



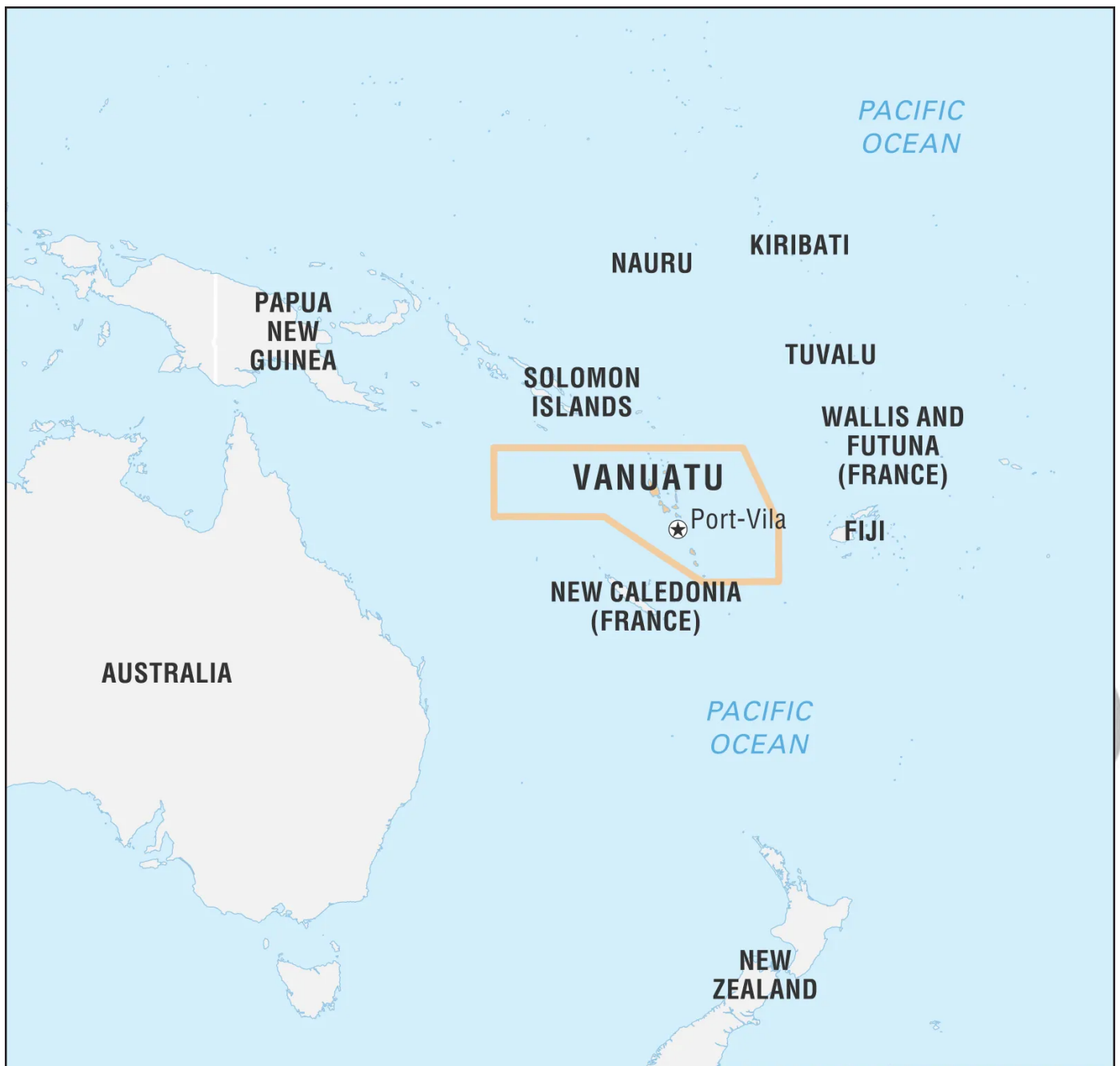
Vanuatu's Citizenship By Investment Program

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Vanuatu's **citizenship-by-investment (CBI) program**, commonly known as the “**golden passport**”, allows wealthy individuals to purchase its passport, raising concerns over **security and transparency**.

- **Vanuatu's CBI Program:** Allows individuals to acquire citizenship in a country by making significant financial contributions to its economy.
 - As per the [Henley Passport Index 2025](#), **Vanuatu's passport ranks 53rd**, granting **visa-free access to 113 countries**, ahead of **China (59)** and **India (80)**.
 - As a **tax Haven**, Vanuatu has no personal income tax, capital gains tax, inheritance tax, making it **attractive for high-net-worth individuals**.
- **Vanuatu:** An island nation in the South Pacific, consists of 83 islands and lies to the east of Australia and the north of New Zealand. Its capital is **Port Vila**.
 - It is home to active volcanoes like **Mount Yasur**, Vanuatu experiences frequent volcanic activity.
- **Concerns:** Criminals, and fraudsters acquire Vanuatu citizenship to evade scrutiny and access global markets.
 - Countries like the UK and EU have called the scheme a potential gateway for money laundering and tax evasion.
- **Citizenship in India:** The **Indian Constitution (Articles 5-11)** [defines citizenship](#). India does not grant citizenship solely based on financial contributions.

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