

## *Registration of Belizeans Overseas Connecting with the Diaspora*

The Government of Belize is undertaking an exercise to determine the number of Belizeans living overseas and to foster a closer relationship with this overseas community. It is hoped that through this exercise our various Embassies and Consulates will be better able to work with the Government of Belize to address the needs of our Citizens residing overseas by providing more and improved services, and to continue together in the work of developing Belize.

The information being gathered through our various Embassies and Consulates will be transmitted to Belize for input into a **secure database in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs accessible only to those in the ministry directly responsible for the Ministry's relationship with the Overseas Community.** Information submitted to the various Embassies and Consulates will also be retained in those offices to facilitate ease of communication with those persons who have expressed their desire to be involved. The information will not be shared, unless it is specifically requested on the form by those persons who wish to share their skills and talents; and even so contact will be made initially through the Embassy or Consulate through whom the information was submitted.

Electronic copies of the form can be found on: [www.belize.gov.bz](http://www.belize.gov.bz), [www.mfa.gov.bz](http://www.mfa.gov.bz), and on the website of our Embassies and Consulates as shown on our Ministry's website contact details. In conducting this exercise the form requests some specific information – marked with an asterisk – which is required if the exercise is to be successful in determining the number of Belizeans living overseas and in what Country ( and State) they are concentrated.

To avoid duplication we have requested alongside the other information the inclusion of maiden name and mother's maiden name. The request for information on family members is to ensure their inclusion in the exercise, and where family members do not have Belizean Nationality information will be shared as to how this could be obtained within the confines of the Belize Nationality Act, which provides for the registration of citizens through descent and marriage( with a residency requirement).

Completed forms can be returned to the Embassy or Consulate in your jurisdiction (see Ministry of Foreign Affairs website ) or sent directly to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Belize by mail addressed to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Overseas Registration of Citizens, P.O. Box 174, NEMO Building, Belmopan, Belize; or by email to [belizemfa@btl.net](mailto:belizemfa@btl.net), [diaspora@mfa.gov.bz](mailto:diaspora@mfa.gov.bz)

*Figures quoted of Belizeans residing overseas have all been unofficial estimates; this is the first known attempt to officially document this information.*

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## REGISTRATION OF BELIZEANS OVERSEAS

First Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial\* \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/County/Department\* \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Place of Birth\* \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child/Children under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_

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No. Children Holding Belizean Nationality \_\_\_\_\_ No. Children Eligible for Belizean Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Employment/Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be contacted for information about Belize and other opportunities? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in offering your skills/advice/talents in the development of Belize? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Skills useful in the Development of Belize( specify):

Health \_\_\_\_\_ Financial \_\_\_\_\_ Infrastructural Development \_\_\_\_\_

Education \_\_\_\_\_ Tourism \_\_\_\_\_ Housing \_\_\_\_\_

Trade \_\_\_\_\_ Governance \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Services \_\_\_\_\_

Public Administration \_\_\_\_\_ Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_ Transport & Communication \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_