



Bahamas Immigration Department

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Forward all applications to



## Permanent Residence in The Bahamas

**Who can apply. Requirements. Check list**

## What is a Permanent Residence Certificate?

A Permanent Residence Certificate is a document of legal status, which is issued to an individual for the duration of his/her life, unless revoked, and gives him/her the right to reside and/or work.

## Who qualifies for Permanent Residence in The Bahamas?

The following persons qualify for permanent residence:

1. Spouse of a Bahamian after five (5) years of marriage, and whose marriage is subsisting and the couple cohabiting as husband and wife
2. A person born legitimately outside The Bahamas to a married woman, who is a citizen of The Bahamas, and whose husband is not a citizen of The Bahamas
3. Financially independent individuals or investors who are legitimate owners of a residence in The Bahamas.  
*Person(s) purchasing one (a residence) for \$1.5 million or more, will get a speedy consideration of that application by the Immigration Department, provided all of the required documentation have been submitted. A response will be forwarded to those person(s) within twenty-one (21) days from the submission of the application.*

## Permanent Residence Fee Schedule

Spouses of Bahamians.....	\$250.00
Without The Right to Work.....	\$10,000.00
Endorsement of wife and children.....	\$25.00
With the right to work.....	\$10,000.00
School Teachers, Nurses, Police and Prison Officers (10 years and over).....	\$1,000.00
Doctors (20 years).....	\$10,000.00
Work/Resident Permit Holders (residing more than 10 years/ less than 20 years).....	\$1,000.00
Work/Resident Permit Holder (residing more than 20 years).....	\$500.00
Religious Ministers.....	\$1,000.00

## After You Apply

- The Department acknowledges receipt and request the applicant to schedule an appointment for an interview.
  - Interview will be conducted and determination will be made and applicant duly notified
  - A Certificate of Permanent Residence does not entitle the holder to vote in Parliamentary Elections.
5. Teachers employed in The Government Service or by charitable or religious institutions for a minimum of ten (10) years
  6. Nurses employed in The Government Service or with private hospitals and health care facilities for a minimum of ten (10) years
  7. Ministers of Religion/Priests after having been employed for a minimum of twenty (20) years
  8. Doctors/Medical Professionals after having been employed for a minimum of twenty (20) years. (They may be required to produce evidence of home ownership)
  9. Economic persons other than spouses
  10. Haitian nationals, who are able to provide documentary proof exclusive of Haitian passports that the Department accepts as evidence under cover of an affidavit from a Notary Public of their continuous residence in The Bahamas prior to January 1985, in accordance with the Haitian Accord
  11. Persons who have held legal status (work or resident permit) for more than twenty (20) consecutive years

\*The appropriate Consular Office must legalize all foreign

## Application Checklist

The following is a list of general requirements when making an application:

- A completed application form completed and notarized by a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, with a B\$10 Bahamian postage stamp attached;
- Two (2) passport - size photographs (in colour) with full name printed on the reverse side;
- Photocopy of the data page of applicant's passport (must be valid up to six months)
- An original birth certificate, Bahamian or notarized foreign copy\* with a B\$10 Bahamian postage stamp affixed to the translation;
- An original Police Certificate\*, issued not more than six (6) months prior to the submission of the application;
- An original Medical Certificate\*, issued not more than thirty (30) days prior to the submission of the application;
- Two original character references, by Bahamian citizens who have known the applicant for at least five
- A financial reference, citing a figure range, and verifying economic worth from a reputable bank or financial institution;
- Parents' Birth or Marriage Certificates\*, where applicable;
- If the applicant is/was married, he/she is also required to submit an original certified copy of the marriage certificate\*, spouse's birth\*/death certificate\*, legal separation document\* or final divorce decree\*, if applicable; and
- A non-refundable processing fee of B\$100.

\*Note: Notarized translation of all non-English documents