

### **BELIZE HIGH COMMISSION**

### VISA APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR PREPARATION & SUBMISSION

English is the official language of Belize and all documents submitted must either be in English or be accompanied by a certified English translation of the whole document by a competent issuing authority.

# A. COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM AND GATHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS dependent upon whether your visit is being sponsored or you are self-sponsored.

### 1. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM

- Complete and sign the Visa application form with a photo (measuring 2 inches by 2 inches) of the applicant in the space provided.
- For children under 16 years of age:
  - o Child must sign the Signature Box. If the minor applicant is unable to sign the Signature Box, it should remain unsigned.
  - Provide a copy of valid photo identification of the Parent or Legal guardian applying for the visa - This ID must include the full name of the parent or legal guardian making the application for the minor's passport. The name must be exactly as it appears on the child's birth certificate, nationality certificate and/or adoption certificate.
  - o Provide a notarized letter of authorization of the custodial parent, adoptive parent, or legal guardian on behalf of a child.

### 2. Biodata page of passport

• Copy of your passport must be valid for no less than six months after the intended period of stay in Belize.

### 3. Flight Itinerary

• Flight booking and travel itinerary showing intended route of travel and expected date of arrival and departure. (Do not book your flight without visa confirmation.)

If you are transiting Belize,

- your flight itinerary must show expected arrival in Belize and date of departure to country of destination.
- your intended route should indicate a return ticket with re-entry visa for persons who are not nationals of their present country of residence, or onward ticket with visa for another destination.

### 4. Payment confirmation

- Payment can be made by bank transfer in Pound Sterling (£) only See fee and payment instructions on website.
- Fees are non-refundable.

Please note that when applying at Foreign Missions fees vary from fees when applying in Belize.

### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IF YOU ARE BEING SPONSORED

- a. **Financial Support** Your sponsor must complete the Letter of Financial Support. (See Financial support format on website.)
- b. Sponsor's Identification if your sponsor is a

### Born Belizean or Naturalized Belizean

- A copy of valid Belizean passport or
- Belize Voter's Identification Card or Social Security Card

### Holder of Permanent Residence

• a copy of passport with the Belize Permanent Residence stamp

<u>Holder of a Temporary Immigration Status -</u> A person holding Temporary Employment Permit or a Visitor's Extension Permit may qualify as a Sponsor and application should indicate:

- Immigration Status
- Passport of Sponsor

## c. **Proof of Kinship** if your sponsor is your:

- Parent
- Children
- Spouse
- Sibling

To prove kinship, you must present documentation that links you with the sponsor. It could be a

- birth certificate(s) or
- marriage certificate

### d. Invitation Letter

- Your sponsor must provide an invitation letter, stating purpose of visit, duration of stay in Belize and relationship.
- For business and official visits, a letter of invitation on headed paper from the host, identifying the purpose of the visit is required

### e. Employment Letter

- You and your sponsor must provide an employment letter issued within the last six months.
- The employment letter must clearly state employer details, monthly salary and period of employment.

### f. Banking Financials

• You and your sponsor must provide bank statements showing transactions for the last six months.

### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IF YOU ARE SELF SPONSORED

### a. Employment Letter

• Provide your employment letter issued within the last six months.

• The employment letter must clearly state employer details, monthly salary and period of employment.

### b. Banking Financials

Provide bank statements showing transactions for the last six months.

### c. ANY OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Provide any other supporting documents which you believe will assist in making your application successful. For example, previously issued Belize visas, visas or residence for other countries or visas for countries you are transiting through.

### **B. SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION**

- A copy of the application including all the required documents listed above can now be submitted online/by email to the Belize High Commission.
- Your vetted application will be forwarded to the Department of Immigration and Nationality in Belize for final processing.
- This process may take up to 2 to 3 months before a decision will be made.
- Each application must be submitted separately.

#### C. SUBMIT YOUR PASSPORT UPON CONFIRMATION OF VISA

- Upon confirmation that your application has been successful, you will be asked to submit your passport <u>including the original signed application</u> so that a visa can be stamped in your passport. The passport can be submitted in person, by post or by courier.
- When the visa has been issued in your passport, you will be notified for collection in person or by courier.

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