

OUR HISTORY

The BCCEC has its roots in over 200 years of wisdom predicated on a common desire to promote and protect the commercial interests of its membership throughout generations. The Bahamas Employers' Confederation and the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce amalgamated in 2011, to create The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employer's Confederation. The BCCEC advocates and promotes business interest, while acting as a catalyst to stimulate a vibrant local economy by providing a platform where members are able to prosper and succeed through a proactive working partnership with all levels of government and the community to achieve a sustainable, healthy and robust economic environment.

Today the BCCEC is a Non-Governmental, Not-for-Profit, Business Services Organization representing the interest of the private sector business community and employers in the Bahamas. We have eight (8) chambers of commerce across The Bahamas as part of the BCCEC network of chambers, all serving uniquely different markets and points of interest. Each Island destination/jurisdiction is uniquely different, but with similar challenges across the archipelago.

The BCCEC works on many strategic business initiatives intended to support growth and development of the private sector. The BCCEC consist of several Divisions and Committees including: Ease of Doing Business, Trade, Energy & Environment, Labour and Productivity, Family Islands, SMEs, Communications, Membership and Fundraising (CFM), and Social Reform. The Chamber has moved from a small, tightly knit protectionist group to an expansive, democratic organization with an influential policy advocacy and a national development catalyst.

The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation is the local private sector partner and the official representative of the International Labour Organization. Our members benefit from the Chamber being a member of the prestigious International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and World Chambers Federation (WCF).

Additional Member and/or National Representative of:

- The International Organization of Employers (IOE)
- The Caribbean Employers Confederation (CEC),
- The Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC)
- The Associations of Chambers of Commerce Executives (ACCE)

BCCEC's membership spans across Nine(9) islands throughout the country and includes many of the country's largest companies, SMEs, business and trade associations, banks, law firms, contractors and construction companies, real estate developers, hotels and local Family Island chambers of commerce.

Members and directors represent a broad cross-section of business activity, including manufacturing, trade, retail, services, financial services, law, tourism, academia, real estate and construction development, and engineering.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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ACCESS • ADVICE • ADVOCACY

Join The Chamber Today!

(New member application fee \$112)

Business Name: _____

CEO/Managing Director: _____

Contact Person: _____

Type of Business: _____ No. of Employees: _____

Industry: _____

Address: _____

P.O. Box: _____ Website: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Registration / Incorporation Date: _____

Business License. No.: _____

Tax ID No.: _____

Please list the names of the person(s) you wish to receive all BCCEC communications:

1. Name: _____

Email: _____

2. Name: _____

Email: _____

3. Name: _____

Email: _____

4. Name: _____

Email: _____

5. Name: _____

Email: _____

Individual/Company Official:

(Please print name)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member firms are encouraged to nominate senior / management level voting and associate representatives.

Our Commitment

Provide access, advice and advocacy to ensure economic growth, environmental stewardship and business development opportunities.

Our Focus

Access: The BCCEC provides three dimensional access to our membership: access to business partners through networking opportunities; access to legislative leaders and policy makers; and access to opportunities through training, education and workforce development. Demonstrable success in the BCCEC's Access initiatives include the Power Breakfast series, trade portal, an interactive directory, the SME help desk, workshops and numerous facilitated fora on points of common concern.

Advice: Our mandate to advise our membership starts with an obligation to collect and distribute statistical and other information in relation to industry, trade and commerce. The BCCEC has ongoing research initiatives that provide timely informed positions to assist its membership in navigating the success of their businesses. Additionally, we aim to collect and collate information on industrial relations matters to assist members with employee relations. We also act as arbitrators in the settlement of trade disputes relations when called upon to do so.

Advocacy: Representing our members on pertinent national and statutory committees like the National Ease of Doing Business Committee, National Economic Council or the National Tripartite Council are critical facets of advocacy for the BCCEC. We have defended and facilitated our members' right to collectively opine on legislation and other measures affecting industry, trade and commerce in The Bahamas with demonstrated results.

We also represent employers nationally with regard to the operation of existing laws, legislative proposals and the activities of government which may affect the interest of employers and to seek representation on all statutory board and committees whose mandate or initiatives may impact the socio-economic and environmental concerns of employers.

Membership Benefits

- Tremendous networking opportunities.
- Training and workforce development.
- Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) business counseling.
- Advertising sponsorship and promotion opportunities.
- Access to conferences, workshops, seminars and social events.
- Membership advocacy on industry and national issues.
- Contribution to national dialogue and legislative agendas and outcomes.

BCCEC Membership Application Fees

Class	# Employees	Votes	Fee	+12% VAT
Service Clubs	N/A	0	\$250	\$280.00
Individual/Sole Proprietor	N/A	1	\$250	\$280.00
Class A	2 - 25	2	\$500	\$560.00
Class B	26 - 100	5	\$1,500	\$1,680.00
Class C	101 - 250	8	\$3,500	\$3,920.00
Class D	250 Plus	12	\$4,500	\$5,040.00
Non-Profit Organization	N/A	None	\$1,000	\$1,120.00
Professional Associations	N/A	7	\$3,000	\$3,360.00