

BELIZE:

IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018

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No. 10 of 2018

I assent,

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)

Governor-General

13th April, 2018.

AN ACT to amend the Immigration Act, Chapter 156 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to provide, as a companion measure to amendments to the Belizean Nationality Act, Chapter 161, and the Passports Act, Chapter 164, for the bifurcation of functions related to immigration and nationality services, to regularize the use of the term used to describe the head of the government department responsible for immigration; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 14th April, 2018)

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

IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018,

CAP. 156.
1 of 2014.
13 of 2016.
46 of 2017.

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

Amendment
to section 2.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 2 by deleting the definition of “Director of Immigration and Nationality Services” and substituting the following -

“Director” means the person appointed by the Governor-General acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister as the head of the government department responsible for border management and immigration, to be known as the Department of Border Management and Immigration Services.”

Substitution
of the term
“Director”.

3. The principal Act is amended by deleting the term “Director of Immigration and Nationality Services” wherever it appears and substituting the term “Director”.

Amendment
to section 9.

4. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the term “principal immigration officer” wherever it appears and substituting the term “Director”.

Repeal of
section 10.

5. Section 10 of the principal Act is repealed.

Amendment
of section 12.

6. Section 12 (1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “permanent residency or”.

Amendment
of section 13.

7. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended -

(a) in paragraph (g), by substituting a semi-colon for the full-stop; and

(b) inserting next after paragraph (g) the following

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“(h) temporary border permits and border crossing cards.”.

8. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “principal”.

**Amendment
of section 17.**

9. Section 36 (1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the term “principal immigration officer” and substituting the term “Director”.

**Amendment
of section 36.**

10-(1) A reference in any other enactment to the “Director of Immigration and Nationality Services” or “principal immigration officer” or the Department of Immigration and Nationality Services” exercising a function in relation to aliens, immigration, or border management services is, to the extent possible, to be read respectively, as a reference to the Director as introduced by this Act, namely the head of the government department responsible for border management and immigration or to the department so responsible.

**Referential
amendments.**

(2) Enactments referred to in this section include, but are not limited to those specified in the Schedule to this Act.

Schedule.

11. This Act comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by Order published in the Gazette.

Commencement.

**SCHEDULE
(Section 10)**

Title of Enactment	Amended Sections
Aliens (Registration) Act, Chapter 160	section 3
Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Act, Chapter 108.01	sections 11,13,14,15,21,22 and 23
Belize Coast Guard Act, Chapter 131.01	sections 4 and 5
Border Management Agency Act, Chapter 144	section 37
Civil Aviation Security Act, Chapter 239.01	sections 4 and 16