

Requirements for International Transfer of Human Ashes

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As this is being asked more frequently, notes on the importation of human ashes into Belize.

Note also that the importation of cadavers must follow a due process and the relevant paperwork must be completed before either the body or ashes arrives at the port of entry.

This process is done at the Ministry of Health and not by BAHA or Customs/Immigration.



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The following documents shall be required for the issuance of a transfer permit:

- (a) An official document that contains the picture and particulars of the deceased. (preferably a Passport however, other legal documents can be submitted)
- (b) An official certificate of cause of death (**Original or authenticated copy of the Death Certificate**).
- (c) **A official certificated of cremation**
(This should state the surname, first name and age, of the deceased person cremated and bear official signature and or seal of the director of the funeral home.)
- (d) Flight detail for the transportation of the ashes.

Departure from Origin:

Airline, Flight number, departure location, time of departure,

Arrival in Belize:

Airline, Flight number, arrival location, time of arrival,

- (e) Next of kin that will take care of the ashes.
- (f) Final disposal if not to be kept.
- (g) All above documents or information must be submitted to the Director of Health Services either in person or through the following mediums:
 - (i) Email: dhs@health.gov.bz
 - (ii) Fax: [\(501\) 822-2942](tel:501-822-2942)

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