

# 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 Another Way - Non-Retirees



# 1. Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)



# Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

## 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)

## How to Qualify?

- 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



# Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)



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# Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

## 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
5. Proof of Income - pension or annuity
6. Medical examination
7. Photos



# Belize Qualified Retirement Program (QRP)

## General Information for Belize Qualified Retired Persons

Qualified Retired Persons ...

- are not allowed to seek employment in Belize
- need to submit a yearly bank statement showing compliance with the financial requirements of the program
- are required to renew your retiree status every year
- need a customs broker to process your importation of personal effects, vehicle or boat at your expense
- are not allowed duty free on items used to repair or build, neither tools of their trade

## 2. Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees



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# 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

	 <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

# Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

**Option B**

**Tourist Visa**

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# 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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# Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

## Option D

# Permanent Residency

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# Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

## 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

# Moving to Belize for Non-Retirees

## Option E

Nationality

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# Relocating to Belize



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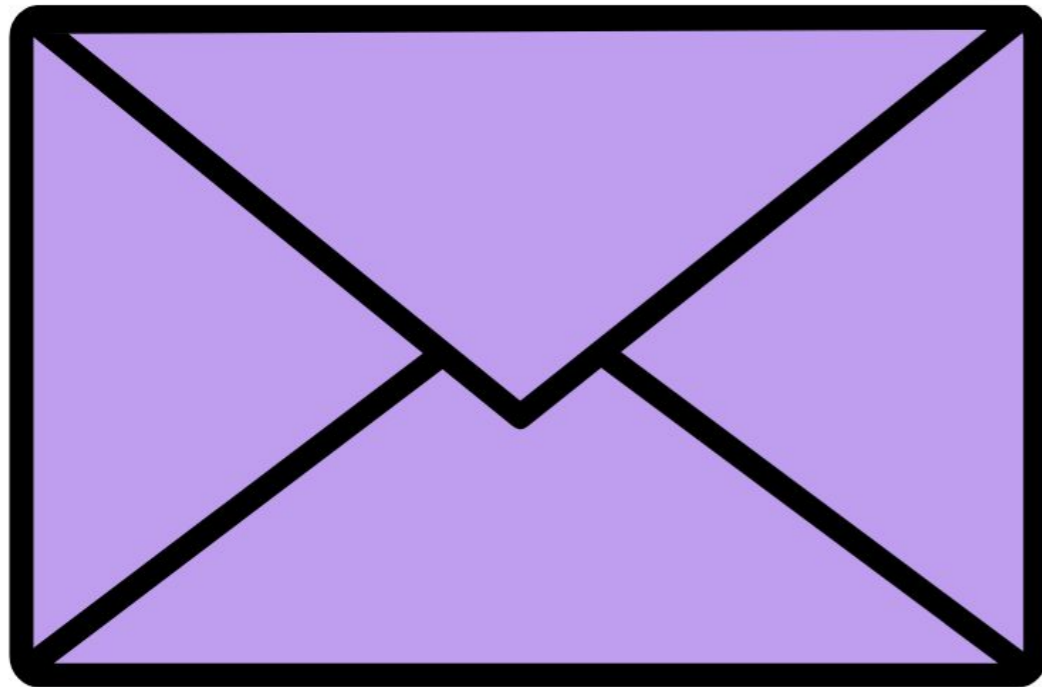
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