## **RESIDENCY IN BELIZE**

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International law firm

Based in Belize City, Belize

More than a decade in law

Managing Partner educated in the US and Europe

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

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## One Country, Two Tracks

## Your Options:

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

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### Overview

- Efficient path to foreign residency
- Managed by the BTB

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## Who Qualifies?

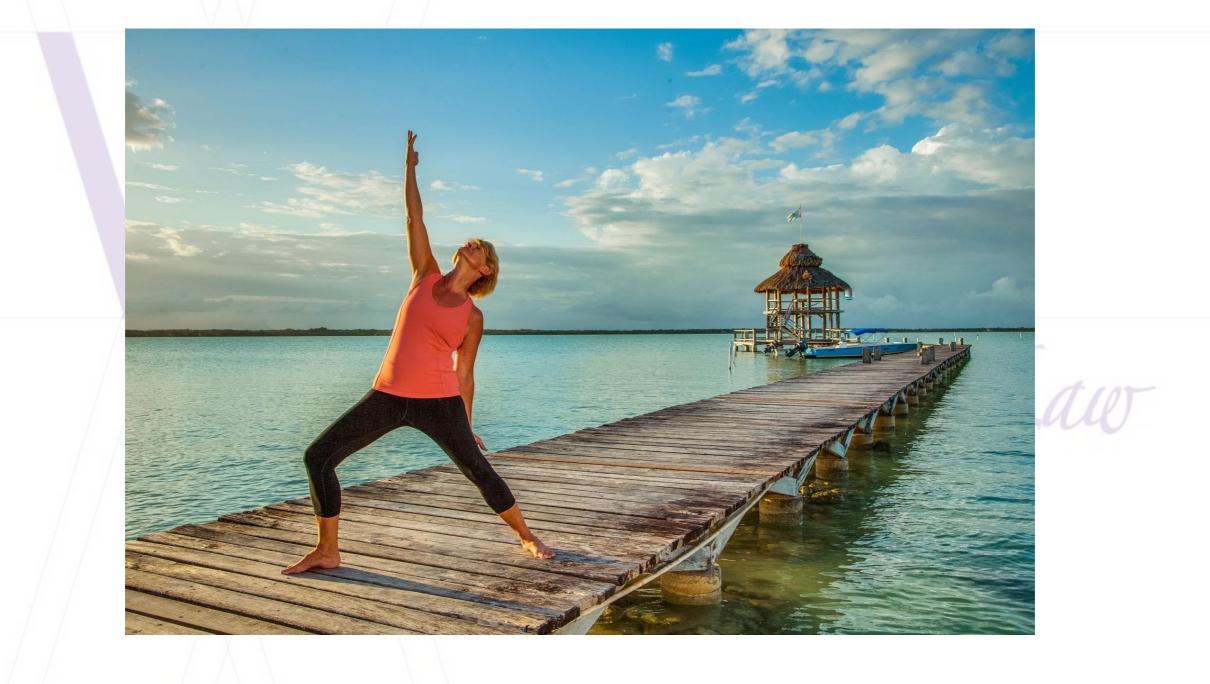
- Any Retired Person 45 years or older
- Dependents include spouse and children under 18 years
- Must be receiving a pension or annuity of US\$2,000 monthly or US\$24,000 annually

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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

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- a boat and light aircraft free of tax
- tax exemptions

## **Documents Required**

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



## **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



### **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

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## Overview



## **Your Options**

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



#### **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

### **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

## Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees 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

### **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

## **Temporary Residency - Requirements**

- 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

#### **Temporary Residency**

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	USA Citizen	Canadian Citizen	EU Citizen
Initial Fee	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Renewal Fee	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$600.00

### **Second Option**

## **Tourist Visa**

## Renew for US\$100/month.



### **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

## <u>Third Option</u> Work Permit

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## **Fourth Option**

## **Permanent Residency**

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### **Permanent Residency**

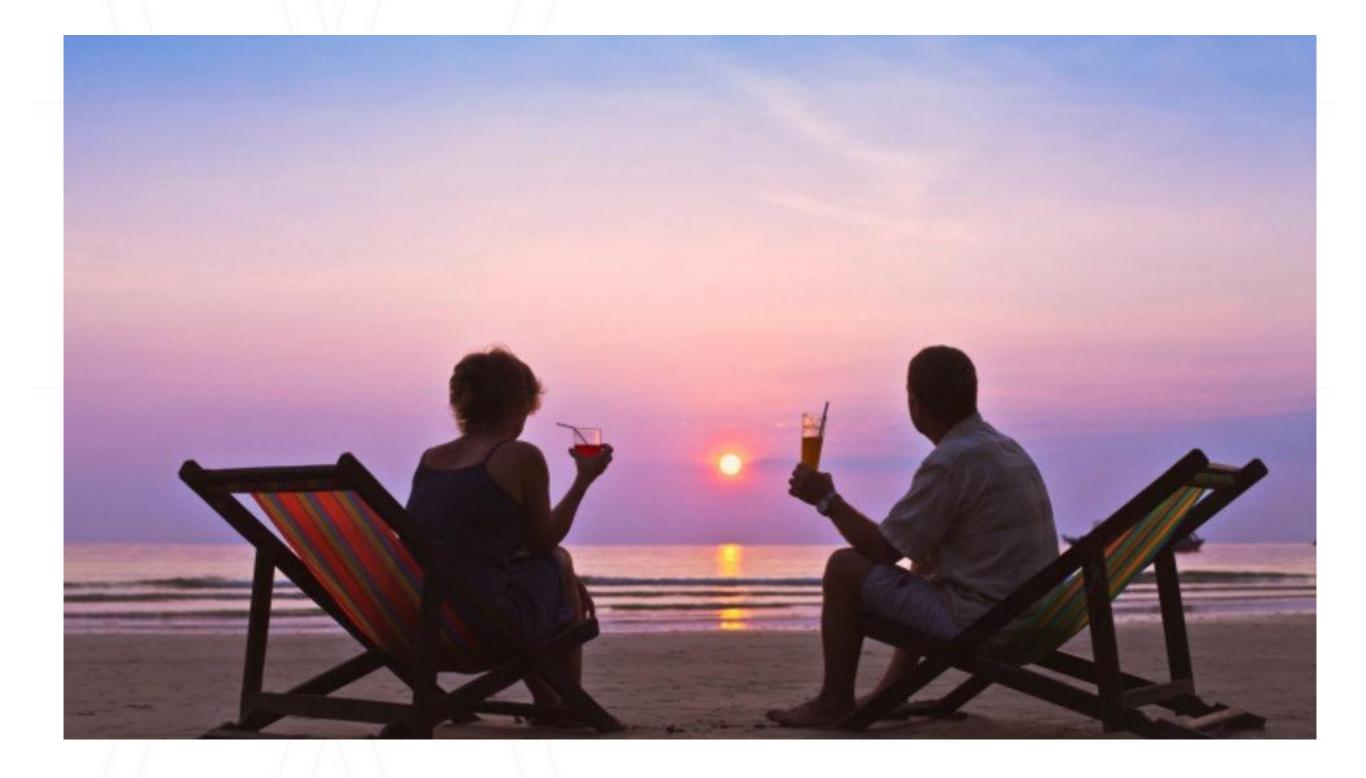
Basic requirements:

- 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

#### **Permanent Residency**

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

## **Relocating to Belize**



### **Relocating to Belize**

#### How We Can Help

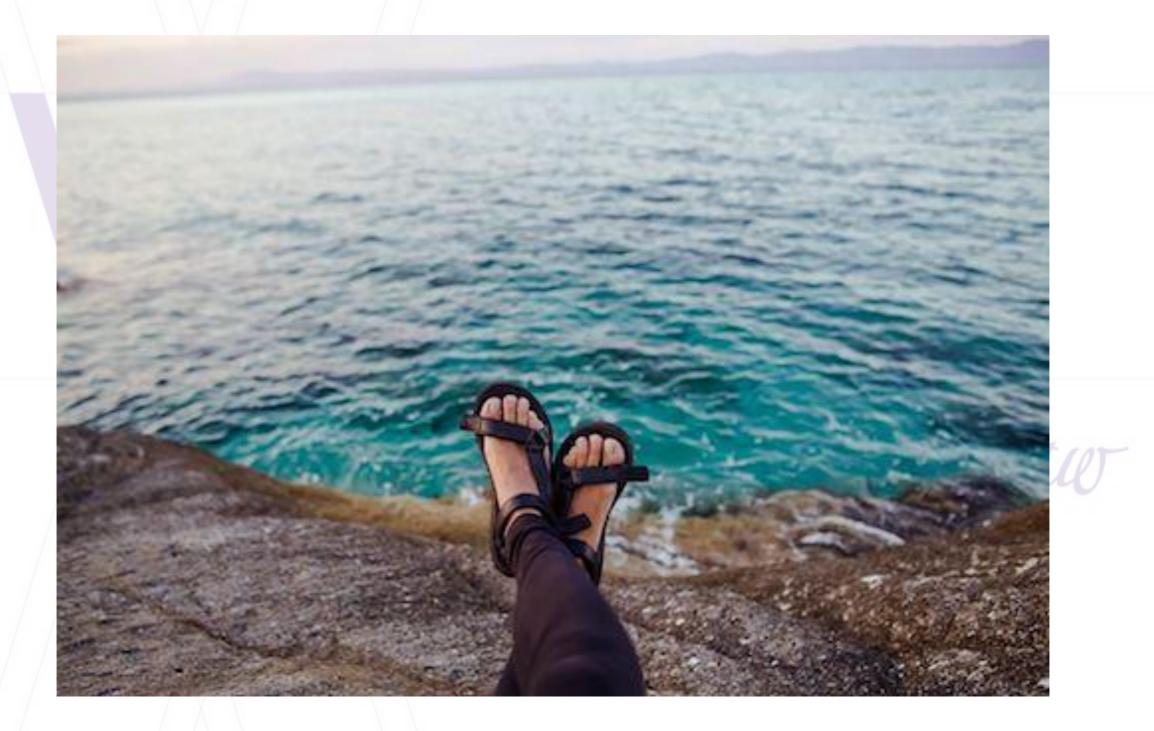
Our law office can help you through any of the processes outlined.

Call us to get started on your new life today!

## **Smart Viewing**



## **Back to Belize**



## **QUESTIONS?**

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