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**IMMIGRATION ACT
(CHAPTER 191)
IMMIGRATION (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2015**

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 45 of the Immigration Act, makes the following Regulations —

1. Citation.

These Regulations, which amend the Immigration (General) (Amendment) Regulations¹, may be cited as the Immigration (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015.

2. Insertion of a new regulation 3A into the principal Regulations.

The principal Regulations is amended by the insertion immediately after regulation 3 of a new regulation as follows —

“3A. Resident belonger permit.

- (1) Application for the grant of a resident belonger permit pursuant to section 30A of the Act shall be made to the Director of Immigration in Form IB as set out in the *First Schedule* and shall be accompanied by the prescribed processing fee and two prints of a recent full face photograph of the applicant —
 - (a) not more than three inches long and three inches wide;
 - (b) not less than two inches long and two inches wide; and
 - (c) verified by the signature of the applicant on the reverse thereof.
- (2) Subject to any general or special directions given by the Board, the Director of Immigration may issue a resident belonger permit in Form IC as set out in the *First Schedule* and such permit shall —
 - (a) be valid for the period, not exceeding three years, stated therein;

¹*Sub. Leg., Vol. II, (Ch. 191-3)*

- (b) contain a digital photograph of the holder;
- (c) permit the holder to reside and engage in gainful occupation in The Bahamas; and
- (d) contain the biometric fingerprints and national insurance number, if any, of the holder.

3. Amendment of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations.

The *First Schedule* to the principal Regulations is amended by —

- (a) the deletion in the Schedule heading of the words “(Regulation 3)” and the substitution of the words “(Regs. 3 and 3A)”; and
- (b) the insertion of new Forms as follows —

“FORM IB

APPLICATION FORM – RESIDENT BELONGER PERMIT

A processing fee of \$100.00 is required (Non-refundable)

APPLICATION FOR A RESIDENT BELONGER PERMIT

Applies to persons in the following categories:

- (1) a person born in The Bahamas to non-Bahamian parents who is entitled under the Constitution to apply for registration as a citizen of The Bahamas (Article 7), and who is now living permanently in The Bahamas;
- (2) a person born outside The Bahamas to a Bahamian mother who is married to a non-Bahamian father (Article 9); or
- (3) a person born outside The Bahamas to a Bahamian father who is a citizen of The Bahamas by virtue of Article 3 (2) or 8 and who is married to his non-Bahamian mother.

Note:

An applicant applying for a Resident Belonger Permit is required to submit with this application the following:

- (a) **Covering letter to the Director of Immigration**
- (b) **Covering letter from the parent or legal guardian to the Director of Immigration (minors)**
- (c) **Certified copy of applicant’s birth certificate**
- (d) **Immunization Card**
- (e) **Police certificate**
- (f) **Two (2) passport size photographs**
- (g) **Copy of applicant’s national passport**

- (h) Certified copies of parents' birth certificates
- (i) Documentary evidence of parents' immigration status
- (j) Copy of parent's passport
- (k) Certified copy of marriage certificate
- (l) Death certificates in any case where the parents of an applicant are deceased
- (m) Copy of national insurance card, if any

1. Full Name of child _____
2. Address _____
3. Place of Birth _____
4. Date of Birth _____
5. Nationality _____
6. Father's full name place and date of birth _____

7. Father's nationality _____
8. Mother's full name place and date of birth _____

9. Mother's nationality _____
10. State if father and mother are married _____

11. Declaration:

N.B. Delete the words which do not apply

A. (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)

B. (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)

C. (I was born outside The Bahamas after 9th July, 1973 to a Bahamian father who obtained citizenship under Article 3 (2) or Article 8, and was married to my non-Bahamian mother at the

date of my birth)

2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this application is correct. I understand that the discovery of any statement which I have made above that is false may render me liable to prosecution.

Signature of Applicant	Date
Print Name	Print Name

Signature of Legal Guardian:

Print Name	Print Name
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Dated this _____ day of _____ 20 _____
Declared to before me this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

NOTARY PUBLIC, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

STAMP TAX
\$10.00



Signature of Parent:

FORM IC

FORM OF RESIDENT BELONGER PERMIT

A processing fee of \$100.00 is required (Non-refundable)

FORM OF RESIDENT BELONGER PERMIT

The Commonwealth of The BAHAMAS			
Nationality:			
DOB:			
Valid From:			
Date of expiry:			
		PHOTO (digital)	
NAME:			
RESIDENT BELONGER PERMIT		Card Number	

THIS CARD ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO ENGAGE IN GAINFUL OCCUPATION			
NATIONAL INSURANCE NO.		<input type="text"/>	
		FINGERPRINT	

Made this 11th day of May, 2015.

Signed
FREDERICK MITCHELL
Minister Responsible for Immigration