

**CHAPTER 190****THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY****THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS***S.I. 67/1973**S.I. 62/1975**S.I. 35/1981**S.I. 9/2007***(SECTION 19)***[Commencement 31st August, 1973]*

- 1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Bahamas Nationality Regulations. Title.
- 2.** For the purpose of these Regulations, “the Act” means The Bahamas Nationality Act. Interpretation.

**PART I****CITIZENSHIP BY REGISTRATION**

- 3.** (1) An application by a woman for registration as a citizen of The Bahamas under paragraph (1) or (5) of Article 5 or under Article 10 of the Constitution shall be made to the Minister in Form 1 in the First Schedule. Application forms for registration under the Constitution.
- (2) In the case where the applicant is an alien or a British protected person, such applicant shall take the oath of allegiance required to be taken by the provisions of the Constitution referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation.
- (3) In the case where the applicant is a Commonwealth citizen, such applicant shall make the declaration in Form 16 in the First Schedule.
- (4) Such oath of allegiance or declaration shall be subscribed or made before a justice of the peace or other person referred to in regulation 23 who shall attest the same.
- (5) An application for registration as a citizen of The Bahamas under paragraph (2) of Article 5 or under Article 7 or Article 9 of the Constitution shall be made to the Minister in Form 2 in the First Schedule.
- 4.** (1) An application for registration as a citizen of The Bahamas under section 5 of the Act shall be made to the Minister in Form 3 in the First Schedule. Application form for registration under the Act.

(2) An applicant for registration as a citizen of The Bahamas under section 5 of the Act —

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(a) shall publish in two separate issues of the *Gazette* and in two separate issues of one other newspaper circulating in The Bahamas with an interval of not less than six days between the first and second publication in each case a notice of intention in Form 7 in the First Schedule and a recent passport-sized photograph, taken full faced and without a hat;

(b) shall if he is not a Commonwealth citizen, take the oath of allegiance required by section 5 of the Act to be taken.

Application form for registration of minors.

**5.** An application for the registration of a minor child of a citizen of The Bahamas as a citizen of The Bahamas under subsection (1) of section 6 of the Act shall be made to the Minister in Form 4 in the First Schedule.

Certificate of registration.

**6.** A certificate of registration as a citizen of The Bahamas issued under section 5, 6 or 7 of the Act shall be in Form 5 in the First Schedule.

## PART II NATURALISATION

Application form for naturalisation.

**7.** (1) An application for a certificate of naturalisation under section 9 of the Act shall be made to the Minister in Form 6 in the First Schedule.

(2) An applicant for a certificate of naturalisation under section 9 of the Act shall publish in two separate issues of the *Gazette* and in two separate issues of one other newspaper circulating in The Bahamas with an interval of not less than six days between the first and second publication in each case, a notice of intention in Form 7 in the First Schedule.

Certificate of naturalisation.

**8.** A certificate of naturalisation granted by the Minister under section 9 of the Act shall be in Form 8 in the First Schedule and shall be signed by the Minister or by a person authorised by him in that behalf.

Oath of allegiance.

**9.** (1) The oath of allegiance required by section 9 of the Act to be taken by a person to whom a certificate of naturalisation has been granted shall be endorsed on the certificate of naturalisation to which it relates.

(2) The oath of allegiance required as aforesaid shall be registered at the office of the Minister.

**PART III**  
**RENUNCIATION, DEPRIVATION AND**  
**DISCLAIMER OF CITIZENSHIP**

**10.** (1) A declaration of renunciation of citizenship of The Bahamas made under section 10 of the Act shall be in Form 9 in the First Schedule.

Renunciation of citizenship.

(2) The Minister may issue an acknowledgement of renunciation of citizenship of The Bahamas and such acknowledgement shall be in Form 10 in the First Schedule.

(3) The declaration shall, subject to the provisions of the said section 10, be registered in the office of the Minister.

**11.** (1) When it is proposed to make an order under section 11 or 12 of the Act depriving a person of his citizenship of The Bahamas, the notice required by subsection (5) of section 11 or by subsection (2) of section 12 thereof to be given to that person may be given —

Procedure in deprivation cases.

- (a) in the case where that person's whereabouts are known, by causing the notice to be delivered to him, personally or by sending it to him by registered post;
- (b) in the case where that person's whereabouts are not known, by sending it by registered post to his last known address.

(2) Where the Minister has given notice in accordance with the provisions of this regulation and the person to whom it is given has the right on making application therefor, to an enquiry under section 11 or 12 of the Act, the application shall be made —

- (a) if that person is in The Bahamas at the time when the notice is given to him, within 21 days from the giving of the notice;
- (b) in any other case, within such time, not being less than 21 days from the giving of the notice, as the Minister may determine:

Provided that the Minister may in special circumstances at any time extend the time within which the application may be made.

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(3) Any notice given in accordance with the provisions of this regulation shall, in a case in which the person to whom it is given has the right, on making application therefor, to an enquiry under subsection (6) of section 11 or subsection (2) of section 12 of the Act include a statement of time within which such application must be made.

Removal of names from register.

**12.** Where an order has been made depriving a person who is a citizen of The Bahamas by registration or naturalisation, of his citizenship, his name shall be removed from the register of citizens of The Bahamas in which it is entered.

Delivery of void certificates.

**13.** Where an order has been made depriving a person registered or naturalised in The Bahamas of his citizenship of The Bahamas, the person so deprived or any other person in possession of the relevant certificate of registration or naturalisation shall, if required by notice in writing given by the Minister deliver up such certificate to the Minister within such time as may be specified in the notice, and such certificate shall thereupon be cancelled or amended.

Form of disclaimer and lodgement.

**14.** (1) A disclaimer of citizenship of The Bahamas made under section 13 of the Act shall be in Form 11 in the First Schedule.

(2) Every such disclaimer shall be lodged in the office of the Minister in duplicate and one copy shall be stamped with the date of the lodgement in acknowledgement of the same and filed and registered for record and the other copy shall be likewise stamped and returned to the person lodging the same.

#### **PART IV SUPPLEMENTAL**

Variation of forms.

**15.** Where a person wishes to make an application or declaration under any of these Regulations and the form referred to in the regulation is, in the opinion of the Minister, unsuitable to the particular case, the Minister may authorise the application or declaration being made in some other form.

**16.** An application for a certificate of citizenship in case of doubt made under section 14 of the Act shall be in Form 12 in the First Schedule.

Application for certificate in cases of doubt.

**17.** An application for a certificate of citizenship of The Bahamas made under section 15 of the Act shall be in Form 13 in the First Schedule and the declaration contained in such form shall be fully completed and subscribed before such application is filed.

Application for certificate in special cases.

**18.** A certificate of citizenship of The Bahamas issued under section 14 or 15 of the Act shall be in Form 14 in the First Schedule.

Certificate of citizenship.

**19.** A certificate —

- (a) of registration as a citizen of The Bahamas issued under section 5, 6 or 7 of the Act; or
- (b) of citizenship of The Bahamas issued under section 14 or 15 of the Act,

Signature of certificates.

shall be signed by the Minister or by a person authorised by him in that behalf.

**20.** (1) The Minister may require any application made in accordance with these Regulations and any chain made in such application to be supported by such documentary or other evidence as he may from time to time determine.

Supporting evidence.  
*S.I. 35/1981, r. 2.*

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), every applicant for —

- (a) a certificate of naturalisation; or
- (b) a certification of registration as a citizen of The Bahamas,

under these Regulations shall attach to his application two prints of a recent full face photograph of himself not more than three inches long and three inches wide nor less than two inches long and two inches wide, endorsed on the reverse side thereof with his signature, and any certificate or certification, as the case may be, issued by the Minister in pursuance of such application shall have embossed upon it one of those prints.

**21.** The declaration which may be made by a person who is required by any provision of the Constitution or the Act to renounce his citizenship of a country other than The Bahamas but who is not permitted to do so by the law of that country, shall be in Form 15 in the First Schedule.

Declaration concerning other citizenship.

Declaration to be made in certain cases.

**22.** The declaration set out in Form 16 of the First Schedule is prescribed for the purposes of Article 5(1), 5(5) or 10 of the Constitution.

Persons authorised to attest oaths, declarations, etc.

**23.** An application or declaration made in accordance with regulation 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 16 or 17 of these Regulations shall not be accepted or registered, and the oath of allegiance required by Chapter II of the Constitution and sections 5 and 9 of the Act shall be of no effect unless it is signed in the presence of or administered by one of the following persons —

- (a) in The Bahamas — any justice of the peace or notary public or any person authorised to administer oaths;
- (b) elsewhere — any consular officer of the Government of The Bahamas or any consular officer of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom acting on behalf of the Government of The Bahamas of, if there is no such consular officer, any person authorised by the Government of The Bahamas in that behalf, or any person for the time being authorised by law, in the place where the applicant, declarant or deponent is, to administer an oath for any judicial or other legal purposes.

Fees.

**24.** (1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation the fees specified in the Second Schedule may in The Bahamas be taken and shall be applied in the manner set out in the said Schedule.

(2) Of the fee payable in respect of the grant of a certificate of naturalisation, twenty dollars shall be payable on the submission of the application for a certificate and shall in no circumstances be returned, and the balance shall be payable on the receipt of the decision to grant a certificate:

Provided that where a husband and wife apply at the same time for certificates and are residing together at the time of the applications and the balance is paid in respect of the grant of a certificate to one of them, no balance shall be payable in respect of the grant of a certificate to the other.

25. (1) For the purposes of these Regulations there shall be established and maintained in the office of the Minister registers; and all matters required by the Constitution, the Act or these Regulations to be registered shall be entered in the appropriate register.

Maintenance of registers.

(2) The Minister shall cause to be prepared a copy of all entries made during each month in each register maintained pursuant to paragraph (1) and every such copy, when certified by a person authorised by the Minister in that behalf to be true and correct, shall not later than thirty days after the end of the month to which it relates, be transmitted to the Registrar-General who shall cause the same to be registered in appropriate registers to be maintained for the purpose in the Department of The Registrar General.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

**FORM 1 (Regulation 3)**

This application should be completed, subscribed and submitted in duplicate.

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF THE BAHAMAS MADE BY A WOMAN UNDER ARTICLE 5(1) OR 5(5) OR 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION BY VIRTUE OF HER MARRIAGE TO A CITIZEN OF THE BAHAMAS

WARNING: The giving of false information on this form or in support of this application can lead to a fine or to imprisonment.

- Name and address in full in block capitals 1. I, ..... of ..... was born at ..... on .....
- Delete words in (2) which do not apply 2. My father's full name (is) (was) ..... and he was born at ..... on .....
- Delete words in (3) which do not apply 3. I was married at ..... on ..... to (full name of husband) ..... of (late of) (husband's address or last address if deceased) .....
- 4. My husband was born at ..... on .....

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| Delete word in (5) which does not apply. | 5. My husband’s father’s full name (is) (was) .....<br>.....<br>and he was born at .....   |
| Delete words in (7) which do not apply.  | 6. My immigration status in The Bahamas previous to my marriage to the person named at 3 was .....<br>.....  |
| Delete words in (8) which do not apply   | 7. My marriage (is still subsisting) (has terminated by reason of) (if the marriage is not subsisting, state whether it was terminated by the husband’s death or by divorce) .....   |
| Delete words in (8) which do not apply   | 8. My husband (is) (would but for his death have become) a citizen of the Bahamas by reason of the fact that (here state the grounds on which this claim is made) .....  |
| Delete subparagraphs which do not apply. | 9. I am (a) a citizen of the following countries mentioned in the First Schedule to the Bahamas Nationality Act, <sup>1</sup> that is to say, (insert name of country of countries).....<br>.....<br>or (b) a British subject without citizenship under section 13 of the British Nationality Act, 1948, by reason of the following facts-(here state the grounds on which the applicant claims to be a British subject, without citizenship) ..<br>.....<br>or (c) a British protected person a reason of my connection with (here state the protectorate or other territory from which the applicant derives her status as a British protected person, and her connection therewith) ..... |
|  | or (d) an alien and a subject or citizen of the following countries, that is to say, (insert name of country or countries) .....   |

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<sup>1</sup> The countries so mentioned are the United Kingdom and Colonies, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Ghana, Malaysia, Nigeria, Cyprus, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, The Gambia, Singapore, Guyana, Botswana, Lesotho, West Indies Associated States, Bangladesh, Malta, Naru, Tonga, Western Samoa, Fiji, Swaziland, Barbados, Mauritius.



or (e) a stateless alien and was formerly a subject or citizen of the following countries, that is to say .....  
 .....  
 and ceased to be such by reason of the following facts — .....  
 .....  
 (here state the cause whereby the applicant ceased to be a subject or citizen of the countries in question, whether these countries are mentioned in the First Schedule of the Act<sup>2</sup>).

10. I have contracted the following other marriages-(here state place and date of marriage and name and nationality or citizenship of husband in each case) .....

Delete words in (11) which do not apply.

11. I (have) (have not) previously renounced or been deprived of citizenship of The Bahamas. (If the applicant has renounced her citizenship of The Bahamas, here state the date on which the declaration of renunciation was made; and if she has been deprived of her citizenship, state the date on which, and the authority by whom, the order of deprivation was made) .....

12. I hereby apply to be registered as a citizen of The Bahamas. I, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this application are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

(Signature of Applicant) .....

Made and subscribed this .....  
 of ..... 19 ..... before me

(Justice of the Peace or other official title).

Address: .....

(If the application is approved and if the applicant is a British Protected person or an alien, she will be required to take the oath of allegiance in the Form set out hereunder before a Certificate of Registration is granted).

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, ..... do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors according to law. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed this ..... day of ..... 19 ..... before me .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

(If the application is approved and if the applicant is a Commonwealth citizen she will be required to make the declaration in the Form set out hereunder — and to renounce her citizenship of any other country before a Certificate of Registration is granted.)

DECLARATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 5(1), 5(5) OR 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION TO BE MADE BY AN APPLICANT WHO IS A COMMONWEALTH CITIZEN

I, ..... solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of The Bahamas, Her Heirs and Successors according to law and that I will faithfully observe the laws of The Bahamas and fulfil my duties as a citizen of The Bahamas.

Declared this ..... day of ..... 19 ..... before me.....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address: .....

**FORM 2 (Regulation 3)**

This application should be completed, subscribed and submitted in duplicate.

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS  
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF THE  
BAHAMAS UNDER ARTICLE 5(2) or ARTICLE 7 OR  
ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION

- WARNING:** The giving of false information on this form or in support of this application can lead to a fine or to imprisonment.
- Name and address in block capitals. 1. I, ..... of ..... am a person at full age and capacity and was born at .. ..... on .....
- Delete words in (2) which do not apply. 2. My father's full name (is) (was) ..... and he was born at ..... on .....
3. My mother's full name (is) (was) ..... and she was born at ..... on ..... and her nationality is .....
4. If the applicant's mother was born outside The Bahamas, state when she became a citizen of The Bahamas and whether by registration or naturalisation .....
5. I am (single) (married) (a widow) (a widower) (divorced from my wife-husband) .....
6. My (wife's-husband's) full name (is) (was) .....
7. I am a citizen of the following countries, that is to say, (insert name of country or countries) .....
- Delete words in (8) which do not apply. 8. (a) (I possess Bahamian Status under the Immigration Act.)
- (b) (I was born in The Bahamas after 9th July, 1973, but neither of my parents was a citizen of The Bahamas at the date of my birth.)
- (c) (I was born outside The Bahamas after 9th July, 1973 and my mother was a citizen of The Bahamas at the date of my birth.)

Delete words in (9) which do not apply.

9. I (have) (have not) previously renounced or been deprived of citizenship of The Bahamas. (If the applicant has renounced his or her citizenship of the Bahamas, here state the date on which the declaration of renunciation was made; and if he or she has been deprived of his or her citizenship, state the date on which, and the authority by whom the order of deprivation was made) .....

10. I hereby apply to be registered as a citizen of The Bahamas. I, ..... do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this application are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

.....  
(Signature of the Applicant).

Made and subscribed this ..... day of ..... 19 ..... before me ..... at .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address .....  
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(If the application is approved and if the applicant is not a Commonwealth citizen, the applicant will be required to take the oath of allegiance in the form set hereunder and to renounce his citizenship of any other country before a certificate of registration is granted.)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

TO BE TAKEN BY AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT A COMMONWEALTH CITIZEN

I, ..... do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors according to law. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed this ..... day of ..... 19 ..... before me .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address .....  
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(If the application is approved and if the applicant is a Commonwealth citizen he will be required to make the declaration in the form set out hereunder and to renounce his citizenship of any other before a Certificate of Registration is granted.)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY AN APPLICANT WHO IS  
A COMMONWEALTH CITIZEN

I, ..... solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of The Bahamas, Her Heirs and Successors according to law and that I will faithfully observe the laws of The Bahamas and fulfil my duties as a Citizen of The Bahamas.

Declared this day of ..... 19 .....  
before me .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address .....  
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**FORM 3 (Regulation 4)**

This application should be completed, subscribed and submitted in duplicate.

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF  
THE BAHAMAS UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ACT MADE  
BY AN ADULT COMMONWEALTH CITIZEN OR A BRIT-  
ISH PROTECTED PERSON

WARNING: The giving of false information on this form or in support of this application can lead to a fine or to imprisonment.

Name and address in full in block capitals. 1. I, ..... of ..... am a person of full age and capacity and was born at ..... on .....

Delete word in (2) which does not apply. 2. My father's full name (is) (was) ..... and he was born at .....

Delete words in (3) which do not apply. 3. I am (single) (married) (a widow) (a widower) (a widower) (divorced from wife-husband) .....

Delete words in (4) which do not apply. 4. My wife's-husband's full name (is) (was) .....

5. I am a citizen of the following countries mentioned in the First Schedule to the Bahamas Nationality Act<sup>3</sup> that is to say, (insert name of country or countries) .....

6. Statement Regarding Residence.

(a) I have lived in The Bahamas or have been in The Bahamas Government Service throughout the period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of this application; and

(b) during the nine years immediately preceding this period of twelve months have resided in The Bahamas or been in Government Service for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than six years.

Details of Residence or Government Service	Full Postal address in The Bahamas	From (Date)	To (Date)	Years	Months

Total Residence in The Bahamas and-or Government Service

\_\_\_\_\_ years

<sup>3</sup> The countries so mentioned are the United Kingdom and Colonies, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Ghana, Malaysia, Nigeria, Cyprus, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, The Gambia, Singapore, Guyana, Botswana, Lesotho, West Indies Associated States, Bangladesh, Malta, Naru, Tonga, Western Samoa, Fiji, Swaziland, Barbados, Mauritius.

During the period of residence or service shown above, I have visited the following foreign countries	Name of Country	From (Date)	To (Date)	

If this application is granted, I intend to live in The Bahamas permanently.

7. Statement Regarding Character, etc. I am of good character and am financially solvent.

8. I hereby apply to be registered as a citizen of The Bahamas.

I, ..... do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this application are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

(Signature of Applicant) .....

Made and subscribed this ..... day of ..... 19 ..... before me

.....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address:.....

If the application is approved and if the applicant —

(a) is not a Commonwealth citizen he will be required to take the oath of allegiance in the form set out hereunder;

(b) is a Commonwealth citizen he will be required to make the declaration in the form set out hereunder,

and in either case to renounce his citizenship of any other country before a certificate of citizenship is granted.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE  
TO BE TAKEN BY AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT A  
COMMONWEALTH CITIZEN

I,.....do swear  
that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen  
Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors according to law.  
So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed this ..... day of ..... 19 .....  
before me .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address: .....  
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DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY AN APPLICANT FOR  
REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF THE BAHAMAS  
UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY  
ACT, WHO IS A COMMONWEALTH CITIZEN

I, ..... solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare  
that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty,  
Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of The Bahamas, Her Heirs  
and Successors according to law and that I will faithfully observe  
the laws of The Bahamas and fulfill my duties as a citizen of The  
Bahamas.

Declared this ..... day of ..... 19 .....  
before me .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

REFERENCES

Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss .....

Full postal address .....

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I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a citizen of The Bahamas  
by birth, that I am a householder and that I am not the counsel or  
attorney or agent or a relative of .....

I support this application from my personal knowledge of and  
close acquaintance with the applicant for .....  
years. I vouch for his-her good character and loyalty and am  
prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and  
acquaintance with the applicant. I have read the caution at the top  
of page one.

Date ..... Signature.....



Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss .....

Full postal address .....

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I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a citizen of The Bahamas by birth, and I am a householder and that I am not the counsel or attorney or agent or a relative of .....

..... I support this application from my personal knowledge of and close acquaintance with the applicant for .....

years. I vouch for his-her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant. I have read the caution at the top of page one.

Date ..... Signature .....

Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss .....

Full postal address .....

.....

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a citizen of The Bahamas by birth, that I am a householder and that I am not the counsel or attorney or agent or a relative of .....

..... I support this application from my personal knowledge of and close acquaintance with the applicant for .....

years. I vouch for his-her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant. I have read the caution at the top of page one.

Date ..... Signature .....

**FORM 4 (Regulation 5)**

This application should be completed, subscribed and submitted in duplicate.

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF  
THE BAHAMAS FOR A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF  
AGE MADE BY HIS PARENT OR GUARDIAN

WARNING: The giving of false information on this form or in support of this application can lead to a fine or to imprisonment.

## 1. PARTICULARS OF MINOR

Minor's name and address (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	
Full name of minor's father	
State if minor is single, married, widowed, widower, or divorced.	
State full name of minor's wife-husband	
State whether minor is now a citizen of another country, and the name of that country, and the grounds for such claim	
State whether minor has previously been deprived of citizenship and the date on which the order of deprivation of citizenship was made	

## 2. APPLICATION

Complete EITHER Paragraph (a) OR (b), whichever is appropriate. Paragraphs (c) and (d) MUST be completed in all cases.

## (a) THE PARENT

To be completed only where the application is made by a parent.  
I ..... am a parent of .....  
to whom the foregoing particulars relate and am a citizen of The  
Bahamas. I hereby apply for his-her registration as a citizen of The  
Bahamas.

## (b) THE GUARDIAN

To be completed only where the application is made by guardian  
I, ..... am the guardian of .....  
to whom the foregoing particulars relate and am:

Complete EITHER (i) or (ii) or (iii) or (iv) as necessary and strike  
out those which do not apply.

- (i) a citizen of The Bahamas
- (ii) a citizen of the Commonwealth country of .....
- (iii) connected with the British Protectorate or British Pro-  
tected state of .....
- (iv) a national of the foreign state of .....

Complete EITHER (i) or (ii) whichever is appropriate and strike out the other.

I am authorized to act as guardian —

(i) by the court at .....

(ii) by the minor’s father-mother, whose consent is attached.

I hereby apply for his-her registration as a citizen of The Bahamas.

(c) REASON FOR APPLICATION

The reasons why registration is desired are —

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(d) (This part of the application must be signed in the presence of a justice of the peace or any person authorized to administer oaths).

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars in the application are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

I undertake to inform the Minister in writing forthwith, if at any time before registration, the accuracy of any of the foregoing particulars is affected by an alteration in the circumstances of the minor.

Signature of Applicant .....  
(Parent-Guardian) .....

Made and subscribed at ..... this .....  
day of ..... at .....  
before me .....

Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address: .....  
.....

**FORM 5 (Regulation 6)**

No. ....

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5, 6  
OR 7 OF THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT

It is hereby certified that ..... of ..... was on the ..... day of ..... registered as a citizen of The Bahamas under section <sup>4</sup>..... of the Bahamas Nationality Act.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 1973

.....  
Minister

<sup>4</sup> Insert the appropriate number of the section.

**FORM 6 (Regulation 7)**

This application should be completed, subscribed and submitted in duplicate.

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT

NATURALISATION UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT

**WARNING:** The giving of false information on this form or in support of this application can lead to a fine or to imprisonment.

1. Original name in full in country of birth  
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)  
.....  
If name at birth has been altered, give particulars and date of alteration .....  
Particulars of any other name(s) used for private purposes .....  
Particulars of any other name(s) used for trading or business purposes .....  
Private address .....  
Occupation .....  
Business address and-or name and address and-or name and address of employers (if a director, names and addresses of companies concerned) ....  
.....  
.....
2.
  - (a) Country, place and date of birth  
Country .....  
Place .....  
Date of Birth .....
  - (b) Nationality at birth .....
  - (c) Present nationality if different .....
  - (d) State how change in nationality was made  
.....
  - (e) If stateless, say how nationality was lost  
.....
  - (f) Particulars of any other national status ...  
.....
3. Father's full name in country of his birth .....  
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)  
Present address (if living): .....

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- Nationality (if dead, at time of death) .....
- Mother's full name before marriage in  
country of her birth .....
- (IN BLOCK LETTERS)
- Present address (if living): .....
- Nationality (if dead, at time of death).....
4. State if single, married, widower widow or divorced  
.....
- If married, state:  
Date and place of marriage  
Date ..... Place .....
- Wife's full name before marriage  
Name .....
- (IN BLOCK LETTERS)
- Address .....
- OR
- Husband's name  
Name .....
- (IN BLOCK LETTERS)
- Nationality .....
- If husband of wife is dead, give date and place  
of death Date .....
- Place .....
- If marriage dissolved, given date and place of  
decree Date .....
- Place .....
5. Statement Regarding Residence
- (a) I have lived in The Bahamas or been in  
The Bahamas Government service  
throughout the period of twelve months  
immediately preceding this application.
- (b) During the nine years immediately  
preceding this period of twelve months I  
have resided in The Bahamas or been in  
Government Service for periods  
amounting in the aggregate to not less  
than six years.

Details of Residence or Government Service	Full Postal address in The Bahamas	From (Date)	To (Date)	Years	Months

Total Residence in The Bahamas and-or Government Service

\_\_\_\_\_ years

During the period of residence or service shown above, I have visited the following foreign countries	Name of Country	From (Date)	To (Date)

If this application is granted, I intend to live in The Bahamas permanently.

- 6. Statement Regarding Character, etc.  
I am of good character and am financially solvent.
- 7. Details of all proceedings of any kind taken against you in any civil or criminal court.

Nature of Proceedings	Date	Date	Date

- 8. Date of any composition made with creditors .....  
Date of bankruptcy .....  
Date of discharge from bankruptcy .....
- 9. Approximate date of any previous application  
for naturalisation .....
- 10. Particulars of Children

(a) Full names of children Where now	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Where now Resident
(a) Full names of other children	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Where now Resident

- 11. Applicant  
I, the undersigned, to whom the foregoing particulars relate, hereby apply to the Minister for the grant of a Certificate of Naturalisation.  
I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in the application are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.  
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If, at any time before a certificate is issued to me, the accuracy of any of the foregoing particulars is affected by an alteration in circumstances, I undertake to inform the Minister in writing forthwith.  
(Signature of Applicant) .....  
Made and subscribed this ..... day of .....  
19 ..... before me at .....  
(Signed) .....  
(Justice of the Peace or other official title) .....  
.....  
Address .....

REFERENCES.

- 1. Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS)  
Mr.  
Mrs.  
Miss .....  
Full postal address .....

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a citizen of The Bahamas by birth, and I am a householder and that I am not the counsel of attorney or agent or a relative of .....

I support this application from my personal knowledge of and close acquaintance with the applicant for ..... years.

I vouch for his-her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant. I have read the caution at the top of page one.

Date ..... Signature .....

2. Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss.....

Full postal address.....

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a citizen of The Bahamas by birth, that I am a householder and that I am not the counsel or attorney or agent or a relative of .....

I support this application from my personal knowledge of and close acquaintance with the applicant for ..... years.

I vouch for his-her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant. I have read the caution at the top of page one.

Date ..... Signature .....

3. Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Mr.

Mrs

Miss .....

Full postal address .....

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a citizen of The Bahamas by birth, that I am a householder and that I am not the counsel or attorney or agent or a relative of .....

I support this application from my personal knowledge of and close acquaintance with the applicant for ..... years.

I vouch for his-her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant. I have read the caution at the top of page one.

Date ..... Signature .....



## PARTICULARS RELATING TO APPLICANT

Full name .....

Address .....

Profession or occupation .....

Place and date of birth Nationality .....

Single, married, etc. ....

Name of wife or husband .....

Names and nationalities of parents .....

.....

(If the application is approved, the applicant will be required to take the Oath of Allegiance in the Form set out hereunder and to renounce his citizenship of any other country before a certificate of naturalization is granted.)

## OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, .....  
do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors according to law.  
So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed this ..... day of .....  
19 ..... before me.....  
(Justice of the Peace or other official title)  
Address .....

**FORM 7 (Regulations 4 & 7)**

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR:

- <sup>5</sup> Registration under Section 5 of the Act  
<sup>6</sup> Naturalisation under Section 9 of the Act.

Notice is HEREBY GIVEN that .....  
of .....  
is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration-naturalisation as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration-naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the ..... day of ..... to The Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship P.O. Box N7147, Nassau.  
(Signature) .....

<sup>5</sup> Delete whichever is inapplicable.

<sup>6</sup> Delete whichever is inapplicable.

**FORM 8 (Regulation 8)**

No .....

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS  
CERTIFICATE OF NATURALISATION

WHEREAS ..... has applied for a certificate of naturalisation, and has satisfied me that the conditions laid down in the Bahamas Nationality Act for the grant of a certificate of naturalisation are fulfilled.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the said Act, I grant to the said this certificate of naturalisation, and declare that upon taking the oath of allegiance he-she shall be a citizen of The Bahamas as from the date of this certificate.

In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name this ..... day of ..... 19 .....

.....  
Minister

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.**

I.....  
..... do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors according to law. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed this .....  
19 ..... before me .....  
(Justice of the Peace or other official title) .....  
Address.....

**FORM 9 (Regulation 10)**

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS  
DECLARATION OF RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP  
UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE ACT

Here insert full name and address of declarant.      1. I, ..... of ..... am of full age and capacity and was born at ... ..... on .....  
2. I, have-not been married.  
3. I (am) (intend to become) a citizen-national of ..... under the law of that country.

4. I hereby renounce my citizenship of The Bahamas. I, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this declaration are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

(Signed) .....

Made and subscribed this .....

day of ..... 19 ..... before me.

(Signed) .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address: .....

.....

**FORM 10 (Regulation 10)**

No. ....

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RENUNCIATION OF  
CITIZENSHIP OF THE BAHAMAS UNDER SECTION 10  
OF THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT

It is hereby acknowledged

- (a) that ..... of ..... made a declaration of renunciation of citizenship of The Bahamas under section 10 of The Bahamas Nationality Act;
- (b) that on the ..... day of ..... the Minister caused the said declaration to be registered under the said Section 10, and
- (c) that upon the registration of the said declaration the said ..... ceased to be a citizen of The Bahamas.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 19 .....

.....

Minister

**FORM 11 (Regulation 14)**

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS  
DISCLAIMER OF CITIZENSHIP OF THE BAHAMAS

Here insert full name and address of declarant.

1. I, ..... of ..... do hereby declare that I was born at ..... on .....
2. That I was naturalised as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies on the ..... day of ..... 19 ..... by virtue of a certificate granted to me by the Governor of the former Colony of the Bahama Islands.
3. That I am aware it is open to me to become a citizen of The Bahamas but that I do not desire to become a citizen of The Bahamas.
4. I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

.....  
(Signature of person disclaiming citizenship of The Bahamas)

Made and subscribed this ..... day of ..... 19 .....

Before me .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address.....

.....

Ministry of .....

Date of Receipt .....

Date of Registration .....

Signature .....

**FORM 12 (Regulation 16)**

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS  
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP IN  
CASE OF DOUBT

- Here insert full name and address of declarant.
1. I, ..... of .....  
.....  
(here insert address of applicant)  
am of full age and capacity and was born at .....  
..... on.....
  2. I am a citizen of The Bahamas by virtue of the fact that .....  
(here state the manner in which applicant became a citizen of The Bahamas)
  3. There exists some doubt as to my claim to be a citizen of The Bahamas by reason of the fact that .....  
(here state the reasons giving rise to doubt)
  4. I hereby apply for certificate of citizenship.  
(Signed) .....
- (Applicant)

**FORM 13 (Regulation 17)**

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS  
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP  
UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE ACT

I, ..... do hereby declare that I was born at .....  
(country) .....

That I was registered-naturalised as a British Subject, Citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies by the Governor of the former Colony of the Bahama Islands on the .....  
day of ..... 19 .....

That I was on the 31st day of December, 1972 ordinarily resident in The Bahamas having been so ordinarily resident since .....  
(date) .....

That I am not now and was not on the 9th day of July, 1973 a citizen of any Commonwealth country other than the United Kingdom and Colonies or any foreign state. Particulars of any other citizenship held by me at any time prior to the said date are given hereunder.

Citizenship

Dates

That I have not filed a disclaimer of citizenship of The Bahamas under the Act.

That I claim to have become a citizen of The Bahamas on ..... by virtue of the operation in my case of Article 3(3)–Article 4 of the Constitution and I hereby apply for the issue of the Minister’s certificate under section 15 of the Act, that I am such a citizen.

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true

Made and subscribed this ..... day of ..... 19 ..... Before me .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address .....

**FORM 14 (Regulation 18)**

No .....

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS  
CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP OF THE BAHAMAS  
ISSUED UNDER SECTION OF THE BAHAMAS  
NATIONALITY ACT

It is hereby certified that on the ..... day of ..... a Certificate of Citizenship was issued to ..... of ..... under section <sup>7</sup> ..... of The Bahamas Nationality Act Dated this ..... day of ..... 19 .....

Minister

<sup>7</sup> Insert the appropriate number of this section.

**FORM 15 (Regulation 21)**

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS  
DECLARATION CONCERNING CITIZENSHIP OF  
COUNTRIES UNDER THE LAW OF WHICH A PERSON IS  
NOT PERMITTED TO RENOUNCE CITIZENSHIP

Here insert  
full name  
and address  
of declarant.

1. I, ..... of .....do hereby declare that I was born at ..... on .....
2. That I am a citizen of .....
3. That I am by virtue of the law of the above-mentioned country not permitted to renounce my citizenship of that country.
4. That as I am desirous of becoming a citizen of The Bahamas, I declare that I will, so far as it lies within my power to do so, renounce my citizenship of the aforementioned country if called upon to do so and that so long as I remain a citizen of The Bahamas I will not claim the protection of the aforementioned country.
5. I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Made and subscribed this ..... day  
of ..... 19 .....

Before me .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address: .....

.....

**FORM 16 (Regulations 3 and 22)**

THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT  
THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY REGULATIONS

DECLARATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 5(1),  
5(5) OR 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION TO BE MADE BY A  
PERSON WHO IS A COMMONWEALTH CITIZEN

I solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of The Bahamas, Her Heirs and Successors according to law and that I will faithfully observe the laws of The Bahamas and fulfil my duties as a citizen of The Bahamas.

Declared this ..... day of ..... 19 .....

Before me .....

(Justice of the Peace or other official title)

Address .....

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## SECOND SCHEDULE (Regulation 24)

### TABLE OF FEES

Matter in which fee may be taken	Amount of fee	To whom fee is to be paid
1. Registration as a citizen under Article 5(1), 5(5) or 10 of the Constitution .....	20.00	Into the Treasury
2. Registration as a citizen under Article 5(2), 7 or 9 of the Constitution .....	50.00	Into the Treasury
3. Registration as a citizen under section 6 of the Act of a minor who is —		
(a) A Commonwealth Citizen.....	20.00	Into the Treasury
(b) Subject as herein after provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) where the minor is —		
(i) a British Protected Person .....	50.00	Into the Treasury
(ii) an alien .....	100.00	Into the Treasury
(c) If the application for the minor's registration is made at the same time as an application by one of his parents for a certificate of naturalisation .....	20.00	Into the Treasury



Matter in which fee may be taken	Amount of fee	To whom fee is to be paid
(d) If the application for the minor's registration is made at the same time as an application for the registration of another minor child of the same parent, the fee in respect of each minor child (other than the first child) shall be.....	20.00	Into the Treasury
4. Grant of a certificate of —		
(a) registration under section 5; or		
(b) naturalisation under section 9, of the Act ....	500.00	Into the Treasury
Provided that in the case where the applicant has resided in The Bahamas for not less than twenty years before the 10th July, 1973 the fee shall be .....	50.00	Into the Treasury
5. Grant of a certificate of citizenship in case of doubt under section 14 of the Act and-or a certificate under section 15 of the Act .....	20.00	Into the Treasury
6. Registration of declaration of renunciation of citizenship ..	20.00	Into the Treasury
7. Registration of declaration of disclaimer .....	10.00	Into the Treasury
8. Supplying a certified true copy of any notice certificate order, declaration, or entry given, granted or made by or under the Act, or Constitution .....	5.00	Into the Treasury