

# RESIDENCY IN BELIZE

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# About Wrobel & Co.

International law firm

Based in Belize City, Belize

More than a decade in law

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Services: real estate and retirement, pet importation, escrow, LLC formation, IBCs...



# One Country, Two Tracks

## Your Options:

1. Retire In Belize
2. Move and Live in Belize in Another Way



# Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)



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## Overview

- Efficient path to foreign residency
- Managed by the BTB



# Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

## Who Qualifies?

- Any Retired Person 45 years or older
- Dependents include spouse and children under 18 years
- Must be receiving a pension or annuity of US\$2,000 monthly or US\$24,000 annually



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## Who Qualifies?

- Provide a written undertaking to deposit the amount in a bank, credit union or a licensed financial institution in Belize
- Pass security clearance
- Remain in Belize for a min. of 30 consecutive days annually



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## Incentives & Benefits

### Qualified Retired Persons ...

- ◆ personal effects free of taxes
- ◆ a vehicle no older than 3 years from the present year
- ◆ a boat and light aircraft free of tax
- ◆ tax exemptions



# Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

## Documents Required

1. Birth Certificate
2. Marriage Certificate
3. Authentic Police Record
4. Passport



# Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

## Documents Required for the QRP

5. **Proof of Income** - pension or annuity, min US\$2,000.00 per month.
  - i) Company must prove that it has been in operation for 20 years
  - ii) Company must certify the pension. A letter must be signed



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## Documents Required

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- iii) Certification stating the date the company was established to verify authenticity...
- iv) Applicant must present 2 bank references
- v) Exceptions



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## Documents Required

6. Medical Examination

7. Photos



# Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

## General Information

### Qualified Retired Persons ...

- Not allowed to seek employment in Belize
- Need to submit yearly bank statement
- Required to renew retiree status
- Need a customs broker...
- Tax exemptions are limited on certain items



# Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees



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## Your Options

1. Temporary Residency
2. Tourist visa
3. Work permit
4. Permanent residency
5. Nationality



# Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

## **Temporary Residency**

Program designed for business owners who have business investments in Belize valued at **BZ\$500,000.00/US\$250,000.00** or more

# Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

## **Temporary Residency - Qualifications**

- Non-resident of Belize
- Must own business investments in Belize valued at not less than BZ\$500,000.00/US\$250,000.00

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## **Temporary Residency - Requirements (originals & copies)**

1. Passport of foreign country
2. Police Record
3. Letter to the Director

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## **Temporary Residency - Requirements (originals & copies)**

### 4. Evidence of a primary place of residence in Belize

- rental/lease agreement and utility bill, or
- property title and property tax statement

# Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

## Temporary Residency - Requirements

5. Details and evidence of investments in Belize valued at **not less than** BZ\$500,000/US\$250,000.00 along with the following:

- title of real estate ownership
- business or personal bank statements
- certification

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## Temporary Residency - Requirements

5. Details and evidence of investments in Belize valued at not less than BZ\$500,000/US\$250,000.00 along with the following:
  - trade license
  - social security registration or card
  - general sales tax returns
  - business tax returns

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## Temporary Residency

	 <b>USA Citizen</b>	 <b>Canadian Citizen</b>	 <b>EU Citizen</b>
<b>Initial Fee</b>	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Renewal Fee</b>	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$600.00



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## Second Option

## Tourist Visa

Renew for US\$100/month.

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## Tourist Visa

Citizens of the following countries do need to apply in advance:

- CARICOM
- USA
- Canada
- UK
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Mexico
- Norway
- Venezuela
- Costa Rica
- El Salvador
- Colombia
- Guatemala
- Brazil
- Japan

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## Third Option

# Work Permit

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## Fourth Option

# Permanent Residency

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## Permanent Residency

Basic requirements:

- Belize Permanent Residency Application form
- HIV test
- Police certificate absent of criminal convictions
- Proof of financial stability
- Residency fee
- Cannot leave Belize for two consecutive weeks

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## **Permanent Residency**

- work in Belize like a citizen
- travel without restrictions
- path to Belizean citizenship

# Relocating to Belize



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## **How We Can Help**

Our law office can help you through any of the processes outlined.

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# Back to Belize



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