

READING COMPREHENSION

MAIN IDEA & SUPPORTING DETAILS

GRADE: 6



Who Is a Bahamian?



Who is automatically a Bahamian?

The following people are automatically Bahamian citizens:

- ✓ **People who were born in The Bahamas before 9 July 1973.**
- ✓ **A person who was born outside The Bahamas after 9 July 1973, but whose father is a Bahamian.**
- ✓ **A person who was born in The Bahamas after 9 July 1973 to parents who are both Bahamian**
- ✓ **A person born in The Bahamas after 9 July, 1973 to a Bahamian father.**

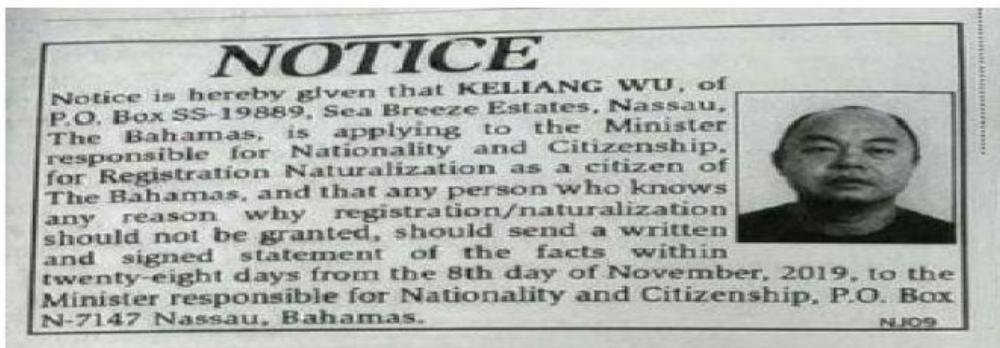
Application for Citizenship

People may apply for Bahamian citizenship at age eighteen, if they meet the following requirements.

- ② **A person born in The Bahamas after 9 July 1973 with neither parent being a citizen of The Bahamas.**
- ② **A person born outside The Bahamas after 9 July, 1973 to a Bahamian mother.**
- ② **A non-Bahamian woman who marries a Bahamian man after 9 July, 1973 and is still married to him at the time of application.**
- ② **A person born in The Bahamas after 9 July 1973 to a Bahamian mother and a non-Bahamian father.**

What is "The Notice"?

When a person applies to become a Bahamian Citizen a notice of his or her application, is published in the local newspapers. The application made to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship. At this time, anyone who knows of a reason why citizenship should not be granted, should send a written, signed statement within 28 days. Citizenship can be taken away by the government if there is proof that the person is a citizen of another country.



Responsibilities of a Citizen!!

- **To Defend the country in order to protect the livelihood of citizens.**
- **To Report any act that is believed to be illegal to the authorities.**

Rights of a Citizen!

The Constitution- is a special document that outlines how our country is run. Since 10 July, 1973 gained freedom to make their own laws to govern the land and the right and freedoms of the individual. These rights include:

- **Freedom of speech**
- **Freedom of religion**
- **Freedom to belong to a political party of their choice**
- **Freedom of privacy**

Read the Statements below then answer the questions that follow. Give reasons for your answers.

1. Scenario: 1

Ten-year-old Shenique was born in New Providence. Her father is from Inagua and her mother is from Andros. Shenique is a _____ citizen.

A. Bahamian B. Androsian C. Inaguan

2. Scenario: 2

A non-Bahamian woman comes to the Bahamas in 1975 and marries a Bahamian man. Is she automatically a Bahamian?

A, YES B. NO

3. Scenario: 3

A child is born in 2000 in The Bahamas to a Bahamian mother and a non-Bahamian father. What is the status of the child.

A, Bahamian B. Non- Bahamian

4. Scenario: 4

Mr. And Mrs. Williamson are citizens of Jamaica. Their daughter Monique was born in Exuma in 1970. What nationality is Monique?

A, Bahamian B. Non- Bahamian

5. What is the main idea of this story

- A, Who are Bahamians
- B. Why you Should become a Bahamian
- C. The importance of being a Bahamian

6. What is" The Constitution"?

- A, A Bill that is passed in the Senate.
- B. The name of the application for Citizenship.
- C. A special document that outlines how our country is run.

7. Select the supporting details to match the statement below:

"Bahamian citizens have a variety of rights and freedoms some of which include."

- A, Freedom of speech
- B. A person born in The Bahamas after 9 July 1973 to a Bahamian mother and a non-Bahamian father.
- C. Freedom of religion
- D. A special document that outlines how our country is run.