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**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(NO. 50 OF 2014)
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (CONSULAR
SERVICES) (FEES)
REGULATIONS, 2015**

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 13 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Act, makes the following Regulations —

1. Citation.

These Regulations may be cited as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Consular Services) (Fees) Regulations, 2015.

2. Interpretation.

In these Regulations, “Children's Passport”, “Frequent Traveller's Passport” and “Regular Passport”, respectively have the same meanings as in the Passport Rules¹.

3. Fees for consular services.

The fees to be charged for the consular services rendered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be as specified in the *Schedule*.

4. Repeal.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Consular Services) (Fees) Rules² are repealed.

¹*Sub. Leg., Vol. II, (Ch. 192-3)*

²*Sub. Leg., Vol. I, (Ch. 24-3)*

SCHEDULE (Regulation 3)

FEEES FOR CONSULAR SERVICES

PART I

Notarial and Kindred Matters

Consular Service	Fee
	\$
1. Administering an oath or receiving a declaration, affirmation or attestation	150.00
2. Authenticating or legalising a signature or seal:	
First signature/seal	60.00
For each additional signature/seal	60.00
except where this service is included under another fee	20.00
3. Supplying witnesses — for each witness or attestation	20.00
4. Initialing alterations in any document not prepared by the Consular Office (other than striking out of any inapplicable words in a form) or marking exhibits, for each initial or marking	5.00
5. Making or verifying (including where necessary) a copy of a document:	
(a) in typescript or made by photographic or photostatic process outside the consular premises, for over 100 words	30.00
(b) made by photographic or photostatic process, if the copy is made in the consular premises, for each page (with a minimum charge of \$5.00)	5.00

	(c) made by photographic or photostatic process, copies of treaty texts, for each page (with a minimum charge of \$5.00)	5.00
6.	Uniting documents and sealing the fastening	20.00
7.	Obtaining a legalization or other certification from another authority upon any document in addition to costs, if any	50.00
8.	Supplying certified copies of documents forming part of the records of the courts of The Bahamas, for every page with a minimum charge of \$5.00	10.00
9.	Preparing any certificate, declaration or document not otherwise provided for:	
	(a) in standard form, per copy	25.00
	(b) not in standard form, per 100 words or less —	
	(i) in English	25.00
	(ii) in any other language plus cost if any	50.00
10.	Preparing or signing, or both, a declaration of existence except in connection with pay or pensions payable by a department of the Government of The Bahamas.....	50.00
11.	To process an application for a work permit and to verify and certify the presence of the applicant outside The Bahamas.....	150.00
12.	To process an application for a residence permit by the holder of a work permit and to certify and verify the presence of the applicant outside The Bahamas.....	150.00

13.	Prepare and apostille/legalization of documents:	
	(a) Per document.....	100.00
	(b) Same day per document.....	150.00
	(c) Rush (wait while prepared) requests for documents.....	300.00
14.	Issuing a Bahamian visa card for visiting The Bahamas.....	50.00
15.	Issuing and, where required, preparing an Emergency Travel Document (ETD) or other document not otherwise provided for in lieu of a passport.....	50.00
16.	Granting a visa:	
	(a) For a multiple entry visa.....	250.00
	(b) For a 3 year multiple entry visa.....	500.00
	(c) For a single entry visa.....	160.00
	(d) For a transit visa.....	100.00
	(e) For a seaman's visa.....	160.00
	(f) For a Diplomatic visa.....	NIL
	or for any visa such sum, being the equivalent of fees charged by the authority of any state for granting a visa to a citizen of The Bahamas ,as the appropriate agency directs to be taken for grant of a visa	
17.	Expedited Visa Fee (General):	
	(a) Expedited visa fee.....	50.00
	(b) Visa facilitation fee.....	20.00
	(c) Money transfer assistance for Bahamas nationals abroad.....	20.00
18.	Issuing a travel document of any kind for the time being suppliable according to law, where this Schedule provides for no specific charge, nor for an exemption from any charge, that is applicable to so doing.....	20.00
19.	Making or forwarding, or both, a request or communication to	

to any authority of a foreign state or Commonwealth country, Commonwealth Colony protectorate, Protected state or trust territory, for the issue or renewal of a passport or other travel document or document of identity or for the grant of a visa or entry permit in addition to costs, if any..... 100.00

PART II

Passports, visas, and kindred matters

20.	(a)	Issuing a Children's Passport	50.00
	(b)	Issuing a Regular Passport	100.00
	(c)	Issuing a Frequent Traveller's Passport.....	150.00
	(d)	Rush request fee.....	50.00
	(e)	Replacement fee for loss of 3 or more passports per year.....	100.00
21.	(a)	Issuing an additional Children's Passport of restricted validity.....	15.00
	(b)	Issuing an additional Regular Passport of restricted validity ..	30.00
	(c)	Issuing an additional Frequent Traveller's Passport of restricted validity.....	60.00
22.		Renewing a Children's Passport for a further single period of five years.....	15.00
23.		Renewing a Children's Passport for a period less than five years, for each year or part thereof.....	3.00 /
24.		Extending for the first time the validity of an additional passport	15.00
25.		Extending for the first time the validity of an additional passport for a period less than five years, for each year or part thereof.....	3.00
26.		Amending an existing passport by amending the holder's	

description..... 10.00

PART III

Searches

27. Having a search made for, or obtaining copies of, or both,
entries in the local registers of records not kept
by a Consular Officer—
- (a) for an entry in a local register of births, deaths, or marriages ... 30.00
 - (b) for any other documents in addition to costs exceeding \$1.00 ... 30.00
28. Making a search in—
- (a) the consular registers (if kept) of births, deaths or marriages 10.00
 - (b) any other records or archives of The Bahamas Government
in addition to any other fee applicable..... 25.00

PART IV

Estates

29. Administering in full or in part, safeguarding or arranging
the transmission of all or part of the personal effects
and other estate of a deceased person or proceeds thereof,
other than the wages and personal effects of seamen,
in addition to costs..... 1,000.00
30. Intervening to protect interests claimed by absent citizens
of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in an estate
being administered or probated by a local executor or
administrator, in addition to costs..... 1,000.00

PART V

Attendances

31. Attending (except in connection with commercial enquiries)

for each hour or lessor period, including the time taken in proceeding from a reasonable point of departure and in returning to a reasonable point—

- (a) during customary business hours but elsewhere than at the consular premises..... 50.00
- (b) outside customary business hours at the consular premises 50.00
- (c) elsewhere 100.00

with

- (a) a maximum in any period of 24 hours 200.00
- (b) an increase of one-half where the Consular Officer is accompanied away from the consular premises or residence by another Consular Officer or a consular employee with a maximum in this event of..... 400.00

PART VI

Matters relating to Legal Proceedings

- 32. Presiding at the taking of evidence under a commission or order from a court, including any matter or thing done by the Consular Officer as examiner—
 - (a) for the first two hours or less on the first day 200.00
 - (b) for the first two hours or less on each subsequent day 100.00
 - (c) for each additional hour in excess of two on any day 50.00
- 33. Causing or endeavouring to cause a document to be served and issuing a certificate or affidavit of service or attempted service of the document—
 - (a) in case of such service being effected or attempted upon a first or single visit or other occasion..... 50.00

- (b) with an additional charge for each subsequent visit or other occasion, if any, upon which such service (having been previously attempted) if effected or attempted, of 20.00
- 34. Providing the services of a Consular Officer or consular employee to assist the Consular Officer in the taking of evidence under a commission or order from a court, for each such person—
 - (a) for each sitting of two hours or less 100.00
 - (b) for each additional hour at each sitting 50.00
- 35. Forwarding request to a local authority for the taking of evidence or the service of a document..... 50.00

PART VII

Repatriation and Financial Assistance

- 36. Arranging the repatriation of a person or a group of persons of the same family and travelling together..... 50.00
- 37. Advancing currency to a traveller on payment of a Bahamian Dollar cheque in addition to costs, if any, and in addition to fee 31 where applicable..... 10.00

PART VIII

Shipping, Seamen and Kindred Matters

- 38. Receiving or recording a declaration under Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1976, with a view to the registry, transfer and transmission of ships, interests in ships, or mortgages of ships..... 40.00
- 39. Endorsing a memorandum of change of master upon the

	certificate of registry and initialing, where required, the new master's signature on the agreement with the crew	20.00
40.	Granting a provisional certificate of registry in addition to fee 38 where applicable.....	200.00
41.	Recording a mortgage of a ship or of shares in a ship	100.00
42.	Recording the transfer of a mortgage of a ship or of shares in a ship ..	100.00
43.	Recording the discharge of a mortgage of a ship or of shares in a ship	100.00
44.	Making an interposition in the sale of a ship or of shares in a ship	100.00
45.	Receiving a return of the birth or death of any person on board a ship and endorsing the agreement with the crew accordingly	10.00
46.	Certifying a form of claim for wages and other matters, if any, of a deceased seaman or apprentice.....	20.00
47.	Examining or arranging for the examination of provisions or water, payable by the party who proves to be in default in addition to the cost, if any, of survey.....	50.00
48.	Noting a marine protest and furnishing one certified copy if required for every further copy.....	40.00
49.	Extending a marine protest, filing the original and furnishing one certified copy if required — for any number of words up to 200, excluding the declaratory clause... for every subsequent 100 words or less	50.00 20.00
	in addition to fees 1 and 9 where applicable	
50.	Filing a request for survey and issuing an order of survey	50.00
51.	Receiving a report of a survey, filing the original, and	

	furnishing one certified copy, if required, of the request, order and report of survey— for any number of words up to 200, excluding the words in the consular certificate.....	100.00
	for every subsequent 100 words or less	20.00
52.	Issuing a bill of health	40.00
53.	Addressing at the request the master an application to local authorities for the arrest, imprisonment or release of seamen or apprentices — for each seaman or apprentice.....	20.00
54.	Granting such certificates as to the number of the crew and other matters as may be required by local authorities for the clearance inwards and outwards of a ship — in addition to fee 58 or 65 where applicable	30.00
55.	Drawing up, in the form and language required by local authorities, a muster-roll or detailed list giving names and other details of each member of the crew in addition to fee 54 unless a certificate in the form of a muster-roll or list is required for the clearance of the vessel	20.00
56.	Signing and, if required, sealing the original of a ship's manifest and signing any copies on the same occasion.....	20.00
57.	Signing and, if required, sealing any entry in the official log book of a ship where such entry is not required under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1976.....	20.00
58.	Inspecting a ship's papers when required to enable a	

	Consular Officer to do any matter or thing in respect of a ship except where—	
	(a) the papers are already in the custody of the Consular Officer and fee 65 has been taken; or	
	(b) the master opens a new agreement at the consular premises.....	20.00
59.	Inspecting the marking of a ship, irrespective of the number of visits —	
	in addition to fee 31	20.00
60.	Making a request for survey and arranging for the issue of a certificate in accordance with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960.....	20.00
61.	Sanctioning the engagement of seamen — on request for each seaman with—	
	(a) a maximum where a crew or part of a crew transfer from one Bahamian ship to another; or.....	6.00
	(b) a maximum in respect of each ship where crews or parts of crews transfer between Bahamian ships of.....	200.00
	in addition to fees 58 or 66 where applicable	
62.	Attesting alterations in the agreement with the crew — on request.....	6.00
	for each alteration in respect of each seaman concerned with a maximum on each separate occasion of.....	200.00
63.	Sanctioning the discharge of seaman or leaving behind of seaman and apprentices —	
	For each seaman or apprentice	6.00
	(a) a maximum where a crew or part of a crew transfer	

	from one Bahamian to another; or	
(b)	a maximum in respect of each ship where crews or parts of crews transfer between Bahamian ships of.....	20.00
	except where an apprentice—	
	(i) is transferred whilst overseas from one ship to another; or	
	(ii) having come to the end of his indentures, signs on as a seaman in addition to fee 58 where applicable	
64.	Certifying desertions of seamen and apprentices—	
	for each seaman or apprentice	6.00
65.	Taking custody of a ship's papers, making any necessary endorsements thereon, and giving the certificate required by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1976.....	20.00
66.	Preparing a fresh agreement with the crew on request when a new agreement is opened at a foreign port and furnishing the copy which must be made accessible to the crew for each seaman.....	6.00
	with a minimum of	100.00
	and a maximum of	100.00
	in addition to fee 61.	

Made this 11th day of May, 2015.

Signed
FREDERICK MITCHELL
Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs