

**Q: WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR **US/CANADIAN CITIZENS** TO GO TO THE BAHAMAS?**

A: Proof of citizenship is as follows:

**US/CANADIAN CITIZENS** need one of the following documents, along with a return or onward journey ticket (if using an electronic ticket, please show Immigration a copy of the travel itinerary & ticket number) and proof of funds to support visit (**Stays not to exceed 8 months**):

**1) PASSPORT** (current or expired up to 5 years maximum)

**OR**

**2) OFFICIAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE** (original/official (govt-issued only), or court-certified copy (raised or ink seal) + **OFFICIAL PHOTO ID** issued by the US Govt. [can be expired], (i.e. driver's licence, county ID etc.) **for persons 16 years and over**. (Persons over 16 CANNOT use a student photo ID alone as adequate documentation).

**Persons 16 and under, on the other hand, only require a Birth Certificate, and if they possess a Student ID, should carry it along as this would facilitate their being processed by BAH Immigration.** Persons under 16 years traveling alone will require a notarized Parental Letter of Consent. In the case of organized group travel, a letter is not necessary since it is assumed that the chaperone would have obtained prior permission.

**Note: Laminated credit card-sized birth certificate is acceptable, as long as it is an original, or certified copy (raised or ink seal).**

**OR**

**3) ORIGINAL NATURALIZATION/CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE** (original only) + recent photo if photo on naturalization paper is not recent.

**NOTE:** Persons are advised to purchase return tickets (and seek reimbursement upon returning home for the unused ticket), even though they are certain to return via a private boat – the chance of an airline/cruise line ticket agent allowing travel on a single ticket is very slim. If, however, the person gets to the point of Bahamas Immigration on a single ticket, the Captain of the boat would have to

present himself and the cruising permit. However, a copy of the cruising permit will be permitted for crew members, who may be arriving by plane and returning by boat as their names will appear on the manifest. A letter will not suffice!

**Q: WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR US/CANADIAN RESIDENTS TO GO TO THE BAHAMAS?**

A: **US RESIDENTS** (not citizens) need the following:

**ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD** (also referred to as a **GREEN CARD**), without a Bahamas Visa for visits not exceeding 30 days.

Though not required, a national passport (passport from country of origin) is additionally recommended to facilitate processing. **US/Alien Residents wishing to stay longer than 30 days will require a valid national passport along with a Bahamas Visa.**

A: **CANADIAN RESIDENTS/LANDED CANADIAN IMMIGRANTS** (not citizens) need the following:

**VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT + CANADIAN IMMIGRATION RECORD FORM 1000**, without a visa, for visits not exceeding 30 days.

**Note:** Persons are advised to purchase return tickets (and seek reimbursement upon returning home for the unused ticket), even though they are certain to return via a private boat – the chance of an airline/cruise line ticket agent allowing travel on a single ticket is very slim. If, however, the person gets to the point of Bahamas Immigration on a single ticket, the Captain of the boat would have to present himself and the cruising permit. However, a copy of the cruising permit will be permitted for crew members, who may be arriving by plane and returning by boat as their names will appear on the manifest. A letter will not suffice!

**Q: WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-US/CANADIAN CITIZENS/RESIDENTS TO GO TO THE BAHAMAS?** (issued Feb 23 '01)

**CITIZENS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES** (other than US or Canada) require the following, along with a return or onward journey ticket (if using an electronic ticket, please show Immigration a copy of the travel itinerary & ticket number) and proof of funds to support visit. (Note: **Unless otherwise stated (US & Canada only), passports need to be current/valid**).

**NOTE: PASSPORT** refers to a valid passport from the individual's country of birth; **VISA** refers to a Bahamas Visa only. If a person is born in one country and resident in another (other than US or Canada), the documentation required is based upon the country of birth.

Afghanistan	Passport & Visa
Albania	Passport & Visa
Algeria	Passport & Visa

Andorra	Passport & Visa
Angola (Africa)	Passport & Visa
Antigua & Barbuda	Passport/No Visa
Argentina	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Armenia	Passport & Visa
Aruba	Passport/No Visa
Australia	Passport/No Visa
Austria	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Azerbaijan	Passport & Visa
Azores	Passport/No Visa
Baharain	Passport & Visa
Bangladesh	Passport/No Visa
Barbados	Passport/No Visa
Belarus	Passport & Visa
Belgium	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
Belize	Passport/No Visa
Benin	Passport & Visa
Bermuda	Passport/No Visa
Bhutan	Passport & Visa

Bolivia	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Bonaire	Passport/No Visa
Borneo	Passport & Visa
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Passport & Visa
Botswana	Passport/No Visa
Brazil	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Brunei Darussalam	Passport/No Visa
Bulgaria	Passport & Visa
Burundi	Passport & Visa
Burkina Faso (Upper Volta)	Passport & Visa
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Passport & Visa
Cambodia	Passport & Visa
Cameroon	Passport & Visa
<b>Canada</b>	<p><b>Passport</b> (current or expired up to 5 years maximum) <b>OR</b> Original/Certified official (govt-issued only) <b>OR Birth Certificate + official Photo OR</b> Original Naturalization Certificate, for visits up to 21 days.  Note: Landed Canadian Immigrants (Canadian Residents) require a valid National Passport + a Canadian Immigration Record Form 1000/No Visa for visits not exceeding 30 days.</p>
Canary Island	Passport/No Visa
Cape Verde Islands	Passport & Visa
Cayman Islands	Passport/No Visa
Central African Republic	Passport & Visa

Ceylon (see Sri Lanka)	
Chad	Passport & Visa
Channel Island	Passport/No Visa
Chile	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
China (People's Republic)	Passport & Visa
Colombia	Passport & Visa
Comoros (Fed. & Islamic)	Passport & Visa
Congo Republic Of	Passport & Visa
Cook Islands	Passport/No Visa
Costa Rica	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Cote D'Ivoire (see Ivory Coast)	
Croatia	Passport & Visa
Cuba	Passport & Visa
Curacao Passport/No Visa	Passport/No Visa
Cyprus - BC	Passport/No Visa
Czechoslovakia - Republic	Passport & Visa
Dahomey	Passport & Visa
Denmark	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Djibouti	Passport & Visa
Dominica	Passport/No Visa
Dominican Republic	Passport & Visa
Ecuador	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Egypt	Passport & Visa
El Salvador	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Ethiopia	Passport & Visa
Eritrea	Passport & Visa
Estonia	Passport & Visa
Fiji	Passport/No Visa
Finland	Passport/No Visa

France	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Gabon	Passport & Visa
Galapagos Islands	Passport/No Visa
Gambia	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Georgia	Passport & Visa
Germany	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Rep. of Ghana (BC)	Passport & Visa
Gibraltar	Passport /No Visa
Greece	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
Greenland	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
Grenada	Passport/No Visa
Guadeloupe	Passport/No Visa
Guatemala	Passport & Visa
Note	Nationals holding official or diplomatic passports (not ordinarypassports) do not require visas.
Guiana, French	Passport/No Visa
Guinea	Passport & Visa
Guinea Bissau	Passport & Visa
Guyana, SA	Passport/No Visa
Haiti	Passport & Visa
Hawaii (USA)	Original/official (govt-issued only) Birth Certificate plus Photo ID orPassport (current or expired up to 5 years maximum) for visits up to 8 months.
Holland (see Netherlands - Kingdom of)	Passport/No Visa for three-month stay
Holy See (See Vatican City)	
Honduras	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Hong Kong (China)	HKSAR (Special Administrative Region Certificate - Passport/No Visa) or HKCOFI (Certificate of Foreign Identity - Passport & Visa)
Hungary (Republic of)	Passport & Visa
Iceland	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
India (Republic of)	Passport & Visa

Indonesia	Passport & Visa
Iran	Passport & Visa
Iraq	Passport & Visa
Ireland	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Israel	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Italy	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
Ivory Coast (Cote D'Ivoire)	Passport & Visa
Jamaica	Passport/No Visa
Japan	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Jordan	Passport & Visa
Kazakhstan	Passport & Visa
Kenya	Passport/No Visa
Kirabati	Passport/No Visa
Korea South	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Korea North	Passport & Visa
Kuwait	Passport & Visa
Kyrgystan	Passport & Visa
Laos	Passport & Visa
Latvia	Passport & Visa
Lebanon	Passport & Visa
Lesotho	Passport/No Visa
Liberia	Passport & Visa
Libya	Passport & Visa
Liechtenstein	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
Lithuania	Passport & Visa
Luxembourg	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
Macau	(Chinese) Chinese Passport & Visa
Macau	(Portuguese) Portuguese Passport/No Visa
Madagascar (Republic of Malagascar)	Passport & Visa
Malawi	Passport/No Visa
Malaysia	Passport/No Visa

Maldives	Passport & Visa
Mali	Passport & Visa
Malta	Passport/No Visa
Marshall Islands	Passport & Visa
Martinique	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Mauritania	Passport & Visa
Mauritius	Passport/No Visa
Mexico	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Micronesia	Passport & Visa
Moldova	Passport & Visa
Monaco	Passport/No Visa
Mongolia	Passport & Visa
Montserrat	Passport/No Visa
Morocco	Passport & Visa
Mozambique	Passport & Visa
Myanmar	Passport & Visa
Namibia	Passport/No Visa
Nauru	Passport/No Visa
Nepal	Passport & Visa
Netherlands (Antilles)	Passport/No Visa
Netherlands	(Kingdom of) Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
New Zealand	Passport/No Visa
Nicaragua	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Niger	Passport & Visa
Nigeria (Fed. Republic of)	Passport & Visa
Norfolk Islands	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Norway	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
Oman	Passport & Visa
Pakistan	Passport & Visa
Palau	Passport & Visa
Palestine	Passport & Visa
Panama	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay



Papua New Guinea	Passport/No Visa
Paraguay	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Peru	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Philippines	Passport & Visa
Poland (Republic of)	Passport & Visa
Polynesia (French)	Passport/No Visa
Portugal	Passport/No visa for three-month stay
Puerto Rico(USA)	Original/official (govt-issued only) Birth Certificate plus Photo ID orPassport (current or expired up to 5 years maximum) for visits up to 8 months.
Qatar	Passport & Visa
Reunion (French D.O.M.)	Passport/No Visa
Romania	Passport & Visa
Russia	Passport & Visa
Rvand	Passport & Visa
Rwanda	Passport & Visa
Saint Croix	Passport/No Visa
Saint Kitts & Nevis	Passport/No Visa
Saint Lucia	Passport/No Visa
Saint Martin (French)	Passport/No Visa
Saint Maarten (Dutch)	Passport/No Visa
Saint Thomas	Passport/No Visa
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	Passport/No Visa
Samoa	Passport & Visa
Western Samoa	Passport/No Visa
San Marino	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
Sao Tome & Principe	Passport & Visa
Saudi Arabia	Passport & Visa
Scotland	Passport/No Visa
Senegal	Passport & Visa
Seychelles	Passport/No Visa
Sierre Leone	Passport/No Visa

Singapore	Passport/No Visa
Slovakia/Slovak Republic	Passport & Visa
Slovenia	Passport & Visa
Solomon Islands	Passport/No Visa
Somalia	Passport & Visa
South Africa	Passport/No Visa
Spain	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Sri Lanka	Passport/No Visa
Sudan	Passport & Visa
Sumatra	Passport & Visa
Surinam	Passport & Visa
Syria	Passport & Visa
Swaziland	Passport/No Visa
Sweden	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Switzerland	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
Tahiti	Passport/No Visa
Taiwan	Passport & Visa
Tanzania	Passport/No Visa
Thailand	Passport & Visa
Togo	Passport & Visa
Tonga	Passport/No Visa
Trinidad & Tobago	Passport/No Visa
Tunisia	Passport & Visa
Turkey	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay
Turkmenistan	Passport & Visa
Turks & Caicos	Passport/No Visa
Tuvalu	Passport/No Visa
Tyanmar (Burma)	Passport & Visa
Uganda	Passport/No Visa
Ukrain	Passport & Visa
United Arab Emirates	Passport & Visa
United Kinadom/Great	Passport/No Visa for 8-month stay

Britain	
<b>United States</b>	<b>Passport</b> (current or expired up to 5 years maximum - for visits up to 8 months) <b>OR</b> Original/official (govt-issued only) <b>Birth Certificate + Photo ID OR</b> Original Naturalization Certificate, for visits up to 8 months. Note: US Residents, however, require an Alien Registration Card/Green Card
Urganda	Passport/No Visa
Uruguay	Passport/No Visa for 3-month stay
Uzbekistan	Passport & Visa
Vanuatu	Passport/No Visa
Vatican City	Passport/No Visa
Venezuela	Passport/No Visa for 14-day stay
Vietnam (Socialist Rep.)	Passport & Visa
West Indies (British/French)	Passport/No Visa
Western Somoa	Passport/No Visa
Yemen	Passport & Visa
Yugoslavia	Passport & Visa
Zaire	(See Congo)
Zambia	Passport/No Visa
Zimbabwe	Passport/No Visa