

Harvey Law Group Unveils Insights from the Global Ancestry Index

Ireland Leads the Way in Citizenship by Ancestry Programs

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, May 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Harvey Law Group](#) (HLG) is excited to share the results from its recently launched [Global Ancestry Index](#), a groundbreaking resource designed to illuminate the landscape of [citizenship by ancestry](#) (CBA) programs worldwide. This comprehensive evaluation ranks 197 recognized countries around the world based on their ancestral citizenship policies, providing vital insights for individuals seeking to reclaim their heritage.

How the Index Rates Citizenship by Ancestry Programs

The Global Ancestry Index evaluates CBA programs through six key factors that reflect their accessibility and quality.

Ease of Qualification assesses the accessibility of ancestral citizenship programs, including the presence of generational limits and requirements related to criminal records, DNA tests, and language proficiency.

Ease of Application measures the efficiency of the application process, considering processing times, submission methods, interview requirements, and documentation complexity.

Openness of Government highlights transparency in government policies and procedures, while Accountability of Government examines mechanisms ensuring responsible governance throughout the application process.

Mobility Strength evaluates how well citizenship facilitates international travel, and Recognition of Dual Citizenship determines if countries allow individuals to maintain multiple citizenships. This structured evaluation provides valuable insights into the strengths and weaknesses of CBA programs worldwide.

Ireland Tops the Rankings

At the forefront of the Global Ancestry Index is Ireland, achieving an impressive score of 553. This ranking reflects Ireland's commitment to facilitating a smooth and accessible citizenship process for individuals with Irish ancestry. The country's clear information and efficient online application system make it an attractive destination for those eager to reconnect with their roots.

Notable Rankings and Insights

Following Ireland, Australia and New Zealand rank second with a score of 527. While their

citizenship by ancestry options are restricted to individuals with either Australian or New Zealand parents, both countries compensate for this limitation by offering a streamlined application process. This efficiency makes it easier for applicants to navigate the requirements, enhancing their appeal for those looking to explore their heritage. Furthermore, both nations provide strong passports, which significantly boosts global mobility for their citizens and contributes to the attractiveness of their citizenship option.

Belgium, Canada, Luxembourg, and Norway share the third position with a score of 513. Among these, Belgium and Luxembourg are particularly noted for their commitment to government transparency and accountability. This dedication fosters public trust and encourages civic engagement, making the citizenship application process more accessible and reliable for potential applicants. Canada also stands out by offering a significant advantage: it does not require foreign documentation to be apostilled or legalized. This simplification reduces bureaucratic hurdles for those with Canadian ties, streamlining the citizenship journey. Norway, on the other hand, is recognized for providing one of the strongest passports globally, which enhances the appeal of its citizenship by ancestry program for individuals with familial connections to the country.

The rankings continue with Denmark in fourth place, scoring 500, while Finland, Latvia, Sweden, and the United Kingdom closely follow in a tie for fifth place, each scoring 493.

Challenges in Low-Ranking Countries

Notably, the Global Ancestry Index also highlights significant challenges in securing ancestral citizenship in lower-ranking countries. For example, Vietnam (Score: 193) restricts citizenship to one generation and does not recognize dual citizenship, making it difficult for applicants. Angola and Iran (Score: 200) are hindered by a lack of transparency and accountability in governance. Similarly, countries like Tanzania (Score: 207) and Afghanistan (Score: 213) face restrictive regulations regarding dual citizenship and offer limited visa-free or visa-on-arrival access upon obtaining citizenship. These issues highlight the need for reforms to improve accessibility and encourage individuals to reclaim their heritage.

The Significance of These Rankings

The Global Ancestry Index serves a dual purpose: it simplifies the citizenship exploration process and encourages nations to enhance their policies through healthy competition. Nearly 80% of the evaluated countries allow dual citizenship, highlighting a growing trend toward inclusivity in nationality laws. This shift not only benefits individuals seeking to reconnect with their heritage but also strengthens global connections among nations.

“We believe the Global Ancestry Index is a vital tool for individuals navigating the complexities of citizenship by ancestry,” said Ms. Polly Ho, Associate at HLG. “By providing transparent rankings and insights, we empower people to make informed decisions about their citizenship journeys.” The rankings illuminate the strengths of each country’s citizenship programs and the diverse pathways available for those looking to reclaim their ancestral connections. As individuals with

roots in multiple countries explore their heritage, the Global Ancestry Index acts as a valuable resource guiding them toward optimal citizenship options.

Moreover, the Index acts as a crucial resource for researchers and policymakers, offering valuable insights into best practices and trends in migration and heritage issues. By highlighting the rights of individuals to reclaim citizenship based on their ancestry, the Index fosters essential discussions around cultural heritage and identity.

"The launch of this Index marks a significant step in our commitment to transparency and accessibility in immigration law," stated Mr. Jean-Francois Harvey, Global Managing Partner at HLG. "We aim to inspire countries to improve their citizenship policies, benefiting individuals and enhancing global connections."

A Call to Action

"We encourage individuals to utilize this resource and engage with their heritage," added Ms. Ho. "Understanding the nuances of citizenship by ancestry programs is crucial for making life-changing decisions."

For further information about the Global Ancestry Index and to explore the rankings, please visit <https://globalancestryindex.org> or contact HLG at contact@harveylawcorporation.com.

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