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The Upside and Downside of Dual Citizenship

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People who maintain [citizenships](#) in two or more countries may find it to be both a blessing and a curse at the same time.

A person who has not paid applicable taxes to both governments could find themselves in handcuffs upon arrival in the country of unpaid taxes. A similar result could occur if they missed a military service notice or obligation to register for military service.

Furthermore, someone who seeks to out a government position could be rejected if their dual citizenship raises concerns about divided loyalties.

But a dual citizen also may have options to obtain state supported health care or education or other benefits that a U.S. citizen might not have either.

They may be able to own property in more than one country, and vote in more than one country as well.

In addition, a dual citizen traveling around the world can, in appropriate places, choose which passport to use, allowing for judicious use of the U.S. passport only in countries friendly to the U.S.

If you are considering [dual citizenship](#) or think you might have it already but don't know what it entails, check out the pertinent section of our Website or call our office at (847) 564-0712.