

1 VISAS

1.1 Entry Requirements

Information about Entry Requirements for The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is available on the official website of The Bahamas High Commission in London at:

www.bahamashclondon.net

This information is also available on the Conference website.

With the exception of the countries listed below, holders of a valid passport issued by Commonwealth countries do not require a visa for short visits to The Bahamas.

- (i) Delegates travelling on passports from the following countries will require a visa prior to travel to The Bahamas:
 - Cameroon
 - Ghana
 - India
 - Mozambique
 - Nigeria
 - Pakistan
 - Rwanda

- (ii) Delegates requiring an entry visa should meet the following immigration requirements:
 - Be in possession of a valid passport (valid for at least 6 months after intended outward travel date).
 - Hold a valid return air-ticket.
 - Have confirmed hotel booking for accommodation.
 - Have sufficient funds to meet costs of stay in The Bahamas.
 - Be eligible to re-enter their country of origin/residence.
 - Confirmation of registration for 19CCEM.

- (iii) Delegates requiring a visa to enter The Bahamas should possess the following information/documents:
 - Duly completed “*Visa Application Form*”- which may be downloaded from the website above.
 - 2 passport photographs.
 - Visa fee.

Visas may be obtained in two ways:

- (i) A personal submission by individual delegates, or a delegate on behalf of a whole delegation, at The Bahamas High Commission in London, Bahamas House, 10 Chesterfield Street, W1J 5JL. A 24 hour service will be offered to delegates in London.

- (ii) Delegates who are not in London may courier their applications directly to Bahamas House via FEDEX, DHL or TNT for the visa issuance. On booking their courier they should also arrange for payment of return courier fees.

All persons advised that they must have the following documents upon entering The Bahamas:

- (i) **Passports, valid for at least six (6) months from date of departure from The Bahamas.**
- (ii) **A return or onward ticket;**
- (iii) **Documentation (visa, re-entry permits etc.) to enter a country other than The Bahamas for which one is ticketed;**
- (iv) **Sufficient funds to finance the visit to The Bahamas**
- (v) **Evidence of accommodation for the duration of the trip**

1.2 Visa Fees

Members of official Ministerial Delegations are exempt from payment of fees (regardless of passport type) when applications are accompanied by a Note Verbale.

For all other applicants the following visa fees will apply:

- Diplomatic/Official - Exempt (when accompanied by a Note Verbale)
- Ordinary Passport holders - GBP 100 (single entry visa)
- Service Passport holders - GBP100 (single entry visa)
- Youth Delegates - Exempt (Gratis)

1.3 Transit Visas

All delegates are advised to ascertain entry requirements for transit stops en route to and from The Bahamas, and to obtain visas where required. Delegates are advised to ensure they are in receipt of their visa for The Bahamas before applying for transit visas.

To assist in the application of their transit visas, all delegates will receive confirmation of their registration for the 19CCEM from the Commonwealth Secretariat via the online registration tool.

Visa application forms can be downloaded [here](#)