

# Ministry of National Security PARLIAMENTARY REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

#### **NOTICE**

#### REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER AS A VOTER

### 1. An applicant applying to register to vote must prove.

- (i) That he/she is a citizen of The Bahamas
- (ii) Must be 18 years or older, not subject to any legal incapacity.
- (iii) That he/she has resided in a particular constituency for at least three (3) months
- (iv) Before registering any applicant, it is the duty of the Revising Officer to satisfy himself/herself that the document(s) being presented, actually belongs to the applicant.

## 2. Documentary Proof of Bahamian Citizenship

- (i) <u>A Bahamian Passport</u>:- The principle document that should be presented as proof of Citizenship, OR
- (ii) <u>The Old Voters Card</u>:- An applicant who presents and old voter's card is requested to also produce a valid Bahamian Birth Certificate as proof of citizenship, OR
- (iii) <u>The Bahamian Citizenship Certificate or Registration of Naturalization:</u> an applicant must also present his/her Birth Certificate.
- (iv) <u>The Bahamian Birth Certificate</u>: Must be presented with a government ID, along with his/her mother's Bahamian Passport or Voters Card, or mothers Bahamian Birth Certificate and government issued ID.
- (a) Before registering an applicant presenting a Bahamian Birth Certificate, the Revising Officer must ascertain that the document(s) belongs to that applicant and he/she has the relevant supporting documents.
- (b) An applicant born in The Bahamas after Independence must produce his/her mother's Bahamian Passport and/or Birth Certificate with gov. issued ID.
- (c) The Revising Officer may require an applicant to produce documents if he/she is not satisfied with the applicant's eligibility to register.

# **PLEASE NOTE:**

The documents listed below <u>are not proof of Bahamian Citizenship and may only be used as supporting documents:</u>

- (i) A registered Affidavit
- (ii) Drivers' License
- (iii) Baptismal Certificate
- (iv) National Insurance Card.

Parliamentary Commissioner