

**BELIZE:**

**BELIZEAN NATIONALITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of new section 21A in principal Act.





**No. 11 of 2016**

I assent,

**(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)**

*Governor-General*

14th April, 2016

**AN ACT to amend the Belizean Nationality Act, Chapter 161 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provision, in the interest of administrative and operational efficiency, for the responsible Minister to delegate certain functions to any Minister of State appointed to assist the Minister, and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.**

*(Gazetted 16th April, 2016.)*

***BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:***

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title.

**BELIZEAN NATIONALITY (AMENDMENT)**  
**ACT, 2016,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Belizean Nationality Act, which as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Insertion of  
new section  
21A in  
principal Act.

2. The principal Act is amended by inserting next after the heading to Part V, the following as section 21A –

“Minister  
may delegate  
specified  
functions.

21A. (1) The Minister may, by Order published in the Gazette, delegate to any Minister of State appointed to assist him, the exercise or performance of all or any of the powers or functions conferred upon the Minister under the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (4).

(2) A delegation under subsection (1) is revocable by the Minister and the delegation of the exercise of a power or the performance of a function shall not preclude its exercise or performance by the Minister.

(3) The provisions of this Act shall apply in relation to a power or a function delegated under this section as they would apply where the power or function is exercised or performed by the Minister.

(4) The provisions specified are those of sections 10 and 16.

(5) The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding the provisions of section 59 of the Interpretation Act (power to delegate authority).”