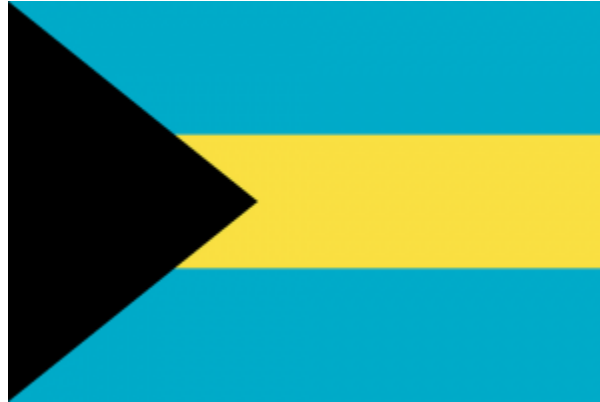


# CITIZENSHIP



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## AUTOMATIC BAHAMIAN CITIZENSHIP IS GIVEN TO PERSONS:

- **Born in The Bahamas** to married parents, with either parent being a Bahamian citizen
- **Born to an un-married Bahamian female** in or outside of The Bahamas
- **Born outside of The Bahamas to a married Bahamian male** who was **not** born outside The Bahamas
- **Adopted by a married Bahamian male**
- **Adopted by a single Bahamian female.**

All other foreign nationals who wish to be afforded the rights, responsibilities, and privileges afforded to Bahamians, and qualify, must apply for citizenship.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

In order to apply for Bahamian citizenship, a person must meet **one** of the following requirements:

1. Be a **legal permanent resident** in The Bahamas who has had the legal status **for 10 years**, including the 12 months immediately preceding the date of application, and who has resided in The Bahamas for a minimum of 6 years preceding the 12 months mentioned above
2. Be a **female spouse of a Bahamian citizen**
3. Be **born in The Bahamas after 9th July, 1973** to non-Bahamian parents
4. Be a **child** (adopted or biological) who **has at least one Bahamian parent** (Naturalized or otherwise)
5. Be a **child born in the Bahamas to non-Bahamian parents**

## Citizenship Application Form(s):

- **Application Form 1**, notarized by notary public or justice of the peace (only female spouse of a Bahamian citizen only)
- **Application Form 2** (persons born in The Bahamas to foreign parents ... / persons born legitimately to a Bahamian mother and foreign father outside of the Bahamas)
- **Application Form 3** (children born in The Bahamas to foreign parents and make application after their 19th birthday, Commonwealth citizens, male spouse of Bahamian)
- **Application Form 4** (only persons born outside of the Bahamas to a Bahamian mother and foreign father) all minor children
- **Application Form 6** (persons born in The Bahamas to foreign parents from non-commonwealth countries who missed their deadlines to apply for citizenship...)

**Please note that:**

1. **All documents issued from countries outside The Bahamas must be properly verified** (by apostille or Legalization) and have signature of authentication by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs before they can be submitted.
2. **Certified translations in English are required** for each foreign document submitted and should have a Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereto.
3. **Translations must be prepared by someone proficient in the relevant foreign language.**

**Please note that application forms are also available at the Bahamas Immigration Department.**

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**Citizenship Form I Application Requirements:**

- **\$200.00 non-refundable processing fee** (payable by cash, credit/debit card, postal/money orders or bank certified cheque)
- **Letter of Request addressed to the Director of Immigration**
- Duly completed **Citizenship Form I application form** with \$10.00 Bahamian postage stamp affixed thereon (legible and notarized)
- Applicant's original **medical certificate** (dated not earlier than 30 days before submission of the application. Required for every applicant)
- Applicant's original **police certificate** (issued not earlier than six (6) months and must cover five (5) years of residence; required of applicants 14 years old and over)
- **Two (2) current passport photographs of applicant** on white background with name printed on back of photo (captured within six (6) months of application date; photo size must be 2 X 2 inches)
- **Original birth certificate of applicant** (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamps affixed thereon if applicable) with the verification by the Consulate and authentication of signature by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Bahamian Spouse's Birth Certificate**
- **Children's birth certificates**

- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Copy of the biographical data page of **Bahamian spouse's current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- VALID copy of biographical page of **passport for children** (must be signed and readable and have two (2) months validity)
- Certified copy of **marriage certificate** (must be certified by Registrar General's Department if issued in The Bahamas) (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon if applicable)
- **Divorce decree** (if applicable)
- **Previous spouse's death certificate** (if applicable)
- **Deed Poll** (Bahamian- Registered at Registrar General's office) if applicable
- Copy of **Applicant's immigration status**
- **Job letter(s) from employers** stating employment history

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### **Citizenship Form II Application Requirements:**

- **\$200.00 non-refundable processing fee** (payable by cash, credit/debit card, postal/money orders or bank certified cheque)
- **Letter of Request addressed to the Director of Immigration**
- Duly completed **Citizenship Form II application** with \$10.00 Bahamian postage stamp affixed thereon (legible and notarized)
- Applicant's original **medical certificate** (dated not earlier than 30 days before submission of the application. Required for every applicant)
- Applicant's original **police certificate** (issued not earlier than six (6) months and must cover five (5) years of residence)
- **Two (2) current passport photographs of applicant** on white background with name printed on back of photo (captured within six (6) months of application date; photo size must be 2 X 2 inches)
- **Original birth certificate of applicant**
- Certified copy of **applicant's parents' Birth Certificate** (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon) if applicable)
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's mother's current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's father's current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Certified copy of **parents' marriage certificate** (must be certified by Registrar General's Department if issued in The Bahamas) (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon) if applicable)
- Certified copy of **parent(s)' death certificate** where in either case the parent(s) are deceased (must be certified by Registrar General's Department if issued in The Bahamas) (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon) if applicable)
- **Mother's Hospital Record** confirming applicant's birth in The Bahamas

- **Immunization Card**
- **Baptismal Certificate**
- **Deed Poll** (Bahamian- Registered at Registrar General's office) if applicable
- Documentary Evidence of **Applicant's immigration status**
- **Two (2) Original Character References** (by a Bahamian who has known applicant for a period of five (5) years accompanied by the biographical page of their passport, telephone contact and email address)
- **All School Letters** with date of entry and completion

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#### **Citizenship Form III Application Requirements:**

- **\$200.00 non-refundable processing fee** ( payable by cash , credit/debit card, postal/money orders or bank certified cheque)
- **Letter of Request addressed to the Director of Immigration**
- Duly completed **Citizenship Form III application** with \$10.00 Bahamian postage stamp affixed thereon (legible and notarized)
- Applicant's original **medical certificate** (dated not earlier than 30 days before submission of the application. Required for every applicant)
- Applicant's original **police certificate** (issued not earlier than six (6) months and must cover five (5) years of residence; required of applicants 14 years old and over)
- **Two (2) current passport photographs of applicant** on white background with name printed on back of photo (captured within six (6) months of application date; photo size must be 2 X 2 inches)
- **Original Birth Certificate of applicant** (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamps affixed thereon, with verification by Consulate and authentication of signature by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs if applicable)
- Copy of **applicant's child(ren)'s birth certificate(s)**
- Copy of **applicant's mother's Birth Certificate**
- Copy of **applicant's father's Birth Certificate**
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's child(ren)'s current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's mother's current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's father's current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Certified copy of **parents' marriage certificate** (must be certified by Registrar General's Department if issued in The Bahamas) (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon)
- Certified copy of **parent(s)' death certificate** (must be certified by Registrar General's Department if issued in The Bahamas) (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon) if applicable)
- **Mother's Hospital Record** confirming applicant's birth in The Bahamas
- **Immunization Card**

- **Baptismal Certificate**
- **Divorce Decree** (if applicable)
- **Deed Poll** (Bahamian- Registered at Registrar General's office) if applicable
- Copy of **applicant's immigration status**
- Copy of **applicant's parent(s)'s immigration status**
- **Newspaper clippings** (for Citizenship sections 5&6 ONLY)
- **Two (2) Original Character References** (by a Bahamian who has known applicant for a period of five (5) years accompanied by the biographical page of their passport, telephone contact and email address)
- **All School Letters** with date of entry and completion

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#### **Citizenship Form IV Application Requirements:**

- **\$200.00 non-refundable processing fee** (payable by cash, credit/debit card, postal/money orders or bank certified cheque)
- **Letter of Request addressed to the Director of Immigration**
- Duly completed **Citizenship Form IV application** with \$10.00 Bahamian postage stamp affixed thereon (legible and notarized)
- Applicant's original **medical certificate** (dated not earlier than 30 days before submission of the application. Required for every applicant)
- Applicant's original **police certificate** (issued not earlier than six (6) months and must cover five (5) years of residence; required of applicants 14 years old and over)
- **Two (2) current passport photographs of applicant** on white background with name printed on back of photo (captured within six (6) months of application date; photo size must be 2 X 2 inches)
- **Original Birth Certificate of applicant** (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamps affixed thereon, with verification by Consulate and authentication of signature by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs if applicable)
- Copy of **applicant's parents' original Birth Certificate**
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's parents' current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Copy of **parent(s)' Naturalization Certificate**
- Certified copy of **parents' marriage certificate** (must be certified by Registrar General's Department if issued in The Bahamas) (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon)
- Certified copy of **parent(s)' death certificate** where in either case the parent(s) are deceased (must be certified by Registrar General's Department if issued in The Bahamas) (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon; if applicable)
- **All School Letters** with date of entry and completion

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#### **Citizenship Form VI Application Requirements:**

- **\$200.00 non-refundable processing fee** (payable by cash, credit/debit card, postal/money orders or bank certified cheque)
- **Letter of Request addressed to the Director of Immigration**
- Duly completed **Citizenship Form IV application** with \$10.00 Bahamian postage stamp affixed thereon (legible and notarized)
- Applicant's original **medical certificate** (dated not earlier than 30 days before submission of the application. Required for every applicant)
- Applicant's original **police certificate** (issued not earlier than six (6) months and must cover five (5) years of residence; required of applicants 14 years old and over)
- **Two (2) current passport photographs of applicant** on white background with name printed on back of photo (captured within six (6) months of application date; photo size must be 2 X 2 inches)
- **Original Birth Certificate of applicant** (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamps affixed thereon, with verification by Consulate and authentication of signature by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs if applicable)
- Certified copy of **applicant's spouse's birth certificate**
- Copy of **applicant's parents' birth certificate**
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Copy of the biographical data page of **applicant's parents' current passport** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
- Certified copy of **parents' marriage certificate** (must be certified by Registrar General's Department if issued in The Bahamas) (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon)
- Certified copy of **parent(s)' death certificate** (must be certified by Registrar General's Department if issued in The Bahamas) (English translations and Bahamian \$10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon) if applicable)
- Certified copy of **spouse's death certificate** (if applicable)
- **Mother's Hospital Record** confirming applicant's birth in The Bahamas
- **Immunization Card**
- **Baptismal Certificate**
- **Divorce Decree** (if applicable)
- **Deed Poll** (Bahamian- Registered at Registrar General's office) if applicable
- Copy of **applicant's immigration status**
- Copy of **applicant's parent(s)' immigration status**
- **Newspaper clippings** (as legalized in Part II Naturalization Section 1 (1) (2), The Bahamas Nationality Regulations)
- **Two (2) Original Character References** (by a Bahamian who has known applicant for a period of five (5) years accompanied by the biographical page of their passport, telephone contact and email address)
- **All School Letters** with date of entry and completion