**RESIDENT BELONGER PERMIT**

**[](https://www.immigration.gov.bs/applying-to-stay/applying-for-citizenship/bahama-coat-of-arms/)**

Resident BeLonger Permit status was established, as noted in the **May 8, 2015 Official Gazette**, by the administration of the day to offer a legal status option to:

a) persons referred to in **Article 7 of The Constitution** of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and who are permanently residing in The Bahamas at the time of application (i.e. persons born in The Bahamas to non-Bahamian parents …).

b) persons referred to in **Article 9 of The Constitution** of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas (i.e. persons born legitimately outside The Bahamas to a married Bahamian mother and non-Bahamian father…).

c) the foreign-born offspring of a Bahamian male referred to in **Articles 3(2) and 8 of The Constitution** of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, who is married to a non-Bahamian spouse.

**Resident Belonger Permit Application Requirements:**

* **Letter of Request** addressed to The Director of Immigration
* **$200.00 non-refundable processing fee** (payable by cash, credit/debit card, postal money order or bank certified cheque)
* Duly completed **First Schedule Part 2 Form 1B application** with $10.00 Bahamian postage stamp affixed thereon (legible and notarized)
* Applicant’s Original **medical certificate** (dated **no earlier than 30 days** of the application being submitted. This is required for each applicant)
* Applicant’s original **police certificate** covering five years of residence issued not more than six (6) months; required for applicants age 14 and older
* **Two (2) current passport photographs** of applicant on white background with name printed on back of photo (captured within six (6) months of application, photo size must be 2 X 2 inches)
* VALID copy of**biographical page of passport** for applicant (must be signed and readable and have minimum of two (2) months validity.
* Copy of **biographical page of passport for applicant’s parents** (must be signed and readable with minimum of two (2) months validity)
* **Certified copy of parent’s marriage certificate** with English translations and Bahamian $10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon (if applicable)
* **Certified copies of applicant’s parent(s)** **birth certificate(s)** with English translations and Bahamian $10.00 postage stamp affixed thereon (if applicable)
* Original **birth certificate of applicant** with 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
* Documentary evidence of parents’ Immigration status
* **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) (if applicable)
* **Immunization Card**(for minors)
* Copy of **National Insurance Card** (if any)
* **Parent’s /Guardian’s Information Sheet**
* **All** school records and transcripts
* **Proof of legal guardianship** (for minors)

**All further correspondence should be addressed to:**

Director of Immigration  
P.O. Box N-831  
Nassau, Bahamas

**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 signed, notarized and prepared by someone proficient in the relevant foreign language.**

[**CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD RESIDENT BELONGER PERMIT APPLICATION FORM**](https://www.immigration.gov.bs/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/RESIDENT-BELONGER-PERMIT.pdf)