

TOP RESIDENCY AND VISA OPTIONS IN BELIZE

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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)



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Overview

- Efficient path to foreign residency
- Managed by the BTB



Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

Who Qualifies?

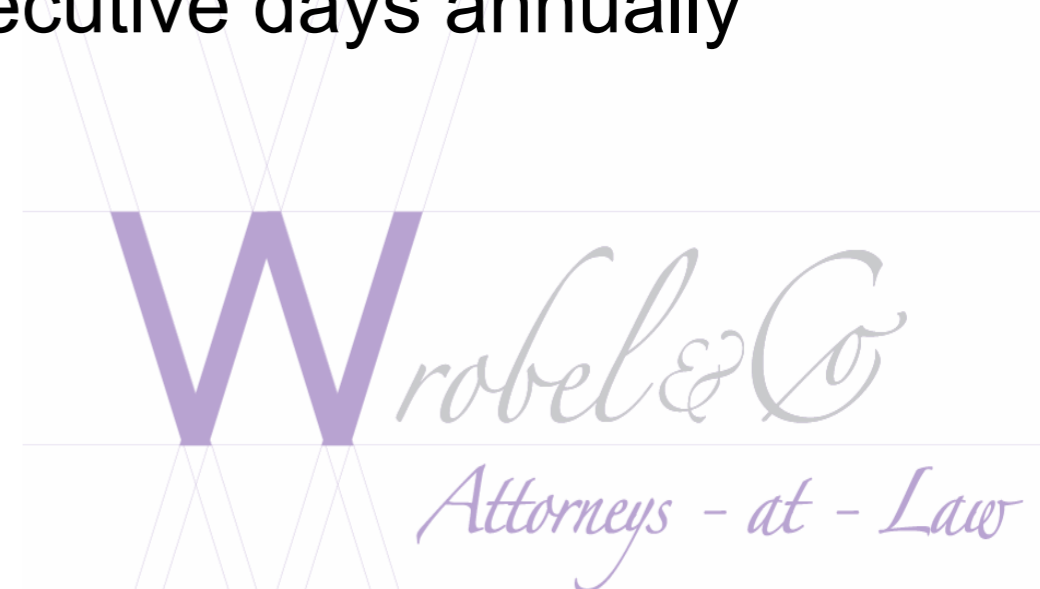
- Any Retired Person 45 years or older
- Dependents include spouse and children under 18 years
- Must be receiving a pension or annuity of US\$2,000 monthly or US\$24,000 annually



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 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
- 1. Marriage Certificate
- 1. Authentic Police Record
- 1. Passport



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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



Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

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



2. Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees



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2. Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

- 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

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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:

- 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

	 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.

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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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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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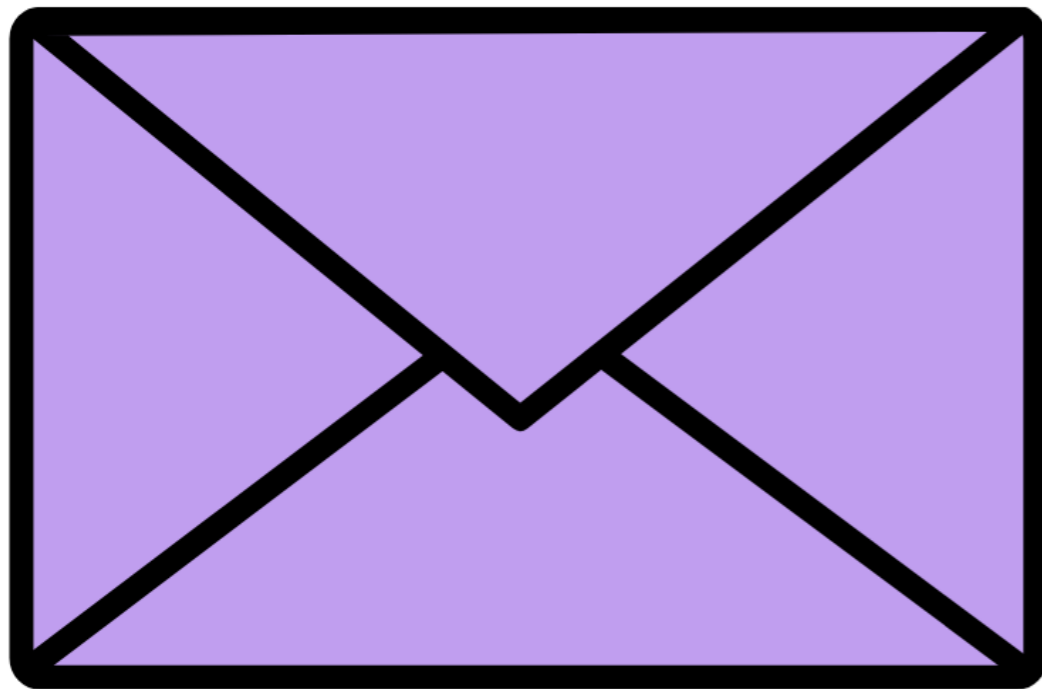
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