

## VISA SERVICES

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### **BAHAMIAN CITIZENS**

Based on a bilateral agreement, many Bahamians are exempt from U.S. visa requirements in certain circumstances. (It is important to note that this visa exemption is different from the U.S. Visa Waiver Program.) Bahamian citizens who meet the requirements listed below may apply for admission to the United States without a visa at one of the US Customs and Border Protection Pre-clearance Facilities located in Nassau or Freeport International Airports.

The Bahamian citizen traveler must:

- Be traveling on a flight that will pre-clear U.S. customs and immigration formalities at either of the two U.S. Pre-clearance stations in Nassau or Freeport (note – Bahamians traveling on to another country and expecting to transit the United States on their return will need a visa);
- Be in possession of a valid, unexpired passport or a Bahamian Travel Document listing Nationality as Bahamian;
- Have no criminal record nor any legal ineligibility or inadmissibility as defined by U.S. Immigration Law ([click here](#) for details);
- Be traveling for business or pleasure (tourism, visiting relatives, shopping, etc.) purposes for a short duration;
- (all persons 14 years of age and older) Be in possession of a police certificate issued within the past six months;

All Bahamians who seek to enter the United States from a third country, or who apply for admission to The United States at anywhere other than the Pre-clearance Facilities located in Nassau or Freeport, are required to be in possession of a valid visa to enter the United States.

Travelers should be aware that the U.S. CBP Preclearance Stations' hours of operation may change with short notice, especially in emergent situations (such as hurricane watches.) Bahamians whose individual hurricane plans include travel to the United States should consider applying for U.S. visas well in advance.