CONSULATE GENERAL
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

Bahamas Visa Requirements

Effective Immediately:

*Passengers travelling aboard a cruise ship from those countries, whose nationals would normally require visas to travel to The Bahamas, are **no longer** required to obtain a visa if they plan to travel to and depart from The Bahamas via cruise ship. This does **not** apply to persons who plan to travel to The Bahamas by cruise and return by airline or by private vessel.*

Persons travelling by air from those countries whose nationals would normally require visas to travel to The Bahamas must still obtain a Bahamian visa to facilitate entry into The Bahamas.

The following documents must be submitted to obtain a visa:

A. Valid Passport (Passports must not expire within the next six months)

B. Valid United States multiple entry visa or proper documentation to enter a third country.

C. Two (2) Passport photos (of frontal view) taken within the last six months (colored).

D. $55.00 visa fee (cash money order or travelers check only!!) Multiple visas $65.00 (Please inquire about special instructions for Multiple Entry Visa). If paying in cash- **please have exact amount**. Otherwise - make Money Order payable to "the Bahamas Consulate General" **do not send personal checks**. $100.00 dollar bills are not accepted

E. Completed Application form (must be signed by applicant).

F. Proof of travel plans (original and copy) i.e. return ticket, cruise voucher or travel itinerary.

G. <u>If applying by mail</u>
Payment for return-postage by Post Office **Next Day Express** mail service or federal express must be submitted.

H. <u>Applicants holding "F", "J" or "H" status must submit the following in addition to Items A-F</u>:

(i) Valid I-20 form signed by International Foreign Student Advisor.

(ii) Valid 1ap-66 form signed by International Foreign Student Advisor.

(iii) Valid Approval Petition for Immigration and Naturalization Services.

Please note the following:

******<u>Photocopies and originals</u> of all documents are required upon submission of application (on 8 ½ x 11 sized paper). If photocopies are not submitted there is a $5.00 fee per copy******

Turn over period

If hand delivered – two (2) business days
If delivered by mail – five-seven (5-7) business days

Office Hours

9:00 am. -5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday
9:30 a.m.-.3:30 p.m Monday thru Friday (to the public)

****If you are traveling on business or to work call The Bahamas Immigration Department at (242) 322-7530****

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