

# Doing business or investing in Belize

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Anyone interested in doing business or investing in Belize should first complete a thorough process of due diligence and investigate potential partners using a variety of information sources. Canada's Trade Commissioner Service in Guatemala is aware of several cases of fraud. Any newcomer to the market should know that legal and administrative processes can involve many delays and challenges. There have also been legal and constitutional changes in 2012, such as the 9th amendment to the Constitution of Belize, that have had important impacts on the country's telecommunications and energy-distribution sectors.

Many members of the Canadian and British business communities have joined the [American Chamber of Commerce](#). First time business travelers to Belize should consider this source of information.

Canada maintains only an Honorary Consul in Belize; the [Trade Commissioner Service in Guatemala](#) handles trade issues related to Belize.

## [Belize Travel Advice and Advisories](#)

We strongly advise you consult the following sources of information:

- The Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry: <http://www.belize.org>
- The Belize Tourism Industry Association: <http://www.btia.org>
- Belize Tourism Board: <http://www.belize tourism.org>
- The Belize Trade and Investment Development Service: <http://www.belizeinvest.org.bz>
- Laws of Belize: <http://www.belizelaw.org>
- Bar Association of Belize: [bze\\_bar@yahoo.com](mailto:bze_bar@yahoo.com) or [secretary@belizebar.bz](mailto:secretary@belizebar.bz)
- Belize Bureau of Standards: <http://www.bbs.gov.bz>
- Statistical Institute of Belize: <http://www.statisticsbelize.org.bz>
- The Central Bank of Belize: <http://www.centralbank.org.bz>
- Belize Agricultural Health Authority: <http://www.baha.bz>
- Belize Customs: <http://www.customs.gov.bz>

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