

# Caymanian Protection (Fees) Regulations, 2026

Amended Fees



## Right to Be Caymanian

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee           | New Fee     |
|--|------------------------|-------------|
| Application to the Director of WORC for the acknowledgment of the right to be Caymanian by entitlement     | \$250.00               | \$1,000.00  |
| Application for the Right to be Caymanian by Cabinet   | Nil                    | \$1,000.00  |
| Grant of the Right to be Caymanian by Cabinet  | \$1,000.00             | \$10,000.00 |
| Application for the Right to be Caymanian - grounds of descent   | \$250.00               | Nil         |
| Grant of the Right to be Caymanian - grounds of descent  | \$1,000.00             | Nil         |
| Application for the Right to be Caymanian - grounds of naturalisation                                      | \$250.00               | \$1,000.00  |
| Grant of the Right to be Caymanian - grounds of naturalisation   | \$1,000.00             | \$5,000.00  |
| Application for the Right to be Caymanian - grounds of marriage to or civil partnership with a Caymanian   | \$250.00               | \$500.00    |
| Grant of the Right to be Caymanian - grounds of marriage to or civil partnership with a Caymanian          | \$1,000.00             | \$2,000.00  |
| Filing of annual declaration by a person granted the Right to be Caymanian under section 28(^A) of the Act | <b>Newly Added Fee</b> | \$100.00    |

## Specialist Caregivers And Commercial Farmhands

| Subject Matter  | Previous Fee           | New Fee  |
|---|------------------------|--|
| Application for the grant or renewal of a Certificate for Specialist Caregivers                 | \$100.00               | \$150.00   |
| Application for the variation of a Certificate for a Specialist Caregiver to a different holder | \$100.00               | \$150.00   |
| Application for the grant or renewal of a Certificate for Commercial Farmhands                  | \$1,000.00             | \$150.00   |
| Issue fee for the grant or renewal of a Certificate for Commercial Farmhands                    | <b>Newly Added Fee</b> | Fee varies (see Schedule of Annual Work Permit Fees) |

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## Permanent Residence - Surviving Spouse or Civil Partner of a Caymanian

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee           | New Fee                       |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Annual fee where the dependant has been included in the original application for, or has subsequently been added to, a Residency and Employment Rights Certificate as the survive spouse or civil partner of a Caymanian - | <b>Newly Added Fee</b> | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual work permit fee for the holder is \$2,100 or less   |                        | \$350.00 per dependant        |
| (b) where annual work permit fee for the holder is between \$2,101 and \$10,400  |                        | \$525.00 per dependant        |
| (c) where annual work permit fee for the holder is more than \$10,400  |                        | \$750.00 per dependant        |
| Application for the variation of a Residency and Employment Rights Certificate as the surviving spouse or civil partner of a Caymanian   |                        | \$500.00                      |
| Residency for the Residency and Employment Rights Certificate fee where the surviving spouse or civil partner of a Caymanian has not re-married a non-Caymanian  |                        | Nil                           |

## Permanent Residence - Eight Year Residence

| Subject Matter  | Previous Fee           | New Fee                       |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Application for Residency and Employment Rights Certificate for persons who have been legally and ordinarily resident in the Islands for a minimum period of eight years —                  | \$1,000.00             | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual work permit fee for the holder is \$2,100 or less  |                        | \$1,500.00                    |
| (b) where annual work permit fee for the holder is between \$2,101 and \$10,400   |                        | \$2,500.00                    |
| (c) where annual work permit fee for the holder is more than \$10,400   |                        | \$5,000.00                    |
| Annual Dependant fee where the dependant has been included in the original application for or has subsequently been added on variation to, the grant or renewal of a permanent residence. — | <b>Newly Added Fee</b> | \$500.00                      |
| (a) where annual work permit fee for the holder is \$2,100 or less  |                        | \$350.00 per dependant        |
| (b) where annual work permit fee for the holder is between \$2,101 and \$10,400   |                        | \$525.00 per dependant        |
| (c) where annual work permit fee for the holder is more than \$10,400   |                        | \$750.00 per dependant        |
| Filing fee associated with the filing of annual declarations by the holder  | <b>Newly Added Fee</b> | \$250.00                      |

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## Residency And Employment Rights Certificate - Spouse Or Civil Partner Of A Caymanian

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee           | New Fee  |
|--|------------------------|----------|
| Filing of annual declaration by the spouse or civil partner of a Caymanian holding a Residency and Employment Rights Certificate | <b>Newly Added Fee</b> | \$100.00 |

## Residency Certificate - Persons Of Independent Means

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee           | New Fee                            |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Issue of Residency Certificate for Persons of Independent Means  | \$20,000.00            | \$50,000.00                        |
| Issue fee where a dependant has been included in the original application for, or has subsequently been added to, a Residency Certificate for Persons of Independent Means | \$1,000.00             | \$3,000.00 per dependant           |
| Dependant fee  | \$1,000.00             | \$3,000.00 per dependant per annum |
| Filing fee associated with the filing of annual declarations by persons who are holders of Residency Certificates for Persons of Independent Means                         | <b>Newly Added Fee</b> | \$500.00                           |

## Certificate Of Direct Investment

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee           | New Fee                            |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Issue of Certificate of Direct Investment  | \$20,000.00            | \$50,000.00                        |
| Issue fee where a dependant has been included in the original application for, or has subsequently been added to, a Certificate of Direct Investment | \$1,000.00             | \$3,000.00 per dependant           |
| Dependant fee  | \$1,000.00             | \$3,000.00 per dependant per annum |
| Fee for the filing of an annual declaration on behalf of the holder and the holder's dependants  | <b>Newly Added Fee</b> | \$500.00                           |

## Miscellaneous Fees

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee | New Fee    |
|--|--------------|------------|
| Issue of Re-entry permit or stamp                          | \$20.00      | \$50.00    |
| Copy of Document   | \$10.00      | \$20.00    |
| Application fee for appeal to Immigration Appeals Tribunal | \$1,000.00   | \$3,000.00 |

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## Residency Certificate (Substantial Business Presence)

| Subject Matter  | Previous Fee           | New Fee                            |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Issue fee for Residency Certificate (Substantial Business Presence)   | \$5,000.00             | \$12,500.00                        |
| Issue fee where a dependant has been included in the original application for, or has subsequently been added to, a Residency Certificate (Substantial Business Presence) | \$1,000.00             | \$3,000.00 per dependant           |
| Dependant fee   | \$1,000.00             | \$3,000.00 per dependant per annum |
| Fee for the filing of an annual declaration on behalf of the holder and their dependants  | <b>Newly Added Fee</b> | \$500.00                           |

## Business Staffing Plans

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee | New Fee  |
|--|--------------|----------|
| Application for the submission of a Business Staffing Plan             | \$250.00     | \$350.00 |
| Application for the variation or amendment of a Business Staffing Plan | \$200.00     | \$300.00 |

## Re-Issue Of Immigration Documents

| Subject Matter  | Previous Fee           | New Fee  |
|---|------------------------|----------|
| For each re-issue of an amended work permit or approval letter regarding change of passport number and name | <b>Newly Added Fee</b> | \$100.00 |
| Issue of duplicate Certificate of the Right to be Caymanian   | \$50.00                | \$75.00  |
| Issue of duplicate Residency and Employment Rights Certificate  | \$50.00                | \$100.00 |
| Issue of duplicate Residency Certificate (Substantial Business Presence)                                    | \$50.00                | \$100.00 |
| Issue of duplicate Certificate of Direct Investment   | \$50.00                | \$100.00 |
| Issue of duplicate Residency Certificate for Retirees   | \$50.00                | \$100.00 |
| Issue of duplicate Certificate for Specialist Caregivers  | \$50.00                | \$75.00  |
| Issue of duplicate Certificate of Permanent Residence for Persons of Independent Means                      | \$50.00                | \$100.00 |

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## Business Visitors' Permit

| Subject Matter                            | Previous Fee | New Fee  |
|---|--------------|----------|
| Application for Business Visitors' Permit | \$50.00      | \$500.00 |

### Business Visitors' Permit and Express Determination Fees:

The table below shows the annual and express fees for the determination of business visitors' permits

| Range of Fees   | Grand Cayman   | Cayman Brac & Little Cayman                                 | Express Fees |
|---|--|---|--------------|
| (a) where the occupation of the business visitor would attract an annual work permit fee of between \$10,401 and \$32,400 | \$750 per visit per person in the relevant calendar year | \$562.50 per visit per person in the relevant calendar year | \$400.00     |
| (b) where the occupation of the business visitor would attract an annual work permit fee of between \$2,101 and \$10,400  | \$375 per visit per person in the relevant calendar year | \$281.25 per visit per person in the relevant calendar year | \$350.00     |
| (c) where the occupation of the business visitor would attract an annual work permit fee of \$2,100 or less.              | \$150 per visit per person in the relevant calendar year | \$112.50 per visit per person in the relevant calendar year | \$250.00     |

## Temporary Work Permit

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee | New Fee                       |
|--|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Application for the grant of a temporary work permit —   | \$70.00      | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual permit fee is \$2,100 or less;  |              | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400;  |              | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400   |              | \$500.00                      |
| Application for the extension of a temporary work permit in accordance with the Immigration (Transition) (Temporary Work Permits and business Visitors' Permits) Regulations (2024 Revision) | \$70.00      | \$250.00                      |
| Application for the variation of a temporary work permit in accordance with the Immigration (Transition) (Temporary Work Permits and Business Visitors' Permits) Regulations (2024 Revision) | \$70.00      | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual work permit fee is \$2,100 or less  |              | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400   |              | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400   |              | \$500.00                      |

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## Temporary Work Permit - Seasonal Worker

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee | New Fee                       |
|--|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Application for the grant of a temporary work permit —                         | \$70.00      | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual permit fee is \$2,100 or less;                                |              | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400;                |              | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400                         |              | \$500.00                      |
| Application for the variation of a temporary work permit for a seasonal worker | \$70.00      | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual work permit fee is \$2,100 or less)                           |              | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400                 |              | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400                         |              | \$500.00                      |

## Temporary Work Permit - Entertainer

| Subject Matter  | Previous Fee | New Fee  |
|---|--------------|----------|
| Application for the grant of a temporary work permit for an entertainer | \$70.00      | \$250.00 |
| Application for the variation of a temporary work permit                | \$70.00      | \$250.00 |

### Temporary Work Permit Fees and Express Determination of Temporary Work Permit Fees:

The table below shows the express fees for applications and work permit fees for the grant or renewal of temporary work permits for up to ninety days. Where the work permit is valid for a period between ninety-one days and one hundred and eighty days, the fee payable is fifty percent of the cost of an annual work permit

| Range of Fees   | Grand Cayman | Cayman Brac & Little Cayman | Express Fees |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| (a) where the annual work permit fee payable is \$375 or less                 | \$100.00     | \$75.00                     | \$300.00     |
| (b) where the annual work permit fee payable is between \$376 and \$875       | \$200.00     | \$150.00                    | \$450.00     |
| (c) where the annual work permit fee payable is between \$876 and \$2,100     | \$300.00     | \$225.00                    | \$600.00     |
| (d) where the annual work permit fee payable is between \$2,101 and \$10,400  | \$750.00     | \$563.00                    | \$750.00     |
| (e) where the annual work permit fee payable is between \$10,401 and \$32,400 | \$1,500.00   | \$1,125.00                  | \$900.00     |

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## Working By Operation Of Law

| Subject Matter  | Previous Fee | New Fee                       |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Application fee   | \$100.00     | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual permit fee is \$2,100 or less;                 |              | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400; |              | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400          |              | \$500.00                      |

## Annual Work Permit - Grant

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee | New Fee                       |
|--|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Application for the grant of a work permit —   | \$100.00     | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual permit fee is \$2,100 or less;  |              | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400;  |              | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400   |              | \$500.00                      |
| Application for the variation of a work permit —   | \$100.00     | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual work permit fee is \$2,100 or less)   |              | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400   |              | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400   |              | \$500.00                      |
| Annual dependant fee where the dependant has been included in the original application for, or has been added subsequently on variation to the grant or renewal of a work permit | \$500.00     | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual work permit fee is \$2,100 or less)   |              | \$350.00 per dependant        |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400   |              | \$525.00 per dependant        |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400   |              | \$750.00 per dependant        |
| Non-refundable repatriation fee  | \$200.00     | \$250.00                      |

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## Annual Work Permit -Renewal

| Subject Matter   | Previous Fee  | New Fee                       |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Application for the renewal of a work permit —   | \$100.00  | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual permit fee is \$2,100 or less;  |   | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400;  |   | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400   |   | \$500.00                      |
| Application for the variation of a work permit —   | \$100.00  | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual work permit fee is \$2,100 or less)   |   | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400   |   | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400   |   | \$500.00                      |
| Annual dependant fee where the dependant has been included in the original application for, or has subsequently been added on variation to the grant or renewal of a work permit | \$250 per dependant per annum & \$500 per dependant per annum | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual work permit fee is \$2,100 or less)   |   | \$350.00 per dependant        |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400   |   | \$525.00 per dependant        |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400   |   | \$750.00 per dependant        |

### Annual Work Permit and Express Determination Fees:

The table below shows the work permit fees and express determination fees for the grant or renewal of an annual work permit.

| Range of Fees   | Express Fees |
|---|--------------|
| (a) where the annual work permit fee payable is \$375 or less                 | \$100.00     |
| (b) where the annual work permit fee payable is between \$376 and \$875       | \$150.00     |
| (c) where the annual work permit fee payable is between \$876 and \$2,100     | \$200.00     |
| (d) where the annual work permit fee payable is between \$2,101 and \$10,400  | \$250.00     |
| (e) where the annual work permit fee payable is between \$10,401 and \$32,400 | \$300.00     |

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## Permission Granted By Director Of WORC To Remain In Employment And To Have Such Permission Varied:

| Subject Matter  | Previous Fee | New Fee                       |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Application to the Director of WORC for permission to continue in employment whilst awaiting the determination of a permanent residence application —                         | \$100.00     | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual permit fee is \$2,100 or less;   |              | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400;   |              | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400  |              | \$500.00                      |
| Application to the Director of WORC for the variation of permission granted in respect of employment whilst awaiting the determination of a permanent residence application — | \$100.00     | <b>Fee varies (see below)</b> |
| (a) where annual work permit fee is \$2,100 or less)  |              | \$150.00                      |
| (b) where annual work permit fee is between \$2,101 - \$10,400  |              | \$250.00                      |
| (c) where annual work permit fee is more than \$10,400  |              | \$500.00                      |

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