



Categories of Students Approved for Entry to Government Schools

Priority for admission to Government Schools is assigned as follows:

Nursery Admission Categories – Non-compulsory school age 3 years old before 1st September

1. Caymanians with proof established by an official letter issued by Work Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC) acknowledging the child's right to be Caymanian. This includes a WORC/Immigration Caymanian Status certificate or acknowledgement of status letter.
 - i. Whereby the applicant is still awaiting the WORC acknowledgment letter, the following may be accepted to move the application forward:
 - birth certificate of child and Caymanian parent showing that the child, parent and grandparent are born in the Cayman Islands
 - stamped Caymanian Status in passport
 - stamped application, cover letter or receipt by WORC showing parents have submitted the application to acknowledge child as having the right to be Caymanian

Reception Admission Categories – Non-compulsory school age 4 years old before 1st September

1. Caymanians with proof established by an official letter issued by Work Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC) acknowledging the child's right to be Caymanian. This includes a WORC/Immigration Caymanian Status certificate or acknowledgement of status letter.
 - ii. Whereby the applicant is still awaiting the WORC acknowledgment letter, the following may be accepted to move the application forward:
 - birth certificate of child and Caymanian parent showing that the child, parent and grandparent are born in the Cayman Islands
 - stamped Caymanian Status in passport
 - stamped application, cover letter or receipt by WORC showing parents have submitted the application to acknowledge child as having the right to be Caymanian

Primary, Secondary & Lighthouse School Admission Categories – Compulsory School Age 5-16 years old before 1st September

1. Caymanians with proof established by an official letter issued by Work Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC) acknowledging the child's right to be Caymanian. This includes a WORC/Immigration Caymanian Status certificate or acknowledgement of status letter.
 - iii. Whereby the applicant is still awaiting the WORC acknowledgment letter, the following may be accepted to move the application forward:
 - birth certificate of child and Caymanian parent showing that the child, parent and grandparent are born in the Cayman Islands
 - stamped Caymanian Status in passport
 - stamped application, cover letter or receipt by WORC showing parents have submitted the application to acknowledge child as having the right to be Caymanian
2. Refugees and Asylum Seekers with the relevant proof of documentation as issued by the Cayman Islands Government.



3. Dependents of Caymanians:
 - i. children pending Caymanian status, whereby the parents have already been granted status
 - WORC issued Caymanian Status documents for parents to be provided
 - ii. dependents of persons married to Caymanians including children in the adoption process
 - WORC issued Residency and Employment Rights Certificate confirming parent is a spouse of a Caymanian and child is listed as a dependent
 - Court approved adoption documents
 - iii. court approved Caymanian Residence Order holders
4. Dependents of Contracted Government Employees
 - Full Government Contract, signed by all parties, showing the child is listed as a dependent
5. Dependents of Permanent Residents
 - WORC issued Permanent Residency Certificate showing the child is listed as a dependent
6. Dependents of Work Permit Holders
 - WORC issued Work Permit showing the child is listed as a dependent. Work Permit must be valid to cover at least one academic year.

Notes:

- **DES/MOE policies do not disallow non-Caymanian students from entering school. There is a hierarchy in terms of who can access spaces first. These policies are in line with the Cayman Islands Bill of Rights 2009.**
- **Categories 4 to 6 are subject to space availability after categories 1 to 3 have been placed.**
- **Fee Schedules are applicable to compulsory school age children in Categories 3 to 6.**
- **For the Nursery and Reception Programmes in Cayman Brac, these are open to all immigration categories.**