

TOP RESIDENCY AND VISA OPTIONS IN BELIZE

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A little about us

Wrobel & Co., Attorneys-at-Law, is an international law firm based in Belize City, Belize.

Our office specializes in a wide array of legal services. All of our services - from real estate and retirement services to corporate advice - aim to link people with a better life.

Our Belize lawyers know the culture in Belize. We know the legal system. We want to know you.

One Country, Several Tracks

1. Retire In Belize - QRP
2. Move and Live in Belize in Another Way - Non-Retirees
3. Belize Temporary Residency Visa



1. Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)



Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

Overview

- Efficient path to foreign residency
- Managed by the Belize Tourism Board (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



Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

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 minimum 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 for the QRP

1. Submit Application Form (Request Form)
2. Notarized Birth Certificate Copy for each member of the family
3. Notarized Marriage Certificate Copy (if married and spouse is a dependent)
4. Police Record from last place of residence, issued less than a month prior to application
5. Notarized Color Copies of Complete Passport (including all blank pages) for each family member
6. Proof of Income, showing a monthly income of a minimum of US\$2,000.00 through a pension or annuity that has been generated outside of Belize
7. Medical Examination plus AIDS test for each member of the family
8. Four front and four side passport photographs of each family member

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



Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

Changes to Come in 2022

The Belize Tourism Board is considering substantial changes to the QRP in 2022.

After preliminary talks with BTB representatives, we believe these changes will make the program even more attractive moving forward.

You can find a video regarding the potential changes on our YouTube page (**Wrobel & Co, Attorneys-at-Law**), and we will continue to relay new info via this channel as well as our mailing list.

Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

How We Can Help

Only by retaining a Belize retirement attorney can you ensure the smoothest process possible. All of our former clients have achieved QRP status after being advised by our firm.

We can walk you through the various steps of the QRP application process and be at your side every step of the way.

2. Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees



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- A. Temporary Residency
- B. Tourist Visa
- C. Work Permit
- D. Permanent Residency
- E. Nationality



Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

A. 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

1. Police Record

1. 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

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:

- trade license
- social security registration or card
- general sales tax returns
- business tax returns

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Temporary Residency

	 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

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Option B

Tourist Visa

Renew for US\$100/month.

Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

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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Option C

Work Permit

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Option D

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

Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

Permanent Residency

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

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Option D & E

Permanent Residency & Nationality

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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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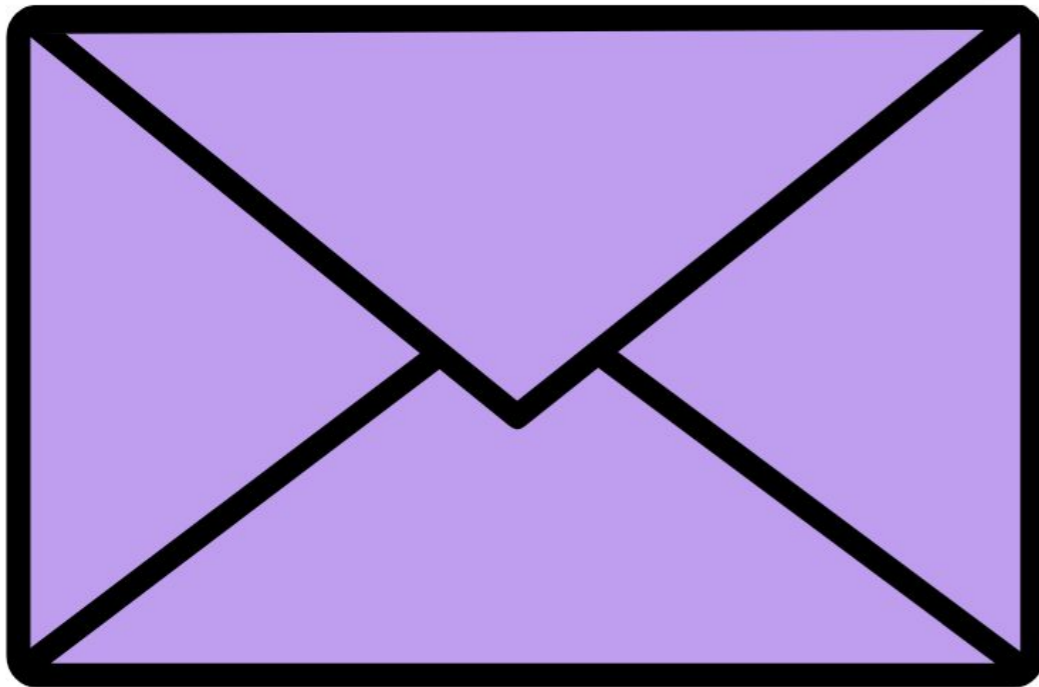
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