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The Bahamas

Crypto Tax & Residency

A complete breakdown of the 0% tax environment, residency pathways, and what it actually costs to relocate.



OVERVIEW

One of the few true 0% jurisdictions

The Bahamas is one of the few jurisdictions where a true zero-percent personal tax environment exists.

0% Personal Income Tax	0% Capital Gains Tax
0% Wealth Tax	0% Inheritance Tax

For crypto holders, this creates a clean structure. Most activity is not taxed at the individual level once you are a tax resident.

Important caveat

The Bahamas is not a low-effort option. Entry costs are high, living costs are high, and banking requires strong documentation.

0%

PERSONAL TAX RATE

\$750K

FAST-TRACK RESIDENCY

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01 Tax Treatment of Crypto

How the Bahamas handles personal income, capital gains, trading profits, staking, and airdrops — and what residency means for your tax position.

Personal Tax Framework

The Bahamas does not tax individuals on income or gains. This applies broadly across all sources of income and all asset classes.

ACTIVITY	TAX TREATMENT	NOTES
Selling crypto	No CGT	Applies to all holdings, short or long
Trading profits	Not taxed	No active/passive distinction
Staking rewards	Not taxed	No income classification
Airdrops / distributions	Not taxed	No receipt tax at personal level
Employment income	Not taxed	No personal income tax
Investment income	Not taxed	Dividends, interest, etc.

There is no distinction between short-term and long-term holdings. The zero-rate applies uniformly once residency is established.

Residency is required

You must be considered a resident for these rules to apply. Visiting does not confer tax residency.

Global obligations still matter

Citizens of countries with worldwide taxation (e.g. the US) may still owe tax regardless of where they live.

Business activity may differ

If you operate through a company, structure and substance matter. The Bahamas has no corporate income tax, but regulatory expectations still apply. Holding companies and funds are common use cases.



02 Residency Pathways

How to establish legal residency — the routes available, what each requires, and realistic timelines.

Residency Options

The Bahamas offers multiple routes to residency. The most common for crypto holders is investment-based permanent residency through real estate.

Permanent Residency via Real Estate

Available through property purchase. Fast-track consideration typically begins around **\$750,000 USD**. Higher-value properties improve approval speed and priority.

- Proof of funds and source of wealth
- Clean criminal background
- Ongoing ties to the country
- Purchase of qualifying real estate

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Annual Residency Permit

Available without committing to permanent residency immediately. Requires proof of financial means and accommodation. Must be renewed annually.

STEPPING STONE

TIMELINE

Fast-track permanent	2–4 months
Standard process	6–12 months
With delays	12+ months

PHYSICAL PRESENCE

- No strict day-count system, but maintaining real ties matters. Expect to demonstrate:
- Property ownership or lease
 - Time spent in country
 - Local activity and presence



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Banking & Cost of Living

The Bahamas has a long-established offshore financial sector — and one of the highest costs of living in the Caribbean.

Banking Access

International and private banks operate in the jurisdiction. Higher net worth individuals typically access private banking, with its own compliance requirements.

Crypto-related funds

Accepted — but expect source of funds verification, full transaction history, and a clear explanation of your activity.

DIGITAL ASSET REGULATION

- Regulatory frameworks exist for digital asset businesses
- Legitimate operators are supported
- Informal or unclear activity may face friction
- Crypto-aware, not fully crypto-native

Cost of Living

The Bahamas is not a low-cost jurisdiction. Most goods are imported, which drives up everyday expenses significantly.

Housing (Nassau prime) Purchase or rental	Very High
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Food & consumer goods Mostly imported	High
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Utilities Electricity in particular	High
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Healthcare Private; intl. coverage common	High
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Internet (Nassau) Reliable for remote work	Adequate
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Travel: strong US connections with direct flights from major cities.



SECTION 05

Who This Jurisdiction Works For

The Bahamas is a strong option for a specific profile. Knowing which category you fall into matters before committing capital.

Works well for

High net worth individuals

Long-term crypto holders with large unrealized gains

People willing to relocate fully

Those comfortable with higher living costs

Individuals who can meet banking documentation requirements

Does not work for

Low capital individuals

Short-term relocations without real residency

People expecting low cost of living

Those who cannot meet documentation requirements

US citizens (worldwide taxation still applies)

ADVANTAGES

↑ True 0% personal tax environment

↑ Simple, clean tax structure

↑ Established financial sector

↑ Strong international travel access

↑ Warm climate year-round

DISADVANTAGES

↓ High cost of entry (\$750K+ property)

↓ High ongoing cost of living

↓ Banking requires strong documentation

↓ Residency requires real commitment

↓ Slower pace; limited urban options



KEY TAKEAWAY

*The Bahamas offers one of the **cleanest tax environments** available for crypto holders.*

There is no need to optimize around tax rules because there are effectively none at the personal level.

You are exchanging tax efficiency for higher capital requirements and higher ongoing expenses. For the right profile, this is a strong option. For others, the total cost outweighs the benefit.

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