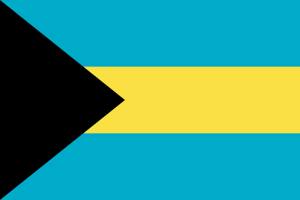
**CITIZENSHIP**

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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 citize**n
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**](https://www.immigration.gov.bs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CITIZENSHIP-FORM-I_compressed.pdf)**,** notarized by notary public or justice of the peace (only female spouse of a Bahamian citizen only)
  + [**Application Form 2**](https://www.immigration.gov.bs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CITIZENSHIP-FORM-II.pdf) (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**](https://www.immigration.gov.bs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CITIZENSHIP-FORM-III.pdf) (children born in The Bahamas to foreign parents and make application after their 19th birthday, Commonwealth citizens, male spouse of Bahamian)
  + [**Application Form 4**](https://www.immigration.gov.bs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CITIZENSHIP-FORM-IV.pdf) (only persons born outside of the Bahamas to a Bahamian mother and foreign father) all minor children
  + [**Application Form 6**](https://www.immigration.gov.bs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CITIZENSHIP-FORM-VI-CERTIFICATE-OF-NATURALIZATION.pdf) (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.**

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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