IMMIGRATION (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2015

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S.I. No. 27 of 2015

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 ID 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 direction 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;

¹Sub. 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
(l) Documentary evidence of parents' immigration status
(') Copy of parent's passport
(s) 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

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
Made this 11th day of May, 2015.

Signed
FREDERICK MITCHELL
Minister Responsible for Immigration