

BELIZE:

BELIZEAN NATIONALITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2023

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 13.



No. 53 of 2023

I assent,

(H.E. DAME FROYLA TZALAM)
Governor-General

19th December, 2023.

AN ACT to amend the Belizean Nationality Act, Chapter 161 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to clarify the provisions relating to grant of nationality to children born to non-Belizeans who have, since the birth of that child, acquired Belizean nationality; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 23rd December, 2023).

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,
2023,

CAP. 161.
Act No. 16 of
2022.

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

Amendment of
section 13.

2. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended in sub-section (1) by—

- (a) deleting the full stop at the end of sub-section (1) and replacing it with a comma; and
- (b) inserting a proviso immediately after sub-section (1), as follows—

“provided that, a certificate of registration shall be granted to that child only if the child has resided in Belize for at least one year preceding the date of the application of the applicant parent.”.

- (c) inserting a new sub-section (1A) as follows—

“(1A) Notwithstanding sub-section (1), a certificate of registration shall not be granted by descent to a minor if—

- (a) at the time of birth of the minor, none of the parents is a citizen of Belize; or
- (b) after the birth of the minor, either parent obtains Belizean nationality.”.