian Citizenship	 Bulgarian Citizenship
Grounds for Repatriation	Direct relatives who were Estonian citizens before June 16, 1940	Direct relatives who were Romanian citizens before 1940	Direct family connection with Bulgarians
Language Requirement	Knowledge of the Estonian language required	Minimal knowledge of Romanian (only for the oath ceremony)	Not required
Renunciation of Citizenship	Renunciation of existing citizenship required	Not required	Not required
Residence Requirement	Not formally required	Not required	Not required
Processing Period	No fixed timeframe; complex process	From 12 months	From 18 months
Application Cost	From EUR 16,000	From EUR 7,000	From EUR 8,000
Complexity of	High	Low	Low



Obtaining Estonian citizenship through repatriation is a rather labor-intensive and bureaucratically complex process. The principal obstacles relate to the necessity of proving the Estonian citizenship of an ancestor prior to 1940, satisfying strict language requirements, and renouncing existing citizenship. Estonia does not offer simplified programs for descendants, making the consideration of each application an individual procedure requiring extensive archival work.

Against this background, the Romanian and Bulgarian programs demonstrate significantly greater attractiveness: they allow descendants of citizens to obtain an EU passport without mandatory residence in the country or renunciation of existing citizenship. Furthermore, Bulgaria does not require a language examination, while for Romania only basic language proficiency is required for the oath ceremony.

These programs are distinguished by transparent conditions, shorter processing periods, and a substantially higher likelihood of approval. Accordingly, for individuals seeking reliable EU status, obtaining a Romanian or Bulgarian passport represents a significantly faster, simpler, and more accessible path toward acquiring all rights of an EU citizen.

How the Process of Obtaining Estonian Citizenship Proceeds

01 Free Consultation and Case Analysis



Your path toward an Estonian passport begins with a detailed consultation with a Jurpass lawyer. Our immigration specialist analyzes your circumstances, researches your genealogy for Estonian ancestry, evaluates your prospects for success, and develops a personalized strategy, after which an agreement with a fixed service fee is concluded.

02 Preparation and Legalization of Documents



Jurpass lawyers compile your dossier in strict compliance with Estonian legal requirements. We undertake translation of documents into Estonian by a certified translator, notarization, and apostille certification. Every document undergoes careful verification for compliance with the requirements of the Police and Border Guard Board (PPA).

Your dossier will include:

- citizenship application;
- valid international passport;
- photographs in the prescribed format;
- birth certificate;
- documents confirming Estonian origin;
- receipt confirming payment of the state fee.

03 Submission of the Dossier to Authorized Authorities



The prepared document package is submitted to the Police and Border Guard Board (PPA). Jurpass lawyers ensure proper submission and assignment of a registration number for online tracking of your case status.

04 Monitoring the Procedure and Interaction with Government Authorities



Following submission of the application, Jurpass specialists continuously monitor the progress of your case review. In the event of requests or delays from authorities, our lawyers promptly clarify the reasons and provide any necessary additional documents or information.

05 Receipt of the Decision and Citizenship Certificate



The decision on granting citizenship is made by the government within up to six months. In the event of a positive outcome, you receive a certificate officially confirming your status as a citizen of Estonia and the European Union.

06 Issuance of the Estonian Passport



At the final stage, Jurpass lawyers arrange issuance of your Estonian biometric passport and ID card. We undertake appointment scheduling with the PPA, preparation of applications, and accompaniment until the documents are issued.

Client Testimonials



Anton Melnikov, 34 years old

For a long time, I viewed Tallinn as the ideal location for developing my cybersecurity career.

However, the prospect of obtaining Estonian citizenship was intimidating: the necessity of passing a B1-level language examination, a lengthy review process, and renunciation of my Russian passport.

Jurpass specialists proposed analyzing my family history, and it turned out that my great-grandmother had Romanian ancestry. The process of obtaining Romanian citizenship took approximately 14 months and did not require proof of employment or prior residence in the country.

I now live and work in Tallinn for an international IT company. I enjoy all rights, including freedom to choose an employer, and may relocate to another EU country at any time. A Romanian passport became the most reasonable investment decision for me.



Maria Kopylova, 40 years old

At the age of 35, after becoming the owner of a successful marketing agency in Minsk, I considered Estonia, with its advanced digital infrastructure, for establishing a European branch office.

However, obtaining Estonian residence and citizenship as an entrepreneur required significant investment, submission of a detailed business plan, and passage through numerous administrative procedures.

Jurpass specialists proposed an alternative – a simplified program for obtaining a Bulgarian passport. The company's lawyers discovered Bulgarian ancestry on my grandmother's side. The citizenship process took 18 months and did not require language study or renunciation of my Belarusian passport. After becoming an EU citizen, I registered a company in Tallinn without obstacles. I now enjoy all advantages of e-residency and develop my business throughout the European market.

Bulgarian citizenship opened opportunities for me in Estonia, allowing me to overcome bureaucratic barriers and realize my business ambitions.



Sergey Luzhkovsky, 45 years old

My wife and I planned relocation to Europe in order to provide our children with quality education. Estonia attracted us with its high standard of living, safety, and proximity to Russia. However, the process of obtaining Estonian citizenship appeared excessively long and complicated.

Thanks to Jurpass, we obtained Romanian passports through repatriation by restoring my great-grandfather's documents. The process took approximately one and a half years, and now we live in Tartu, our children study at an Estonian gymnasium and quickly master the language, while I continue to work remotely.

Romanian citizenship provided us with the opportunity to live in Estonia and travel freely throughout the European Union. Our dream has finally become reality. We now know with certainty that our children are guaranteed a stable European future without a prolonged naturalization period.



Alena Kuznetsova, 52 years old

My path toward Estonian citizenship was long and difficult. Despite possessing Estonian ancestry and entitlement to repatriation, I became deeply entangled in the relocation process, which ultimately lasted four years. I had to master the Estonian language to pass the B1-level examination and also thoroughly study the country's history and legislation. Collecting documents confirming kinship with my ancestors lasted many months due to the need to request archival certificates.

Several times the case was suspended because of bureaucratic delays. Without the professional assistance of Jurpass lawyers, who accompanied every stage of my repatriation, corrected mistakes, and handled all interaction with the PPA, I likely would have abandoned the idea of changing citizenship.

Ultimately, I obtained an Estonian passport, but the path toward it was excessively difficult. Had I known earlier about the possibility of relocating to the EU through accelerated Bulgarian and Romanian programs, I would have chosen them instead. In any event, I sincerely thank Jurpass for their professional assistance in obtaining a European passport.

Why Clients Choose Jurpass



Specialization in EU Immigration Law

Our lawyers possess extensive knowledge of European Union legislation and successful experience handling complex cases involving acquisition of European citizenship.



Comprehensive Turnkey Support

Our team of specialists handles every stage of the European citizenship acquisition process – from consultation and document searches to issuance of an EU passport.



Individual Strategy for Every Client

We develop a personalized plan that takes into account the unique circumstances, specific requests, and financial capabilities of each client.



Absolute Transparency and Confidentiality

When cooperating with us, clients are always informed regarding the status of their citizenship application, while all personal data remains securely protected through modern cybersecurity technologies at every stage of cooperation.



Estonian Citizenship – Freedom to Live, Work,

and Travel Throughout the European

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in obtaining second citizenship**

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