

GUIDELINES FOR MINORS TRAVELING TO THE BAHAMAS

The Department of Immigration is committed to ensuring the safety and security of minors traveling to The Bahamas. The welfare of minors is given high priority, and the following measures are in place to safeguard their well-being during travel. To ensure a smooth entry process, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

1. Unaccompanied Minors

Unaccompanied minors must present a certified or notarized letter from their legal guardians, specifying the name and contact details of the individual authorized to meet the minor upon arrival.

The minor will only be released to the authorized individual named in the notarized letter by both the airline and immigration authorities.

If the authorized individual is not present at the airport upon the minor's arrival, the airline, in collaboration with Bahamas Department of Immigration, will take necessary action, including detaining the minor or arranging for their return to the country of origin.

2. Minors Traveling with One Parent

A minor traveling with only one parent may be required to present a notarized letter of consent from the non-traveling parent.

3. Minors Traveling with Non-Parents

Minors traveling with individuals who are not their parents must provide a notarized letter from their legal guardians. This letter must:

- Authorize the accompanying individual to travel with the minor outside the country.
- Permit the accompanying individual to seek medical attention for the minor, if necessary.

4. Document Requirements

All required documentation must be presented upon entry into The Bahamas. Failure to provide the necessary documentation may result in delays or denial of entry.

5. Departure Requirements

Failure to depart The Bahamas on the specified date indicated in your travel documents may result in the cancellation or revocation of any status held by the authorized individual, host or sponsor. These statuses include all categories of Employment and Residence permits.
