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**TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS**

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**PROPOSAL**

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**FOR**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER STATUS; ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER STATUS COMMISSION; AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES.**

**ENACTED** by the Legislature of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

**PART I**

**PRELIMINARY**

**Short title and commencement**

**1.** (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Turks and Caicos Islander Status Ordinance 2015 and comes into operation on such day as the Governor may appoint by Notice published in the *Gazette*.

(2) The Governor may appoint different dates for the coming into force of different provisions of this Ordinance.

**Interpretation**

**2.** In this Ordinance—

“British Overseas Territories Citizen” means a person who is a British Overseas Territories Citizen under the British Nationality Act 1981 by virtue of a connection with the Islands;

“child” means a person who has not attained the age of eighteen years and who is the child or adopted child of any person; and the fact that a person’s parents are not or have not been married to one another shall be left out of account in

establishing whether the person is the child of those parents; and accordingly that person shall be treated as if those parents are or have been married to one another;

“Commission” means the Turks and Caicos Islander Commission established under section 11;

“dependant”, except in the expression “dependant child” or “dependant children”, means, in relation to a person, his spouse and dependant children;

“Islander”, means a person who has acquired Turks and Caicos Islander status as mentioned in section 3 or 4, and “Islander status” shall be construed accordingly;

“Islander Status Card” means a National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card issued under section 8;

“Islander Status Certificate” means a National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Certificate issued under section 7;

“member” means a member of the Commission;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for immigration;

“Permanent Residence Certificate” means a certificate granted under the Immigration Ordinance; and

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Commission appointed under section 18.

## PART II

### TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER STATUS

#### **Islander status: acquisition as of right**

**3.** (1) A person who has Turks and Caicos Islander status (Islander status) immediately before the commencement of this section, has that status for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) A person (P) acquires Islander status if any of the following applies—

(a) P is born in the Islands and at the time of P’s birth at least one of P’s parents has Islander status;

(b) P is born outside the Islands and, at the time of P’s birth—

(i) at least one of P’s parents has Islander status; and

(ii) at least one of P’s parents or grandparents was born in the Islands;

- (c) P is born outside the Islands and at the time of P's birth at least one of P's parents—
  - (i) has Islander status; and
  - (ii) was settled in the Islands;
- (d) P is born in the Islands and at the time of P's birth at least one of P's parent was settled in the Islands;
- (e) P is born in the Islands to parents who at the time of P's birth were legally resident in the Islands and P has acquired British Overseas Territories Citizenship by virtue of section 15(4) of the British Nationality Act 1981; or
- (f) P is adopted in the Islands by a person who has Islander status at the time of the adoption, and P has not attained the age of eighteen years at the time of the adoption.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(c) and (d), a person is settled in the Islands if—

- (a) subsection (4) applies;
- (b) he is not subject to any immigration restriction or control on the duration of his stay in the Islands; and
- (c) he has not voluntarily emigrated with the intention of making his home elsewhere.

(4) This subsection applies to a person who has uninterrupted voluntary physical presence in the Islands for a period of time without legal impediment (other than as a tourist visitor or transit passenger) during which period the Islands are regarded as his normal place of abode for the time being.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (4)—

- (a) absence abroad for a period not exceeding six consecutive months for purposes such as education, health, vacation or business are to be treated as included in the period mentioned in that subsection;
- (b) absence abroad for a period exceeding six consecutive months but not exceeding twelve consecutive months create a presumption that the period mentioned in that subsection has been interrupted;
- (c) absence abroad for a period exceeding twelve consecutive months interrupt the period mentioned in that subsection;

- (d) a person is a tourist visitor if he enters the Islands for a period not exceeding six months other than—
  - (i) for professional, financial trade or business purposes; or
  - (ii) for the purpose of seeking or engaging in employment; and
- (e) a person is a transit passenger if—
  - (i) he has entered the Islands for a period not exceeding twenty-four hours;
  - (ii) he is in possession of the required travel documents; and
  - (iii) he is on his way to a destination other than the country from which he arrived.

(6) This section does not affect a person who has acquired Islander status before the commencement of this Ordinance.

#### **Islander status: acquisition by grant**

4. (1) The Governor may, on the recommendation of the Commission grant Islander status to a person to whom any of subsections (2) to (7) apply.

(2) This subsection applies to a person if he is a British overseas territories citizen by virtue of a connection with the Islands or a British Citizen who either—

- (a) has held a permanent residence certificate for a period of at least five years; or
- (b) has been legally resident in the Islands for a period of at least ten years; and
- (c) is neither serving a sentence imposed by a court for an offence against the law in force in any country, nor has been adjudged or otherwise declared bankrupt under any law in force in any country and has not been discharged.

(3) This subsection applies to a person if—

- (a) the person's spouse has Islander status otherwise than by virtue of marriage; and
- (b) the Governor is satisfied that the person—
  - (i) has lived together with the spouse for a period of ten years ending with the date of the application; and

(ii) has been resident in the Islands for a period of two years ending with that date.

(4) This subsection applies to a person if he is the dependant child of a person who is accorded Islander status by virtue of subsection (3).

(5) This subsection applies to a person who is the surviving spouse of an Islander who—

- (a) was married to the deceased for at least seven years;
- (b) immediately before the death of the deceased was not living apart from the deceased—
  - (i) under a decree of a competent court; or
  - (ii) under a deed of separation; and
- (c) immediately preceding the death of the deceased had been legally and ordinarily resident in the Islands.

(6) This subsection applies to a person if—

- (a) the person is married to an Islander for at least seven years;
- (b) the person is living apart from the spouse, but is not living apart from the spouse—
  - (i) under a decree of a competent court; or
  - (ii) under a deed of separation;
- (c) the person can demonstrate that the reason for living apart from the spouse is because he or she has been battered or subject to exceptional hardship by the spouse; and
- (d) immediately preceding the application, the person has been legally and ordinarily resident in the Islands for a period of two years.

(7) This subsection applies if—

- (a) the person is married to a person who has been granted Islander status by virtue of residency, and that person was endorsed on the Residence Permit as the spouse;
- (b) the person is under the age of eighteen years, and was endorsed on a Permanent Residence Certificate; or
- (c) the person is the child of a person who is the spouse of an Islander, who has not been adopted

by the spouse who is an Islander or who is not the biological child of the Islander, who was endorsed in that person's Residence Permit.

(8) In considering an application from a person to whom subsection (2) applies, the Governor shall have regard to the following matters—

- (a) whether it is in the public interest to grant the Islander status;
- (b) whether the applicant—
  - (i) is of good character and conduct;
  - (ii) has to his credit three good character references received by the Governor directly from three Islanders; and
  - (iii) has a clean criminal record;
- (c) whether the applicant suffers from any form of communicable or mental disease that would make him a danger to the community;
- (d) whether the applicant has been involved in organising or engaging in any subversive political activity, or has organised, caused or promoted racism or any illegal activity within the Islands;
- (e) whether the economic situation of the Islands and the protection of persons already engaged in similar gainful occupations have been duly considered;
- (f) the desirability of granting the right to be an Islander to applicants with different backgrounds and from different geographical areas so that a suitable balance in the social and economic life of the Islands may be maintained;
- (g) whether the applicant brings any exceptional skill to the Islands;
- (h) the desirability of retaining the economic resources of the Island in the control of Islanders; and
- (i) whether the applicant meets any prescribed evaluation criteria.

(9) Subsection (8) does not apply if the applicant is the child, stepchild or parent of an Islander.

(10) In subsection (8)(i), prescribed evaluation criteria are any guidelines issued by the Governor, for the purpose of

evaluating the merits of an application by awarding to or discounting from the applicant, credits based on his personal and occupational attributes as well as his potential value to the community.

### **Application for Turks and Caicos Islander Status**

5. (1) An application for the grant of Islander status may be made by or on behalf of an applicant to the Governor—

- (a) in respect of a spouse of an Islander, in Form 1 set out in Schedule 1; and
- (b) in respect of any other person, in Form 2 set out in Schedule 1.

(2) An application made under subsection (1)(b), which is an application for grant of Islander status either than by marriage, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission.

(3) An application for grant of Island Status, except an application for grant by marriage shall be made between 1 June and 30 September of every year.

### **Publication**

6. (1) Upon receipt of an application made under section 5(1)(b), the Secretary shall cause a publication of notice of the application in at least two issues of a local newspaper circulating in the Islands, which publication shall include—

- (a) the fact of application;
- (b) a photograph of the applicant;
- (c) the name of the island on which he resides;
- (d) the name of spouse if any, and number of dependants; and
- (e) any other particulars as may be prescribed.

(2) A publication made under subsection (1) shall request submissions to be made to the Secretary within thirty days of the last publication, and no application shall be considered by the Commission unless it has been published.

(3) When the Commission makes a recommendation to the Governor, of persons to be granted Islander status, the Secretary shall cause a publication of notice of the list of names in at least one issue of a local newspaper circulating in the Islands.

(4) The Governor shall not grant Islander status unless he first caused a publication of a notice of his intention to do so in

relation to the applicant, in at least two issues of a local newspaper circulating in the Islands.

(5) The notice published pursuant to subsection (4) shall include a photograph of the applicant and request any submissions to be made not later than thirty days after the date of the last publication.

### **Islander Status certificate**

7. (1) The Governor shall cause to be issued, a National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Certificate, as the Governor shall determine, to any Islander who is accorded Islander status under section 4.

(2) A National Turks and Caicos Islander Certificate issued under subsection (1) shall be in Form 3 set out in Schedule 1.

(3) A National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Certificate is evidence that a person has been granted Islander Status.

### **Islander Status card**

8. (1) The Governor shall cause to be issued, a National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card to any Islander who makes an application for the issue of a Card.

(2) An application for the issue of a National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card may be made by or on behalf of an applicant to the Governor in Form 4 set out in Schedule 1.

(3) The Governor may cause to be issued, a National Islander Status Card in Form 5 set out in Schedule 1.

(4) A National Turks and Caicos Status Card is evidence that the person named in it is an Islander.

### **Fees**

9. An application made under section 6 and 8 shall be accompanied by a fee specified in Schedule 2.

### **Revocation of Islander Status**

10. (1) This section applies where a person has been granted Islander status otherwise than by virtue of being the spouse of another person.

(2) The Governor may revoke the Islander status (with the effect that the person is no longer an Islander) if subsection (3) or (4) applies.

(3) This subsection applies if the application for the grant—

- (a) was false in a material particular; or
- (b) failed to disclose a material fact.

(4) This subsection applies if the person to whom the Islander status was granted—

- (a) has been convicted of a criminal offence in any country and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than twelve months;
- (b) has not been resident in the Islands during the period of three years ending with the date of the revocation; or
- (c) has been resident in the Islands for less than fourteen years in total.

(5) Before revoking Islander status the Governor shall, by notice in writing, inform the holder of the grounds on which it is proposed to revoke it and shall give the holder the opportunity to make representations.

(6) A notice given under subsection (5) shall state that, within sixty days of service of the notice, the person to whom the notice is addressed may make representations in writing to the Governor concerning the matter, and the Governor shall not determine the matter without considering any representations received within that period of sixty days.

(7) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Governor to revoke Islander status under this section may appeal against that decision to the Supreme Court.

(8) Provisions may be made by rules of court with respect to the procedure to be followed on appeals to the Supreme Court pursuant to subsection (7).

(9) A reference to a person who has been granted “Islander status” includes a reference to a person who was granted Belonger status (within the meaning of the Immigration Ordinance Cap.5.01 of the Revision of the Laws dated 31 August 2009 as amended) before the commencement of this Ordinance.

### **Burden of proof of Islander status**

**11.** In any question under this Ordinance whether a person is an Islander or is entitled to an exemption under this Ordinance, it shall lie on the person asserting it to prove that he or she is an Islander.

## PART III

### TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER STATUS COMMISSION

#### **Establishment of Turks and Caicos Islander Status Commission**

12. For the purposes of this Ordinance there is established a Commission to be called the Turks and Caicos Islander Status Commission.

#### **Functions of Commission**

13. (1) The Commission shall-

- (a) after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January each year, review applications for the grant of Islander status made under section 6(3);
- (b) make recommendations to the Governor for the grant of Islander status, which recommendation shall be made in writing not later than 31 October of each year; and
- (c) make recommendations for revocation of Islander status to the Governor on the grounds provided under section 10(4).

(2) For the purposes of the exercise of its functions, the Commission shall provide the Governor with such reports and other information as the he may require.

#### **Constitution of Commission**

14. The Commission shall consist of—

- (a) the Minister, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) four other members appointed by the Governor—
  - (i) two of whom shall be nominated for appointment by the Premier; and
  - (ii) two of whom shall be nominated for appointment by the Leader of the Opposition; and
- (c) the Attorney General or his representative, who shall be an *ex-officio* member.

#### **Disqualification from appointment**

15. A person is disqualified from appointment as a member—

- (a) if he is not an Islander; and

- (b) if he is an Islander, his name is not on the current Register of Electors in force in the Islands.

### **Tenure**

16. (1) A member, other than the Minister—

- (a) unless he sooner resigns or is removed from office, shall be appointed for a term of one year; and
- (b) shall not be eligible for re-appointment to the Commission until two years has passed since the expiry or termination of his last appointment to the Commission.

### **Termination of appointment**

17. (1) The Governor may at any time without cause terminate the appointment of an appointed member.

(2) An appointed member may at any time resign by giving notice in writing to the Governor, and his membership shall cease from the date the Governor receives the notice of resignation.

### **Meetings of Commission**

18. (1) The Commission shall meet as often as is necessary or expedient for the discharge of its functions, and such meetings shall be held at such place, day and time as the Chairman may determine.

(2) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Commission.

(3) Three members shall form a quorum at any meetings of the Commission.

(4) At a meeting of the Commission all questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting, and in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(5) The Attorney General or his representative shall attend all meetings of the Commission, but shall have no right to vote.

(6) Subject to this Ordinance, the Commission may make rules to regulate its proceedings.

### **Secretary of Commission**

19. (1) The Governor acting on the advice of the Minister shall appoint any public officer to be the Secretary of the Commission.

(2) The Secretary shall—

- (a) attend all meetings of the Commission but shall not vote on any matter or question before the Commission;
- (b) prepare minutes of the meetings of the Commission;
- (c) keep a record of the proceedings and decisions of the Commission;
- (d) receive applications for the grant of Islander status and review whether they are in order before submitting to the Commission for review;
- (e) cause publication of notice of applications received; and
- (f) attend to such other duties as the Chairman of the Commission may require.

(3) As soon as is practicable after every meeting of the Commission the Secretary shall furnish the Chairman and Governor with a copy of the minutes of meetings and proceedings of the Commission.

#### **Preservation of confidentiality of information obtained by Commission**

**20.** (1) A member of the Commission and a person who is lawfully connected with any business of the Commission shall regard and deal with any information relating to the business of any other person which he has obtained by virtue of such membership or connection as secret.

(2) A member of the Commission and a person referred to in subsection (1) shall not disclose or allow to be disclosed any information referred to in subsection (1) to anyone not lawfully entitled thereto.

(3) A person who without reasonable excuse discloses or allows to be disclosed information contrary to this section commits an offence and is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction to a fine of \$10,000 or a term of imprisonment of two years, or to both; and
- (b) if the offence is a continuing one, to a further fine not exceeding \$100 for every day or part of a day on which the offence has continued.

**Remuneration**

**21.** A member who is not a public officer shall be paid such remuneration as the Governor may determine

**Financial provisions**

**22.** Any expenses of the Commission incurred in the performance of its functions under this Ordinance, shall be payable out of money appropriated by the House of Assembly for the purpose.

## PART IV

## GENERAL

**Making false statements, furnishing false information**

**23.** (1) A person commits an offence if, he knowingly makes a false or misleading statement or knowingly furnishes false or misleading information in connection with an application for—

- (a) Islander status; and
- (b) a National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card.

(2) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) without lawful authority, he alters the National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card; or
- (b) he uses for the purpose of this Ordinance or has in his possession for such use, a forged National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$20,000 or a term of imprisonment of four years, or to both.

**Evidence by certificate**

**24.** In any proceedings for an offence under this Ordinance,—

- (a) a certificate signed by or on behalf of the Governor stating that, on any date, a person was or was not the holder of a National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Certificate or Card shall be evidence of the facts stated;
- (b) a certificate signed by or on behalf of the Governor stating that, on any date, a person was or was not the holder of a National Turks and Caicos

Islander Status Certificate or Card shall be evidence of the facts stated; and

- (c) a certificate stating that any of the matters mentioned and purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Governor, shall be presumed to be so signed unless the contrary is proved.

### **Amendment of Schedule**

25. The Governor may by Order published in the *Gazette*, amend a Schedule.

### **Transitional**

26. (1) The Governor may grant an application for Islander status to a person if—

- (a) the person was married to an Islander before 13 August 2012—
  - (i) for a period of at least five years at that date; or
  - (ii) and if the person was not married for a period of at least five years from that date, he continues to be married for a period of at least five years from 13 August 2012;
- (b) at the date of the application, the person continues to be married to an Islander; and
- (c) the application is made before the end of a period of three years starting with the date of commencement of this Ordinance.

(2) A person, who before 13 August 2012 had made an application for grant of Islander Status under the repealed Immigration Ordinance, whose application was approved but a certificate was not issued, shall be issued a certificate under this Ordinance.

(3) A person in subsection (2) shall apply in writing for the issue of a certificate, within twelve months of the commencement of this Ordinance, and shall provide such necessary supporting documents to prove that his application for grant of Islander status had been approved.

**SCHEDULE 1**

**FORMS**

FORM 1

*(section 5(1)(a))*

**APPLICATION FOR TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER  
STATUS BY SPOUSE OF TURKS AND CAICOS  
ISLANDER**

1. Name in Full: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
4. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Place and Date of Passport Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Full Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date and Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Nationality of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Spouse's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Spouse's Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Did your spouse become a Turks and Caicos Islander by marrying another Turks and Caicos Islander?  
**Yes**                      **No**                      **(Please circle)**

17. Are you currently living apart from your spouse living apart from your spouse under a deed of separation or a decree?

Yes                      No                      (Please circle)

18. Date of First Entry into the Turks and Caicos Islands: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Where have you lived in the past 10 (ten) years: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Please give details of your place(s) of residence during that period:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

21. Please give dates of absence from the Islands during that period:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION BY APPLICANT: I, \_\_\_\_\_**

(Name of Applicant)

of \_\_\_\_\_  
(address),

hereby declare that the information I have given in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that if I have made any false or misleading statements, I am liable to be prosecuted under section 97 of the Immigration Ordinance.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION BY SPOUSE OF APPLICANT: I, \_\_\_\_\_**

(Name of Spouse)

of \_\_\_\_\_ (address),

hereby declare that I have read the particulars contained in this application and that the particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make this declaration knowing that I am liable to be prosecuted under section 97 of Immigration Ordinance.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION DOCUMENT SUBMISSION FORM

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER STATUS BY SPOUSE OF A  
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER

*You must take a photocopy and the original documents to the One-Stop Shop.*

*The officer will verify your original documents, and return them to you.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Documents to be submitted by ALL applicants:**

( ) 2 x passport photos (must be passport photo size, with a white or cream background).

\*Please note that a computerised image is not acceptable – this must be a genuine passport photo.

( ) Birth certificate (if not in English, must be accompanied by a translated copy into English, signed by the translator and certified by a Justice of Peace of Notary Public)

( ) Police certificate (proving good character and issued in the last 6 months)

( ) Applicant's ID page of passport (photo page)

( ) Marriage certificate

( ) Spouse's ID page of passport (photo page)

( ) Treasury receipt for sum paid on submission of application.

**Evidence you have been residing in the islands for at least 2 years at the date of the application**

( ) Copy of pages from your passport (including exit and entry stamps)  
**AND**

( ) Residence permit(s)                    **OR**   ( ) Work permit(s)                    **OR**   ( ) PRC **OR**

( ) Letter from your employer confirming employment and length of time employed

**Evidence of your spouse's Turks and Caicos Islander status**

( ) Spouse's National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card

**If your spouse does not have a National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card:**

Spouse's birth certificate (if not in English, must be accompanied by a translated copy into English, signed by the translator and certified by a Justice of Peace or Notary Public)

Spouse's mother's and father's birth certificates (if spouse born outside)

Spouse's mother and father's marriage certificate (if spouse born outside TCI)

We may require extra documents to prove your spouse's Turks and Caicos Islander status if he or she do not have a National Turks and Caicos Islander Card.

Please note that you and your spouse will be interviewed by an Investigations Officer as part of the application process.

**(X) = to indicate that the document has been submitted with the application.**

FORM 2

(section 5(1)(b))

**APPLICATION FOR TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER STATUS**

**PART I**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Please write in BLOCK LETTERS WITH BLUE INK and tick where relevant.

Under what section are you applying?

- British Overseas Territory Citizen
- British Citizen

Name (as printed in the Passport/Identity Card):

TITLE:  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Other (Please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

|                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>SURNAME</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>OTHER NAMES:</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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1. Date of Birth:     /    /      
(DD/MM/YYYY)
2. Sex/Gender:  Male  Female
3. Country of Birth (including province/state):\_\_\_\_\_
4. Country of Citizenship (if more than 1, list all): (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_
5. Race/Ethnicity:\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Language spoken \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
7. Principal Address Inside the Turks and Caicos Islands:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Emails  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
National Health Insurance Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
National Insurance Number: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is your employment status?  
 Employed  Self-employed  Unemployed  Retired

9. If you are employed, what is your occupation?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

10. If you are employed, what is your average annual income range (in US\$)?  
 over \$150,000  \$100,000  \$75,000 to \$99,999  
 \$50,000 to \$74,999  \$25,000 to \$49,999  under \$24,999

Please list below information pertaining to the passport you have over the past five years up to date of this application. If you have two or more valid passports list all of them.

| Passport Number | Issuing Country | Date of Issue (DD/MM/YYYY) | Expiration Date (DD/MM/YYYY) |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                 |                 |                            |                              |
|                 |                 |                            |                              |

**PART II**

**INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DEPENDANTS**

11. What is your Marital Status (Attach appropriate certificate):

- Single  Married  Divorced

12. If married, please provide the following information regarding your Spouse

Name of Spouse (as in the Passport/Identity Card):

|                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>SPOUSE'S SURNAME:</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

|                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

|                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>OTHER NAMES:</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

13. Spouse's Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 (DD/MM/YYYY)

14. Sex/Gender:  Male  Female

15. Spouse's Country of Birth (including province/state): \_\_\_\_\_

16. Spouse's Country of Citizenship (if more than 1, list all): (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_

17. Spouse's Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ **18. Languages**  
 spoken. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

19. Is your spouse presently residing in the Turks and Caicos Islands? ( )  
Yes ( ) No
20. If the answer to above question is "No", does your spouse intend to reside in the Islands with you?  
( ) Yes ( ) No
21. Does your spouse intend to seek employment in Islands: ( )  
( ) Yes ( ) No
22. What is your Spouse's Occupation?  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. What is your spouse's employment status?  
( ) Employed ( ) Self-employed ( ) Unemployed ( ) Retired
24. If your spouse is employed, what is his/her average annual income range?  
( ) over \$150,000 ( ) \$100,000 to \$150,000 ( ) \$75,000 to \$99,999  
( ) \$50,000 to \$74,999 ( ) \$25,000 to \$49,999 ( ) under \$24,999

Please list below information pertaining to the passport that your spouse have used over the past five years up to date of this application. If he/she has two or more valid passports, you are required to list ALL of them.

| Passport Number | Issuing Country | Date of Issue (DD-MM-YYYY) | Expiration Date (DD-MM-YYYY) |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                 |                 |                            |                              |
|                 |                 |                            |                              |

Please provide the following information with respect to each of your children under 18 years of age. (Attach extra sheets as required and number children sequentially):

25. How many children do you have?  
( ) 3 ( ) 2 ( ) 1 ( ) other (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)

CHILD 1

|                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>SURNAME:</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

|                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>FIRST NAME</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

|                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>OTHER NAMES:</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

26. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(DD/MM/YYYY)

27. Sex/Gender:    ( ) Male    ( ) Female
28. Country of Birth (including province/state):\_\_\_\_\_
29. Country of Citizenship (if more than 1, list all): (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_
30. Race/Ethnicity:\_\_\_\_\_    31. Languages spoken. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
32. Is the child NAMED ABOVE attending school in the islands?  
( ) Yes    ( ) No
33. If your answer to question 32 is no, do you intend for this child to reside in the Islands?  
( ) Yes    ( ) No
34. If Yes, what provisions will you make for schooling?:  
( ) Public School ( ) Private School
35. Intended name and address of school:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list below information pertaining to the passport that the above named child have used over the past five years up to the date of this application. If he/she has two or more valid passports, you are required to list ALL of them.

| Passport Number | Issuing Country | Date of Issue (DD/MM/YYYY) | Expiration Date (DD/MM/YYYY) |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                 |                 |                            |                              |
|                 |                 |                            |                              |

CHILD 2

|              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| SURNAME:     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FIRST NAME   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OTHER NAMES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |

36. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)
37. Sex/Gender:    ( ) Male    ( ) Female

38. Country of Birth (including province/state): \_\_\_\_\_
39. Country of Citizenship (if more than 1, list all): (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_
40. Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ 41. Languages spoken: \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_
42. Is the child NAMED ABOVE attending school in the islands?  
( ) Yes ( ) No
43. If your answer to question 42 is no, do you intend for this child to reside in the Islands?  
( ) Yes ( ) No
44. If Yes, what provisions will you make for schooling?:  
( ) Public School ( ) Private School
45. Intended name and address of school:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list below information pertaining to the passport that the above named child have used over the past five years up to the date of this application. If he/she has two or more valid passports, you are required to list ALL of them.

| Passport Number | Issuing Country | Date of Issue (DD/MM/YYYY) | Expiration Date (DD/MM/YYYY) |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                 |                 |                            |                              |
|                 |                 |                            |                              |

CHILD 3

|                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>SURNAME:</b>     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>FIRST NAME</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>OTHER NAMES:</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |

46. Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)
47. Sex/Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female
48. Country of Birth (including province/state):  
\_\_\_\_\_
49. Country of Citizenship (if more than 1, list all): (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

50. Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ 51. Languages spoken. \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_

52. Is the child NAMED ABOVE attending school in the islands? ( )  
 Yes ( ) No

53. If your answer to question 52 is no, do you intend for this child to  
 reside in the Islands? ( ) Yes ( ) No

54. If Yes, what provisions will you make for schooling?:  
 ( ) Public School ( ) Private School

55. Intended name and address of school:

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Please list below information pertaining to the passport that the above  
 named child have used over the past five years up to the date of this  
 application. If he/she has two or more valid passports, you are  
 required to list ALL of them.

| Passport<br>Number | Issuing<br>Country | Date of Issue<br>(DD/MM/YYYY) | Expiration Date<br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                    |                    |                               |                                 |
|                    |                    |                               |                                 |

### PART III

#### INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION AND SKILLS

EARLY EDUCATION (If you require more space to provide  
 additional information, please attach an additional page.)

|                           |   |                |   |
|---------------------------|---|----------------|---|
| <b>56. Primary School</b> |   |                |   |
| <b>Name of School</b>     |   |                |   |
| <b>Address of School</b>  |   |                |   |
| <b>Country</b>            |   |                |   |
| <b>Date Enrolled</b>      | <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY)             | Date Completed | <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |
| <b>Reason for leaving</b> | ( ) Graduation ( ) Transfer ( ) Other (please specify: _____) |                |   |

|                             |
|-----------------------------|
| <b>57. Secondary School</b> |
|-----------------------------|

|                           |  |                |  |
|---------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| <b>Name of School</b>     |  |                |  |
| <b>Address of School</b>  |  |                |  |
| <b>Country</b>            |  |                |  |
| <b>Date Enrolled</b>      | <u>   </u> / <u>   </u> / <u>   </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY)   | Date Completed | <u>   </u> / <u>   </u> / <u>   </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |
| <b>Reason for leaving</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify: _____) |                |  |

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION (If you need to provide additional information, please attach an additional page.)

|  |   |                |  |
|--|---|----------------|--|
| <b>Name of Institution 1</b>               |   |                |  |
| <b>Address of Institution</b>              |   |                |  |
| <b>Country</b>                             |   |                |  |
| <b>Date Enrolled</b>                       | <u>   </u> / <u>   </u> / <u>   </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY)  | Date Completed | <u>   </u> / <u>   </u> / <u>   </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |
| <b>Course Pursued</b>                      | 58.   |                |  |
| <b>Certificate/Diploma/Degree Obtained</b> | 59. <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate |                |  |
| <b>Name of Institution 2</b>               |   |                |  |
| <b>Address of Institution</b>              |   |                |  |
| <b>Country</b>                             |   |                |  |
| <b>Date Enrolled</b>                       | <u>   </u> / <u>   </u> / <u>   </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY)  | Date Completed | <u>   </u> / <u>   </u> / <u>   </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |
| <b>Course Pursued</b>                      | 60.   |                |  |
| <b>Certificate/Diploma/Degree Obtained</b> | 61. <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate |                |  |

List ALL Trade or Professional Bodies or Associations with which you are affiliated:

|                               |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Name of Association</b>    | 62.  |  |
| <b>Address of Institution</b> |  |  |
| <b>Country</b>                |  |  |
| <b>Date of Membership</b>     | <u>   </u> / <u>   </u> / <u>   </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |  |

|                               |   |  |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Name of Association</b>    | <b>63.</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Address of Institution</b> |   |  |  |
| <b>Country</b>                |   |  |  |
| <b>Date of Membership</b>     | <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |  |  |

**64.** Give details of ALL Disciplinary Action to which you have been subject by such Body or Association:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Give the following information regarding your PAST working experience. (Use extra sheet as needed):

|                                |   |                       |   |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Name of Employer 1</b>      |   |                       |   |
| <b>Job Title</b>               |   |                       |   |
| <b>Key tasks performed</b>     | <b>65.</b>  |                       |   |
| <b>Country</b>                 |   |                       |   |
| <b>Date Employed Started</b>   | <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) | Date Employment Ended | <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |
| <b>Reason Employment Ended</b> |   |                       |   |
| <b>Name of Employer 2</b>      |   |                       |   |
| <b>Job Title</b>               |   |                       |   |
| <b>Key tasks performed</b>     | <b>66.</b>  |                       |   |
| <b>Country</b>                 |   |                       |   |
| <b>Date Employed Started</b>   | <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) | Date Employment Ended | <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |
| <b>Reason Employment Ended</b> |   |                       |   |
| <b>Name of Employer 1</b>      |   |                       |   |
| <b>Job Title</b>               |   |                       |   |
| <b>Key tasks performed</b>     | <b>67.</b>  |                       |   |
| <b>Country</b>                 |   |                       |   |
| <b>Date Employed Started</b>   | <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) | Date Employment Ended | <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u><br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |

|                                |                          |                       |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|                                |                          | Ended                 |                          |
| <b>Reason Employment Ended</b> |                          |                       |                          |
| <b>Name of Employer 1</b>      |                          |                       |                          |
| <b>Job Title</b>               |                          |                       |                          |
| <b>Key tasks performed</b>     | 68.                      |                       |                          |
| <b>Country</b>                 |                          |                       |                          |
| <b>Date Employed Started</b>   | __/__/__<br>(DD/MM/YYYY) | Date Employment Ended | __/__/__<br>(DD/MM/YYYY) |
| <b>Reason Employment Ended</b> |                          |                       |                          |

**PART IV**

**INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RESIDENCE IN THE ISLANDS**

**69.** How long have you been living in the Turks and Caicos Islands?  
 Under 1 year       2 to 5 years       6 to 10 years  
 11 to 15 years       16 to 20 years       21 to 25 years  
 Above 25 years

**70.** What type of residence do you live in?  
 with a relative or friend     Rented Apartment/House     Own Home

**71.** If you own your own home, is it mortgaged?  Yes       No

**72.** if you own your own home, what is the title number for your property? (Please attach it)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**73.** If you are a **British Overseas Territory Citizen** (TCI) please provide information regarding your absence from the territory over the past 5 years. (Attach an additional sheet if needed.) (would this not apply to everyone?)

| <b>Country you travelled to</b> | <b>Purpose for travel</b> | <b>Date of Departure from the TCI (DD/MM/YYYY)</b> | <b>Date of Return to Turks and Caicos (DD/MM/YYYY)</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
|                                 |                           |  |  |
|                                 |                           |  |  |
|                                 |                           |  |  |
|                                 |                           |  |  |



Municipality/City/Country/State/Province/Country where Convicted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

82. Has sentence been served: ( ) Yes ( ) No

83. Date sentence completed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)

84. Is conviction spent: ( ) Yes ( ) No

Give the following information in respect of all convictions ever recorded your **SPOUSE**. (Use additional sheet as needed)

85. Was your spouse ever convicted: ( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, date of Conviction: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)

86. Nature of offence:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date sentence completed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)

Municipality/City/Country/State/Province/Country where Convicted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

87. Has sentence been served: ( ) Yes ( ) No

88. Date sentence completed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)

89. Is conviction spent: ( ) Yes ( ) No

90. Date discharged: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)

PART VI  
DECLARATIONS

Declaration by Applicant:

I have read and I understand the applicable regulatory conditions of the grant of a Turks and Caicos Islander Status as specified in the Immigration Ordinance.

The information as set out in **ALL** Parts are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that all documents submitted in support of this application are true and authentic copies of the original document.

I understand that I commit an offence under the Immigration Ordinance if I knowingly make a false or misleading statement or knowingly furnish false or misleading information or have in my possession and supply any forged, altered or irregular certificate, passport, visa or other document in connection with this application.

I further give consents to the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands and any statutory authorities thereof, to obtain from and verify information with any person, organization, or any other source; and further, to the release of all information thereby obtained to the Government of Turks and Caicos Islands, Statutory Authorities and authorised agents thereof, for the purpose of assessing this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
DD/MM/YYYY)

Declaration by an Agency:

(Applicable if the Applicant engage the services of an Agency/Agent)

I, the undersigned, am the Agency personnel authorised to handle this application.

I have explained the contents of the application and the applicable regulatory conditions of the grant of Turks and Caicos Islander Status, as specified in the Immigration Ordinance.

The information as set out in this Application are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the authorised Public Officer has seen all of the original documents and all documents submitted in support of this application are true and authentic copies of the original document.

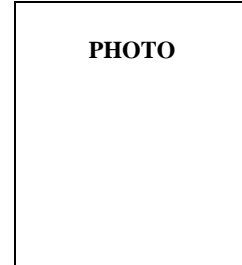
Name of the Authorised Agency Personnel \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorised Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Authorised Agency Personnel Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Authorised Agent Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)



**NATIONAL TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER STATUS  
CERTIFICATE**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY  
THAT** \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_, **TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS**

has with effect from this day been granted Turks and Caicos Islander Status  
for all purposes of the Immigration Ordinance.

Given this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 .

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

FORM 4

(section 8(2))

**APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER  
STATUS CARD**

**1. APPLICANT**

(a) **Applicant's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

(b) **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
DD/MM/YYYY

(c) **Sex**       Male       Female

(d) **Marital Status**     Married     Single     Divorce  
 Widow/Widower

(e) **Country of Birth:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

(f) **Nationality**  
\_\_\_\_\_

(g) **Contact Information**

(i) Present Address  
\_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Email  
\_\_\_\_\_

(iii) Telephone Number  
\_\_\_\_\_

(h) **How did you become a Turks and Caicos Islander?**

- Birth in the Islands to a Turks and Caicos Islander
- Adoption
- Marriage
- Descent (birth outside the islands to a Turks and Caicos Islander parent who was born in the Islands)
- Bestowal/Grant
- Naturalization/Registration

(i) Were /Are your parents married to each other?  Yes     No

(j) Date you became a Turks and Caicos Islander

(k) Certificate number if Turks and Caicos Islander by grant

**2. APPLICANT'S FATHER**

(a) **Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

(b) **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
DD/MM/YYYY

(c) **Country of Birth:**

(d) **Nationality**

**3. APPLICANT'S MOTHER**

(a) **Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

(b) **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
DD/MM/YYYY

(c) **Country of Birth:**

(d) **Nationality**

**4. APPLICANT'S ADOPTED FATHER (if applicable)**

(a) **Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

(b) **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
DD/MM/YYYY

(c) **Date of Adoption:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
DD/MM/YYYY

(d) **Country of Birth:**

(e) **Nationality**



(i) Marriage certificate number (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_

(j) Have you ever been divorced?  Yes  No

(k) What is the name of your former husband or wife?

\_\_\_\_\_

(l) Date of Divorce: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
DD/MM/YYYY

7. (a) Were you naturalised/registered in the islands before 19<sup>th</sup> September 1990?

Yes  No

(b) On what date were you naturalized/registered?

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
DD/MM/YYYY

8. Are a commonwealth citizen, by virtue of your parents AND were born in the islands before 1<sup>st</sup> November 1992?

Yes  No

9. (a) Were you are a Commonwealth citizen who has been ordinarily resident in the islands before 1<sup>st</sup> June 1964.

Yes  No

(b) Where did you reside at that time?

\_\_\_\_\_

(c) During which period you reside in the islands?

From: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
DD/MM/YYYY DD/MM/YYYY

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DECLARATIONS**

I hereby certify that all of the information I have furnished on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and all documents which I have supplied are **authentic**. I understand that any **misleading** information may result in **criminal prosecution**.

10. **APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Official use ONLY**

**Date Processed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Processing Officer** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED: (Originals MUST be presented)**

**Please note that laminated documents will not be accepted for National Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card applications.**

- (a) Applicant's Birth Certificate [ ]
- (b) Applicant's Marriage Certificate [ ]
- (c) Mother's/Father's Birth Certificate [ ]
- (d) Applicant's Adoption Certificate (where applicable) [ ]
- (e) Applicant's Divorce Certificate (where applicable) [ ]
- (f) Applicant's Turks and Caicos Islander Certificate [ ]
- (g) Applicant's Husband's/Wife's Birth Certificate [ ]
- (h) 2 certified passport sized photographs of applicant [ ]
- (i) Applicant's Naturalization/Registration Certificate [ ]
- (j) Evidence of Residence in the islands (where applicable) [ ]

**PHOTOS**

If you wish, please note that two recent (**no more than 1 month old**), identical passport size photos of the applicant are to be produced with this application. **The Photos should be on a light grey or cream background.** IF YOU DO NOT BRING PHOTOS THEY CAN BE TAKEN AT THE REGISTRATION CENTRE.

Photo is to be endorsed by one of the following who has known you personally for at least two years: Minister of Religion, Justice of the Peace, Senior Civil Servant, Principal, Police Officer above the rank of Sergeant, Doctor, Notary Public or person of similar standing. **Please note that no member of your family should countersign your photo.**

The endorsement should read:

I certify that this is a true likeness of Mr./Mrs/Ms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*And add his/her signature and the date.*

**CONDITIONS FOR COLLECTING NATIONAL TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER STATUS CARDS**

Please note that applicants who are 18 years of age and over are expected to appear in person to receive their Card. If the applicant cannot appear in person and would like to have someone collect his/her Card, this person must have a **typed and signed letter of consent** from the applicant allowing him/her to collect the Card as well as a valid picture ID for verification.

In the case of persons under the age of 18, either parent of the child is required to appear in person to receive the child's Card. (bring along a valid picture ID!) Any other person, who is not the parent of the child, is

required to produce a **typed and signed letter of consent** from the mother or father along with a valid picture ID, to collect the child's Card.

**All consent letters must be typed on a plain sheet of 8.5" X 11" sized paper. It should include the date, applicant's name, the collector's name, and the applicant's signature.**

**The National Turks and Card Islander Status Card may not be released if the applicant fails to comply.**

National Turks and Card Islander Status Cards cannot be mailed nor can they be collected by anyone under the age of eighteen.

**NATIONAL TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER STATUS  
CARD**

FORM 5

*(section 8(3))*

**NATIONAL TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDER STATUS CARD**

**PHOTO**

**Number:**

**Gender:**

**Place of Birth:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Date of Issue:**

**Name:**

**BACK OF CARD**

This card is issued to the holder in accordance with the Turks and Caicos  
Islander Status Ordinance.

If found please contact telephone number 1 (649) 946-2801.

Alternatively please refer to Turks and Caicos Islands Government website  
for additional contact information and guidance on how to return the card.

**Signature:**

## SCHEDULE 2

*(section 8)*

| FEES   |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| <b>A</b><br><b>Category</b>  | <b>B</b><br><b>Fees</b> |
| <b>Turks and Caicos Islander Status</b>  |                         |
| Non Refundable Administrative fee  | \$150                   |
| Turks and Caicos Islander Status via<br>Marriage                               | 1,500                   |
| Turks and Caicos Islander Status via British<br>Overseas Territory Citizenship | 5,000                   |
| Turks and Caicos Islander Status via British<br>Citizenship                    | 5,000                   |
| <b>Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card</b>                                   | 50                      |

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The purpose of the Bill is provide for a separate Ordinance dealing with the Turks and Caicos Islander Status, and to make new provision for the acquisition of Islander status in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

### **BILL**

#### **PART I- Preliminary**

**Clause 1** provides for the short title and for a commencement date of the Ordinance to be appointed by the Governor.

**Clause 2** defines certain terms used in the Bill. It also explains how certain expressions are to be construed.

#### **PART II – Turks and Caicos Islander Status**

**Clause 3** sets out the circumstances in which an individual is entitled as of right to the status of Turks and Caicos Islander.

**Clause 4** sets out circumstances in which the Governor may grant Island status to individuals who satisfy certain criteria. In general terms this relates to persons who are British Overseas Territories Citizens or British Citizens who satisfy specified residence requirements in the Islands and to spouses and dependants of those who have Islander status in their own right.

**Clause 5** provides for the application of Islander Status.

**Clause 6** provides for publication of application, list of recommendation made to the Governor, and persons the Governor intends to grant Islander Status to be made in a newspaper of local circulation.

**Clause 7** provides for the issue of a Turks and Caicos Islander Status Certificate which is evidence of the fact that a person has been granted Islander status.

**Clause 8** provides for the issue of a Turks and Caicos Islander Status Card which is evidence of the fact that a person has been is an Islander.

**Clause 9** provides for the fees.

**Clause 10** gives the Governor power to revoke Islander status in certain circumstances.

**Clause 11** places the burden of proving that an individual has Islander status on the person claiming it.

### **PART III – Turks and Caicos Islander Status Commission**

**Clause 12** establishes the Turks and Caicos Islander Status Commission

**Clause 13** provides the functions of the Commission which shall be to review applications for the grant of Islander status, except applications for grant of status by marriage; make recommendations to the Governor for the grant of Islander status; and make recommendations for revocation of Islander status to the Governor on the grounds provided under section 9(4).

**Clause 14** provides the membership of the commission which shall consist of the Minister responsible for Immigration and four other members appointed by the Governor on nomination made to him by the Premier and the leader of the opposition.

**Clause 15** provides that a person who is not an Islander or is registered in the current Register of voters shall not be appointed as a member of the Commission.

**Clause 16** provides the term of membership to be one year and that members shall not be re-appointed.

**Clause 17** provides for termination of membership, whilst **clause 18** provides for the meetings.

**Clause 19** provides for a public offer to be appointed as secretary of the Commission.

**Clause 20** provides for preservation of confidentiality and makes it an offence to breach confidentiality.

**Clause 21** provides for remuneration of members of the Commission; whilst **Clause 22** provides that expenses of the Commission shall be from moneys appropriated to them by the House of Assembly.

### **PART V - General**

**Clause 23** makes it an offence to make a false or misleading statement or furnish false or misleading information for the purpose of obtaining Islander status or an Islander status card. It is also an offence to alter the Islander status card. without authority..

**Clause 24** provides that a certificate of the Director of Immigration as to certain matters is presumed to be evidence of what it says unless the contrary is proved.

**Clause 25** empowers the Governor to amend the Schedules, and **clause 26** makes certain transitional provisions.

**Schedule 1** provides for the forms

**Schedule 2** provides the fees.