

Ministry of Education Teacher Administrative Services



DEMYSTIFYING THE PROCESS OF PARTNERSHIP IN BELIZE

A PERMIT TO TEACH

(CONDITIONS & PROCESS)

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What is the Permit to Teach

- It is an authorization to allow a person to teach or provide voluntary services in any school in Belize.
- The permit is for a period not exceeding two years.
- The applicant (person or teacher) must meet the conditions for one of three categories of permits to teach.

Permit To Teach – Interns

Student-Teachers/Teaching Interns

The specific requirement is for the applicant to be:

- enrolled in a **recognized teacher education programme**
- in **Belize or abroad**
- with the intention to undertake a **period of internship** in any school in Belize

Permit To Teach – Exchange Program

Exchange Teacher

The specific requirement is for the applicant to be on an exchange programme between a **foreign** school and any school in Belize through an agreement or arrangement between

the foreign school and

- the Managing Authority; or
- the Ministry of Education; or
- the Government.

Permit To Teach -Volunteer

Volunteer

The specific requirement is for the applicant to be doing voluntary work in any school in Belize through an agreement or arrangement between:

- the **foreign school or organization** and
- the Managing Authority; or
- the Ministry of Education; or
- the Government.

General Considerations

- Any proposed program must be recognized by the Belize Board of Teacher Education (BBTE) and this recognition is administered via its Secretariat, the Teacher Education and Development Services unit of the Ministry of Education.
- All program components whether through internships or exchanges must be aligned or equated with local standards to ensure that the interaction of the student-teacher/teacher with the Belizean student is relevant, meaningful, purposeful and there is reciprocal benefit for both parties.
- Applicants for voluntary service as teachers must meet the threshold for a full license in their respective teaching level to qualify for the permit to teach. They should also get a work permit.

Package of Required Documents

This is to be provided by the foreign school (or organization):

I. Memorandum of Agreement

(Official letter from the foreign educational institution endorsing/ recognizing the program and confirming the foreign institution's *coordinator* both foreign and local counterparts.

2. Brief Outline of the Program's Objectives and Scheduled Activities/Work plan for duration of the applicant(s) stay in country

Package of Required Documents

- 3. Application form (in duplicate) w/ attachments for each applicant
- (ii) **An official transcript** (in sealed envelope) confirming **current** standing at the foreign educational institution
- (iii) **A copy of passport ID page** – authenticated in country of origin by Belizean embassy or consulate
- (iv) **An original police record** - authenticated in country of origin by Belizean embassy or consulate
- (v) A copy of medical certificate (comparable to the Official GOB medical form specifications) - authenticated in country of origin by Belizean embassy or consulate.



The End.