

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19 PANDEMIC)
(MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY)(NO.2)
(AMENDMENT)(NO. 14) ORDER, 2021**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(Management and Recovery) Regulations, 2021, I HEREBY make the following Order —

1. Citation.

This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (Management and Recovery)(No.2)(Amendment)(No.14) Order, 2021.

2. Amendment of order 2 of the principal Order.

Order 2 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion of the definition of “rapid antigen test” and the substitution of the following—

““**rapid antigen test**” means a COVID 19 rapid antigen test approved by the Ministry of Health;”.

3. Amendment of order 18 of the principal Order.

Order 18 of the principal Order is amended in paragraph (2)—

- (a) in subparagraph (a)(ii), by the deletion of the word “and”;
- (b) by the deletion of subparagraph (b) and the substitution of the following —

“(b) the provisions of order 17 shall apply in respect of the approval of a person to enter The Bahamas; and

- (c) the provisions of orders 19, 20, 23 and 26 shall apply in respect of a person travelling inter-island.”.

4. Amendment of order 20 of the principal Order.

Order 20 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion of paragraph (1) and the substitution of the following —

“(1) The operator of any aircraft or vessel shall —

- (a) not permit any person to board that aircraft or vessel without the passenger first presenting —

- (i) in the case of a person entering The Bahamas, a travel health visa in accordance with order 21 and a copy of the negative result of the COVID 19 diagnostic test which the person submitted to obtain the travel health visa;
 - (ii) in the case of a person travelling inter-island, a copy of the negative result of the rapid antigen test or the RTPCR test taken in accordance with order 23;
 - (iii) written confirmation that the person is travelling for emergency purposes in accordance with order 23(4); or
 - (iv) written confirmation that the person is exempted by the Competent Authority from —
 - (A) the requirement to obtain a travel health visa in accordance with order 22; or
 - (B) the requirement to undergo a COVID 19 diagnostic test in accordance with order 22 or 26;
- (b) ensure that a passenger continues to wear his face mask throughout the journey.”.

5. Amendment of order 21 of the principal Order.

Order 21 of the principal Order is amended —

- (a) by the deletion of paragraph (1) and the substitution of the following —

“(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Part, every person travelling into The Bahamas shall be required to obtain a travel health visa prior to arrival in The Bahamas.”;
- (b) in paragraph (2), by renumbering the second appearing subparagraph (c) as subparagraph (d);
- (c) in paragraph (4) —
 - (i) in subparagraph (b), by the deletion of the semi-colon and the substitution therefor of a full stop; and
 - (ii) by the deletion of subparagraph (c);
- (d) by the deletion of paragraph (5) and the substitution of the following —

“(5) The holder of a travel health visa which is still valid in accordance with order 25 shall be permitted to embark upon

multiple inter-island trips during the period of validity of that travel health visa.”.

6. Revocation and replacement of order 22 of the principal Order.

Order 22 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“22. Exemption from requirement to obtain travel health visa.

- (1) Any —
 - (a) senior government official entering The Bahamas after travelling outside The Bahamas on government business; or
 - (b) diplomatic personnel,
may be exempted by the Competent Authority in writing, from the requirement to —
 - (i) obtain a travel health visa in accordance with order 21; and
 - (ii) undergo the RTPCR test under order 21.
- (2) A person referred to in paragraph (1)(b), may be exempted by the Competent Authority in writing, from the requirement to undergo —
 - (a) mandatory quarantine imposed by this Order;
 - (b) secondary testing in accordance with order 28; or
 - (c) symptomatic testing in accordance with order 29.
- (3) The Competent Authority may exempt by notice published in the Gazette, a class of persons from the requirement to obtain a travel health visa in accordance with order 21 and such notice shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement of order 21(1)(a).
- (4) An operator who permits a person to travel contrary to any condition imposed on the grant of an exemption under paragraph (3), commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars and a fine of three hundred dollars in respect of each passenger in violation thereof.”.

7. Revocation and replacement of order 23 of the principal Order.

Order 23 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“23. Inter-island travel.

- (1) A person desirous of travelling inter-island except where that travel originates from New Providence or Grand Bahama,

shall be required to undergo a rapid antigen test and where the result is negative, produce a copy of the negative result of the test to the operator of the airline or vessel at the point of embarkation.

- (2) A person desirous of travelling inter-island where that travel originates from New Providence or Grand Bahama, shall —
 - (a) if vaccinated, be required to undergo a rapid antigen test; or
 - (b) if non-vaccinated, be required to undergo the RTPCR test,and where the result of the relevant test is negative, produce a copy of the negative result of the test to the operator of the airline or vessel at the point of embarkation.
- (3) A person travelling inter-island shall also produce a copy of his negative result to an officer of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force or the COVID 19 Enforcement Unit, if asked to do so.
- (4) A person travelling inter-island —
 - (a) in respect of an emergency which is evidenced by written confirmation from a health officer or the Royal Bahamas Police Force stating that the person has an emergency that requires inter-island travel; or
 - (b) as the employee of an operator of an aircraft or a vessel transporting freight and passengers;shall not be required to obtain a test in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2).
- (5) A person who travels inter-island and does not —
 - (a) wear his mask for the duration of the trip; or
 - (b) produce to the operator at the point of embarkation —
 - (i) a valid negative result of a rapid antigen test or the RTPCR test as the case may be; or
 - (ii) in the case of an emergency, a written confirmation from a health officer or the Royal Bahamas Police Force stating that the person has an emergency and is required to travel inter-island; or
 - (c) comply with a request made pursuant to paragraph (3), commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars.”.

8. Amendment of order 24 of the principal Order.

Order 24 of the principal Order is amended in paragraph (2)(b) by the deletion of the words “as applicable, a copy of the negative RTPCR test” and the substitution of the words, “a copy the applicable negative COVID 19 diagnostic test”.

9. Amendment of order 24A of the principal Order.

Order 24A of the principal Order is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(c) by the deletion of the word “has” and the substitution of the word “have”; and
- (b) in paragraph (2)(a) by the deletion of the word “passenger” where it last appears and the word “passengers”.

10. Revocation and replacement of order 25 of the principal Order.

Order 25 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“25. Validity of COVID 19 diagnostic tests.

- (1) The results of a COVID 19 diagnostic test shall be valid for a period of five days from the date on which the test was taken.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a person travelling into The Bahamas on a commercial or personal vessel whose journey to The Bahamas extends beyond the period of validity of the test in paragraph (1), shall be granted a travel health visa upon application and permitted to enter The Bahamas provided the captain of that vessel can prove at the point of entry into The Bahamas that the vessel's travel to The Bahamas was direct with no prior stops to any other ports of call.”.

11. Revocation and replacement of order 26 of the principal Order.

Order 26 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“26. Exemption from the requirement to undergo COVID 19 diagnostic test.

- (1) A person who is fully vaccinated shall be exempt from any requirement to undergo or submit a RTPCR test or rapid antigen test in accordance with this Order except orders 21 and 29.
- (2) Notwithstanding order 21(2) an applicant for a travel health visa who is not fully vaccinated and is —
 - (a) under two years old;

- (b) a pilot or crew member of a commercial air operator who is required to overnight not more than one night in The Bahamas,

shall not be required to undergo a COVID 19 diagnostic test in order to obtain a travel health visa.”.

12. Amendment of order 28 of the principal Order.

Order 28 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion and substitution of paragraph (1) as follows —

- “(1) Any person who is not fully vaccinated against Covid 19 and enters The Bahamas shall on the fifth day after his arrival, be required to undergo a rapid antigen test and submit the results to the Ministry of Health online via the health travel website.”.

13. Amendment of order 31 of the principal Order.

Order 31 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion of paragraph (3).

14. Amendment of order 44D of the principal Order.

Order 44D of the principal Order is amended by the deletion of the word “court”.

15. Amendment of order 52G of the principal Order.

Order 52G is amended by the deletion of the words “the curfew imposed under order 52A” and the substitution therefor of the words “any curfew imposed”.

16. Revocation of order 52I of the principal Order.

Order 52I of the principal Order is revoked.

17. Amendment of order 71 of the principal Order.

Order 71 of the principal Order is amended —

- (a) in paragraph (1), by the deletion of the word “(2)” and the substitution therefor of the word “54(2)”; and
- (b) in paragraph (3), by the deletion of the word “(5)” and the substitution therefor of the word “54(5)”.

18. Revocation and replacement of the Fifth Schedule of the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the revocation and replacement of the Fifth Schedule as follows—

“ FIFTH SCHEDULE

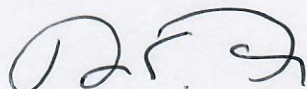
(order 21(2)(c))

Fees For Travel Health Visa To Enter The Bahamas

Citizens or Residents	Nil
For Fully Vaccinated Persons	
Visitors from North America (USA and Canada)	\$40.00
Visitors from the Rest of the World	\$50.00
For Non-Vaccinated Persons Applying With A RTPCR test	
Visitors from North America (under 5 days' stay)	\$40.00
Visitors from North America (over 5 days' stay)	\$60.00
Visitors from the Rest of the World	\$70.00

Note: No fee is payable for a child 11 years or younger or by the pilot or crew of a commercial air operator in respect of a travel health visa.”

Made this ²24 day of *Sept.*, 2021



PRIME MINISTER