



Belize



OVERVIEW ⁽¹⁾

Capital city

Belmopan

Other major cities

Belize City

Population

Around 417,600 people

Size

22,966 sq km

GDP ⁽¹⁾

Approximately USD 8,430 per capita

Main languages

English (official), Spanish widely spoken.

Currency

Belize Dollar (BZD)

Top Exports ⁽²⁾

Raw sugar, non-fillet frozen fish, bananas, molasses, fruit juice.

Top Imports ⁽³⁾

Refined petroleum, rolled tobacco, delivery trucks, cars, cargo vessels.

Time Zone

UTC -6

Typical Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 08:30 AM to 05:00 PM

Unemployment Rate

1.9%

Profits Tax

Business tax: 3%–25% (by activity)

Dialing Code

+501

Emergency Numbers

911 (police, fire, and medical emergencies)



Belize: A Strategic, English-Speaking Business Hub

Gateway to the Americas

Located between the Caribbean and the American continents, Belize offers convenient access to regional and international markets, supporting cross-border trade and service-based operations.

Common Law legal framework

Belize operates under an English Common Law system, providing legal certainty, contract enforceability, and a familiar framework for international businesses and investors.

Business-friendly investment environment

As the only predominantly English-speaking jurisdiction in Central America, Belize offers a

streamlined entry point for foreign investors, supported by formal registration systems and investment facilitation mechanisms.

Territorial tax structure

Belize applies a territorial tax system, where only locally sourced income is subject to tax. Qualifying offshore companies may operate internationally with reduced local tax exposure.

English as the business language

English is the official language of government, law, and commerce, minimizing administrative friction and easing communication for global investors.

(1) worldbank.org

(2) - (3) oec.world



Market profile

Belize presents a focused and strategically positioned economy, driven by tourism, agriculture, and services, with increasing relevance for international business structures and holding activities.

The jurisdiction combines a territorial tax approach, an English Common Law system, and an English-speaking regulatory environment, creating a practical and accessible platform for cross-border operations.

Belize's trade infrastructure, anchored by its main port in Belize City, supports regional connectivity while maintaining proximity to major North and Central American markets.

While smaller in scale than other regional economies, Belize offers structural advantages for internationally focused companies, particularly those seeking legal clarity, operational simplicity, and efficient cross-border positioning.

5 *Reasons* to do business in Belize

01

Strategic Location for Regional Trade

Belize is located in Central America, offering convenient access to Caribbean, North American, and Latin American markets, supporting regional trade and cross-border business activities.

02

Territorial-Based Tax Framework

Belize applies a territorial-based tax framework, under which tax obligations are generally determined by the location where business activities and income generation take place, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

03

English & Common Law Jurisdiction

English is the official language of government and commerce in Belize, and the legal system is based on English Common Law, providing a familiar and well-established legal framework for international businesses.

04

Business Registration & Regulatory Framework

Companies are incorporated and maintained through the Belize Companies & Corporate Affairs Registry (BCCAR), which oversees company registration and ongoing statutory compliance requirements.

05

Efficient Incorporation Process

Belize offers a clear and structured incorporation process, supported by licensed service providers and defined post - registration compliance procedures.

(1) mlaw.gov.sg

(2) ipos.gov.sg

Key Information for Belize

International Business Company (IBC)

Name rule

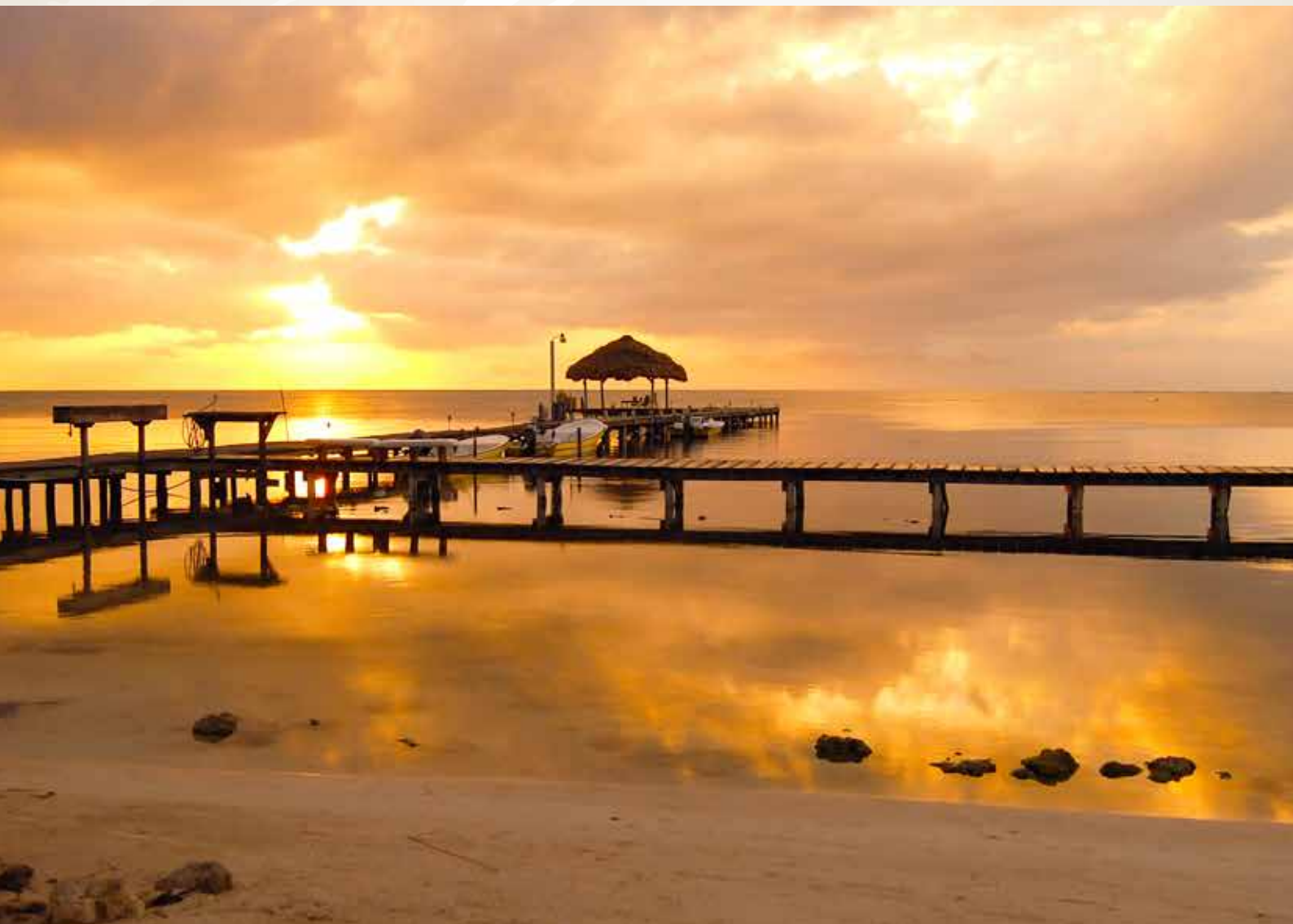
- ▶ **Mandatory Suffixes:** The name of a limited company must end with the word "Limited", "Corporation" or "Incorporated" or the abbreviation "Ltd", "Corp" or "Inc".
- ▶ **Restricted Words & Phrases:** Use of words such as "Bank", "Insurance", "Trust", "Building Society", "Chamber of Commerce", "Chartered", "Cooperative", "Imperial", "Municipal", "Royal", or "Foundation" is restricted and requires written consent from the Registrar.
- ▶ **Identical or Similar Names:** A company name cannot be registered if it is identical to, or so closely resembles, a name already on the Register as to be likely to mislead.
- ▶ **Government Patronage:** Names that suggest a connection with the Government of Belize or any other government, or with a department, agency, or authority of the Government, are strictly prohibited.

Share Capital	
Standard Currency	USD
Permitted Currencies	Any
Usual Minimum Issued Capital	1 USD
Usual Authorized Capital	50,000 USD

Director	
Minimum Number	1 If an external Manager is appointed, they will be classified as a "Nominee" and must comply with the Belize Nominee Manager regulations regarding disclosure and licensing.
Local Requirement	No
Publicly Accessible Records	No
Location of Meetings	Anywhere

Shareholder	
Minimum Number	1
Publicly Accessible Records	No
Location of Meetings	Anywhere

Registered Agent	
Appointment Requirement	Yes
Qualified by regulatory authority	Yes



Legal and Compliance Requirements

Annual Requirements	
Economic Substance Filing	Yes
Annual Return Filing	<p>Companies incorporated in Belize are required to file an Annual Return each year through their Registered Agent, in accordance with Belize IBC regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Deadline: On or before 31 March each year ▶ Requirement: Confirmation of company details and payment of annual government fees ▶ Filing is mandatory even if the company is inactive or has no business activity <p>Failure to file on time may result in late penalties and the company being struck off the register.</p>
Accounting & Auditing Report:	<p>Companies incorporated in Belize are required to maintain proper accounting records, but are generally not required to prepare or file audited financial statements, in accordance with Belize IBC regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Accounting records: Must be properly kept to reflect the company's financial position ▶ Audit requirement: Not mandatory unless required by regulators, banks, or other authorities ▶ Records should be available upon request by the competent authorities
Annual Renewal Deadline	Yes
Annual Renewal Deadline	<p>2 Jan annually If Annual Fees are not remitted by 30th June annually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Pending Struck Off Status is applicable after July 01st ▶ Company is Struck off after 31st December
KYC Requirement	<p>Yes</p> <p>Valid KYC docs (passport + address proof) of all members, corporate shareholders (if yes)</p>

Tax duties	Yes, must complete before renewal.
Re-Active	Contact us for further checking and details

Annual Tax Filing Requirements

Profit Tax Return Filing	No
Employer's Return Filing	No

Tax Policies

Profits Taxation	<p>In Belize, International Business Companies (IBCs) are subject to a territorial tax system, as administered by the Belize Tax Service Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Foreign-sourced income: Generally exempt from Belize corporate income tax ▶ Belize-sourced income: Subject to corporate income tax under local tax laws ▶ Tax filing: Required only if taxable income arises in Belize <p>This regime makes Belize suitable for international business activities conducted outside Belize."</p>
Personal Income Tax	<p>In Belize, individuals are subject to Personal Income Tax on income derived from sources in Belize, as administered by the Belize Tax Service Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Tax applies to employment and other Belize-sourced income ▶ Progressive tax rates apply to resident individuals ▶ Filing is required only if taxable income arises or when requested by the tax authority
Property Tax	<p>In Belize, Property Tax is levied on the ownership of land and buildings located in Belize and is administered by the Belize Tax Service Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Tax applies to immovable property situated in Belize ▶ Rates are based on the assessed value and classification of the property ▶ Payable by the property owner, regardless of rental status

<p>Tax on Dividends Paid</p>	<p>In Belize, dividends paid by International Business Companies (IBCs) from foreign-sourced income are generally not subject to withholding tax in Belize.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ No withholding tax on dividends paid by IBCs from offshore profits ▶ Dividend income received by shareholders is generally not taxable in Belize ▶ Overseen by the Belize Tax Service Department <p>This provides a tax-neutral framework for profit distribution in international structures.</p>
<p>Double Taxation Treaty Access</p>	<p>Belize has a very limited Double Taxation Treaty (DTA) network, and treaty benefits are generally not available to International Business Companies (IBCs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ IBCs are typically not eligible for DTA benefits ▶ Treaty access, where applicable, requires the company to be tax-resident and taxable in Belize ▶ Administered by the Belize Tax Service Department <p>As a result, Belize is mainly used as a tax-neutral jurisdiction rather than a treaty-based structure.</p>

Fee Structure

Fee Structure of IBC

Fee Structure	Service Fee	Government Fee
Incorporation Fee	USD 922	USD 550
Renewal Fee	USD 584	USD 550
Annual compliance	USD 175	

Note: Fees may vary based on the company's structure and compliance status at the time of renewal. The fees exclude government taxes, statutory duties, and any changes to the company structure or member information. The number of authorized shares may affect the applicable government fees.

Accompanying Services



Company Formation

We provide comprehensive company incorporation services to establish a legally compliant entity in the jurisdiction that fits your goals. You need a structure that aligns with regulatory requirements and supports your business objectives - we handle the entire setup for you.



Nominee Services

We provide nominee directors and shareholders where required by local regulations or privacy needs. You need to maintain compliance while protecting your identity - we take on the nominee role while you retain full control.



Change Agent

We facilitate the change of your Registered Agent or Secretary. You provide your current company documents and the required resolution; we prepare the paperwork and update the new agent or secretary with the government registry within 1 - 3 business days.



Company Renewal

We take care of all mandatory annual renewal procedures. You need your company to remain legally valid, compliant, and fully operational - we ensure timely renewal every year.



Business Bank Account Opening Support

We provide tailored advisory for opening a business bank account. You need a banking strategy suited to your industry, well-structured KYC/AML documents, and support throughout the application - we guide you from preparation to onboarding.



Tax – Accounting & Auditing

We deliver accounting and auditing services that meet regulatory and financial reporting standards. You need accurate books, compliant statements, and reports required by authorities or financial institutions - we support every step.



Shelf Company

We offer pre-registered Shelf Companies ready for immediate use. You need a company that can start operating without delays - we review, update, and transfer the entity to you in full compliance.



Serviced Office

We provide compliant registered office addresses for company formation, bank account opening, and ongoing legal needs. You need a reliable corporate address - we supply a fully compliant solution.



Trademark Registration

We assist in registering and protecting trademarks across key jurisdictions. You need to secure your brand and intellectual property - we ensure legal protection and commercial safety.



Trust & Foundation Services

We set up trust and foundation structures for asset protection and complex ownership requirements. You need secure and strategic asset management - we create the right structure for you.



Company Strike-Off

We assist in legally striking off companies that are no longer active. You need a clean, compliant exit - we manage the formal closure process.



Certificates

We obtain corporate certificates required for banking, licensing, audits, and international transactions. You need valid documents quickly - we deliver them efficiently.



Certify / Notarize / Apostille

We provide full certification, notarization, apostille, and legalization services. You need documents accepted by banks, authorities, and global partners - we ensure international legal validity.



Other Filings

We handle all post-incorporation regulatory filings, including economic substance and tax compliance requirements. You need your company to remain compliant and operational - we manage the filings for you.

We know you have many choices

Thank you for considering One IBC® as your trusted partner in cross-border corporate services.

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to support your international ambitions. Our commitment is to deliver tailored solutions with transparency, precision, and care—because your success is our purpose.

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Clients Worldwide

Trusted by 10,000+ clients worldwide, our proven track record ensures USA businesses receive services that meet the highest federal and state standards.

50+

Professional Consultants

Serving 1,500+ new clients annually across various sectors—from startups to multinational corporations—delivering tailored, lawful solutions.

32+

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Supported by 32+ representative offices and partners globally, we serve a diverse range of industries, offering unparalleled insights for USA businesses.

10+

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