

VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THE BAHAMAS

1. There are **NO** visa requirements for **AMERICAN** and **CANADIAN CITIZENS**. However, **ALL** American and Canadian citizens **MUST PRESENT** a **VALID PASSPORT** along with their return ticket for entry into The Bahamas.

2. **PERMANENT RESIDENTS** of the U.S. and Canada do not require visas. They **MUST** travel with their **VALID ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD (Green Card)** and a **VALID PASSPORT** from country of origin. If you are unable to obtain a passport from your country because of political reasons, or if you are a refugee, you may contact the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to obtain a re-entry permit or travel document.

3. **TO APPLY FOR A VISA APPLICANTS MUST:**
 - i. Be physically present in the United States of America.

 - ii. Possess a valid multiple entry U.S. visa and a two-way ticket in and out of The Bahamas.

 - iii. Fill out the application form completely.

 - iv. Submit a valid passport, which must not expire within the next six (6) months and the original I-94 card.

 - v. Submit one recent passport-sized photo. (Please attach photo at top right of application.)

 - vi. Submit a copy of travel itinerary for each **APPLICANT** (air or cruise) or return ticket.

 - vii. Submit a copy of hotel confirmation.

 - viii. Itinerary **MUST** show that it's been **PAID IN FULL**.

4. H1B, F-1, J1, USA Visa Holders ONLY.

- i. **H1B** – Persons travelling to The Bahamas to have their H1B visa affixed to their passport **MUST** present the approval notice along with written confirmation of date, time and confirmation code of the appointment at the US Embassy in Nassau, Bahamas.
- ii. **F-1** – Students must submit their valid 1-20 form back and front. The I-20 must bear the signature of the International student advisor signed for the current semester.
- iii. **J1** – holders of this visa must present the DS 2019 form (formerly IAP-66).

5. **All original** immigration documents, including the I-94 card, **MUST** be submitted along with one photocopy for each applicant of all relevant immigration documents including passport page (those that contain the issue/expiry date and photograph,) US visa and I-94 card. www.cbp.gov/i94.

6. **FEES** – A \$55.00 processing (**non-refundable**) fee by cash (**exact change**) or money order made payable to Bahamas Consular Annex. (**Absolutely no personal checks accepted.**)

7. **VISA BY MAIL:** Applicant must supply a **pre-paid** envelope with air bill attached. Please write **your** name and address in both sender and receiver boxes on prepaid return form. Check with your nearest courier or postal service in your area for fees. All packages must have a tracking number. Please Note: Credit card pre-paid courier air bills **will not** be accepted.

8. **Processing time is Five (5) business days (walk-ins), Seven (7) business days (mail-in) from receipt of completed application and all requisite documentation.**

9. **Consular hours are Monday to Friday 10:00am – 1:00pm (for acceptance of visa applications) and 2:00pm – 3:00pm (for collection.)** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONSULATE DOES NOT PROVIDE EXPRESS OR EXPEDITED SERVICES.

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10. Please note that Bahamas Tourist Visas are **valid for three (3) months**. Therefore please be guided by this time frame when submitting your request.
11. Please submit all documents (including passport) to the Consular Office under whose jurisdictions you fall:

MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Bahamas Consulate General
Ingraham Building
25 S.E. 2nd Avenue
6th Floor, Suite 600
Miami, FL 33131
Tel: 305-455-1170 or 305-455-1176
Fax: 305-373-6312 or 305-455-4257

Jurisdiction: Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Texas, Utah

ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

Bahamas Consulate General
2970 Clairmont Road, Suite 290
Atlanta, GA 30329
Tel: 404-214-0492 thru 96
Fax: 404-214-0497 thru 98

Jurisdiction: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee

NEW YORK, NY:

Bahamas Consulate General
231 East 46th Street
New York, NY 10017
Tel: 212-421-6420
Fax: 212-688-5926

Jurisdiction: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

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WASHINGTON, DC: The Embassy Consular Annex of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas
1025 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 305
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: 202-734-6578
Fax: 202-595-8251

Jurisdiction: Alaska, California, North Dakota, South Dakota, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Thank you for your interest in visiting The Bahamas. We hope you will enjoy your stay.

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