



# Business Confidence & Expectations Survey

## Instructions: Please read carefully.

- The questions on this survey are organised into three main sections:
  - In the first section (A) you are asked to give your views on how current economic conditions have evolved during the last 6 months, as compared to conditions you believed existed one year ago.
  - The next section (B) asks a single question on staffing adequacy.
  - The final section (C) asks your views on how economic and business conditions or factors are likely to change in the coming 6 months.
- For each question, please check the box that best corresponds to the answer you wish to give.
- Individual responses are confidential and will not be disclosed by the Central Bank.

## Who should complete this form?

This form should be completed by the Chief Executive/Operating Officer of the business or other senior officer who has comprehensive knowledge of the daily business operations and the business environment.

## Questions or Comments may be addressed to the following persons:

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## Where to return this Form:

Returns may be posted, faxed or emailed to  
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P.O. Box N-4868 Nassau, Bahamas  
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**The deadline for submission is 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010.**

## Business Profile & Contact

Your Business profile will help us to group and classify the responses. You will not have to submit this information for each survey.

i) **Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

ii) **Type of Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

iii) **Business Location(s)** (Please check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> New Providence	<input type="checkbox"/> Abaco
<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Bahama	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Island(s)

iv) **Business Size**

iv.a) **No. of staff** (Check one):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Under 20
<input type="checkbox"/>	20 - 50
<input type="checkbox"/>	50 - 100
<input type="checkbox"/>	100 - 250
<input type="checkbox"/>	250 - 500
<input type="checkbox"/>	500 - 1,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	over 1,000

iv.b) **Annual Sales** (Check one):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Under \$5.0 million
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5 - \$10 million
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10 - \$25 million
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 - \$50 million
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 - \$100 million
<input type="checkbox"/>	Over \$100 million

v) **Contact information** for person completing this form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please go to the next page to complete the Survey.**



## Business Confidence & Expectations Survey: Professional Services

Current conditions: What is your assessment of how the following economic or business factors have evolved during the last six months, compared to the same months one year ago?

The Bahamian Economy  
A.1 General Business Conditions.

	NO CHANGE	WORSENER
IMPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The economy (continued)

- A.2 Inflation or rate of change in consumer prices.  
A.3 Domestic employment  
A.4 Interest Rates

	NO CHANGE	DECREASED
INCREASED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your own business activities and operations.

- A.5 Total payments for wages and operating costs  
A.6 Average hourly prices charged for services rendered  
A.7 Operating profits

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- A.8 Investments in premises, equipment and fixed assets  
A.9 Debts owed to banks and other creditors

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- A.10 Total Employees  
A.11 Average weekly hours worked per employee.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- A.12 Volume of weekly client hours billed (if applicable)  
A.13 Average weekly number of clients served

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B.1 Do you have enough staff?

- Yes  
 No

General comments about the present economic conditions:

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Economic and business outlook: How do you expect the following economic or business conditions to evolve over the next six months?

The Bahamian Economy  
C.1 General Business Conditions.

	NO CHANGE	WORSENER
IMPROVE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The economy (continued)

- C.2 Inflation or rate of change in consumer prices.  
C.3 Domestic employment  
C.4 Interest Rates

	NO CHANGE	DECREASE
INCREASE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your own business activities and operations.

- C.5 Total payments for wages and operating costs  
C.6 Average hourly prices charged for services rendered  
C.7 Operating profits

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- C.8 Investments in premises, equipment and fixed assets  
C.9 Debts owed to banks and other creditors

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- C.10 Total Employees  
C.11 Average weekly hours worked per employee.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- C.12 Volume of weekly client hours billed (if applicable)  
C.13 Average weekly number of clients served

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING  
The Central Bank of the Bahamas: Research Department