

	of registration under this section, and such a national, when registered, shall not require a work permit to practice the profession of accountancy, or any visa or other immigration permit to enter or leave Belize, or to reside in Belize for the purpose of practicing the profession of accountancy”.	
Legal Profession Act, Chapter 320 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 - 2003	<p>(i) In section 2 (1), add the following definition in its proper alphabetical order –</p> <p>“CARICOM Member State” means a State which is a party to the Treaty of Chaguaramas establishing the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy;”.</p> <p>(ii) Repeal section 6 and replace it by the following –</p> <p>“6 (1) A person who after the commencement of this section applies to be admitted to practice law, and who satisfies the Supreme Court that he</p> <p>(a) is a national of a CARICOM Member State and holds the Bachelor of Laws Degree and the Legal Education Certificate; or</p>	31 st December, 2004

	<p>(b) is a national of a CARICOM Member State who is admitted to practice law in a CARICOM Member State; or</p> <p>(c) holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree or its equivalent granted by a Commonwealth University, and possesses suitable practical experience and competence and is qualified to practice law in a CARICOM Member State,</p> <p>and is of good character, shall upon compliance with the requirements of this Act, and unless the person is exempt therefrom, on payment to the Registrar of the appropriate fee for registration and upon payment to the Bar Association of the annual subscription in respect of membership of that Association, be admitted to practice law and be entered on the Roll by Order of the Court.</p> <p>(2) The Chief Justice may prescribe the practice and procedure to be followed in relation to applications under this section.</p> <p>(3) Nothing in sections 5, 8, and 10 of this section</p>	
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	<p>shall affect any law placing restrictions on any person, not being a national of a CARICOM Member State referred to in subsection (1), entering, leaving, residing or practicing law in Belize”.</p> <p>(iii) Repeal subsection (1) of section 8 and replace it by the following -</p> <p>“(1) Notwithstanding section 6, a person who holds an office of law officer of the Government as specified in the Second Schedule, or as designated by the Attorney General from time to time by Order published in the <i>Gazette</i> shall, upon payment to the Association of the annual subscription in respect of membership thereof, be entitled <i>ex officio</i> to be admitted and enrolled as an attorney-at-law without payment of a fee and so long as he continues to hold such office or to exercise and perform the duties of such office such person shall be entitled to practice law in all courts in Belize without holding a Practising Certificate.”</p> <p>(iv) Add a new section 10:01 immediately after section 10 as follows -</p>	
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	<p>“CARICOM Nationals 10:01. A national of a CARICOM Member State who is admitted as an attorney-at-law under this Act shall not require a work permit; a visa or other immigration permit for him to enter, reside in or leave Belize for the purpose of practicing the profession of law”.</p>	
<p>Medical Practitioners Act, Chapter 318 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 - 2003</p>	<p>(i) In section 2, add the following definitions in their proper alphabetical order -</p> <p>‘ “CARICOM Member State” means a State which is a party to the Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy’;</p> <p>‘ “Council for Human and Social Development” means the body of the Caribbean Community empowered under Article 35 of the Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy, to establish common standards and measures for accreditation or mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of qualification of CARICOM Member States.’</p>	<p>31st December, 2004</p>