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Business Licence Requirement	All services		The Trade Licensing Act - Chapter 53	Act requires business licences for various service providers.					
Company Registration	All services		The Companies Act	Sections 250 and 251 prescribe the requirements for the registration of overseas companies. Must provide address in Belize.					
Exchange Controls	All services	All relevant services	(1) The Exchange Control Act (2) The Exchange Control Regulations	Act and Regulations prescribe the permissions to be sought for foreign exchange transactions.					
Work Permit Requirement	All services	All Services	(1) The Immigration Act (Chapter 256) (2) The Aliens Registration Act (Chapter 160) Central Bank of Belize Act CAP 262	Immigration regulations prescribe the procedure for applications for work permits. Exemption is provided for in the CARICOM Skills Act.					
Land	All services	Agricultural Land, forest and other wooded land  Built up and related land, recreational land  Other Land	The Aliens Landholding Ordinance (National Lands Act, Chapter 191)	National Lands Act prescribes that Minister has discretion to grant a licence for transfer of land to an Alien. (Ministerial discretion to grant license to aliens to own land ). Foreign companies and individuals wishing to possess property by title or on condition of paying rent need to first obtain a licence.					
Investment				Prohibits the exploration, exploitation and processing of radioactive minerals, the recycle of nuclear fuel, the generation of nuclear energy, the transportation and storage of nuclear waste, the use and processing of nuclear fuel and regulation of its applications for other purposes, as well as the production of heavy water.					
Investment			Business Names Act	The Business Names Act stipulates the requirements for use of names which may differ in the case of natural-born Belizean citizens.					
ISIC rev 3.1: 01 Investment		Agriculture and hunting		The State reserves the right to adopt or maintain measures on investment in this sector.					
ISIC rev.3.1: 05 Investment		Fishing		The State reserves the right to adopt or maintain measures on investment in this sector.					
Investment		Mining and quarrying		Certain activities in small scale mining may be reserved to nationals. The State reserves the right to grant approval for private or public exploration, mining, processing, importation and exportation of minerals.					
(ISIC rev 3.1: 10 Investment		Mining of coal and lignite; extraction of peat		A mineral or prospecting right shall be subject to nationality and residency requirements and the holder of these rights shall also be subjected to performance requirements.					
Investment		Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas		A mineral or prospecting right shall be subject to nationality and residency requirements and the holder of these rights shall also be subjected to performance requirements.					
ISIC rev 3.1: 13 Investment		Mining of metal ores		A mineral or prospecting right shall be subject to nationality and residency requirements and the holder of these rights shall also be subjected to performance requirements.					
ISIC rev 3.1: 14 Investment		Other mining and quarrying		A mineral or prospecting right shall be subject to nationality and residency requirements and the holder of these rights shall also be subjected to performance requirements.					

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ISIC rev 3.1: 15	Investment	Manufacture of food products and beverages		The State reserves the right to adopt or maintain measures on investment in this sector.					
ISIC rev 3.1: 20	Investment	Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials		States reserve the right to adopt or maintain restrictions on small scale investment in this sector.					
ISIC rev 3.1:29	Investment	Manufacture of machinery and equipment		States may reserve the right to adopt or maintain measures on investment in the production of weapons and ammunition.					
ISIC rev 3.1: 36	Investment	Manufacture of furniture; manufacturing n.e.c.		The State reserves the right to adopt or maintain measures on investment in this sector.					
	Investment	Production, transmission and distribution on own account of electricity, gas, steam and hot water (Excluding Nuclear Based Electricity Generation)		Unbound					
	Investment		Investment Act	What do your investment legislation or regulation state?					
86119**	Legal services: consulting in home law of the service provider		The Legal Profession Ordinance/ (Act Chapter 320)	Act prescribes criteria for registration of Attorneys at Law in Belize. ( Legal education certification, Good character certification, Work permits required for non-Belizeans )	Unbound	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
86130	Legal documentation and certification services		The Legal Profession Ordinance/ (Act Chapter 320)	Act prescribes criteria for registration of Attorneys at Law in Belize. ( Legal education certification, Good character certification, Work permits required for non-Belizeans )	Unbound	Unbound	Only a natural person can practice law	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
86119	Legal Services Consultancy in International Law		The Legal Profession Ordinance/ (Act Chapter 320)	Act prescribes criteria for registration of Attorneys at Law in Belize. ( Legal education certification, Good character certification, Work permits required for non-Belizeans )	None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
86211 - 86213 & 86220	Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping service		The Accountancy Profession Act (Chapter 305)	Act prescribes the criteria for registration of a Chartered Accountant. (Licensing & certification requirements, Work permits/visas required for non-Belizeans)	None	None	Phase in 5 years after entry into force of the Agreement, joint venture, transfer of knowledge and technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
863 (Except 86309)	Taxation Services				None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8671	Architectural Services		Professional Architects (Registration) Act, Cap 326:02 and Amendments, 2003		None	None	Joint Venture, transfer of knowledge and technology required.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	internship - 3 years practical experience. Code of Ethics, including continuing professional education - Yes - Association of Professional Architects of Belize
8672	Engineering Services				None	None	Joint Venture, transfer of knowledge and technology required.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8674	Urban Planning and Landscape Architectural services				Unbound	None	None as of 1 January 2013	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
93121 & 932122	General Medical Services		The Medical Practitioners Registration Act (Chapter 318)	Act prescribes the criteria for registration of medical professionals. (Certification Registration and Residency for minimum period, Work permits/visas are normal requirements for non-Belizeans )	None	None	None as of 1 January 2013	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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	Neuro-surgery				None	None	None as of 1 January 2013	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
931*	Epidemiological Services				None	None	None as of 1 January 2013	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
931*	CATSCAN series				None	None	None as of 1 January 2013	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
841	Consultancy Services related to the installation of computer hardware	Computer and Related Services			None	None	Minimum local participation of 50 % and transfer of technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
842	Software Implementation Services	Computer and Related Services			None	None	Minimum local participation of 50 % and transfer of technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
843	Data Processing Services	Computer and Related Services			None	None	Minimum local participation of 50 % and transfer of technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
844	Data Base Services	Computer and Related Services			None	None	Minimum local participation of 50 % and transfer of technology required	Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
851	R&D Services on Natural Sciences (14)	Research and Development Services			Publicly funded R & D services may be limited to citizens and/or residents	Publicly funded R & D services may be limited to citizens and/or residents	Publicly funded R & D services may be limited to citizens and/or residents	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
852	R & D Services on Social Sciences and humanities (14)	Research and Development Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
853	Interdisciplinary R&D Services (14)	Research and Development Services			Publicly funded R & D services may be limited to citizens and/or residents	Publicly funded R & D services may be limited to citizens and/or residents	Publicly funded R & D services may be limited to citizens and/or residents	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
83103	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators Relating to ships	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
83104	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators Relating to aircraft	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
83102 & 83102	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators Relating to other transport Equipment	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
83106-83109	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators Relating to other Machinery and Equipment	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
871	Advertising Services	Other Business Services			None	None	Joint venture with minimum local participation of not less than 50 %	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
864	Market research and public opinion polling services	Other Business Services			None	None	Joint venture with minimum local participation of not less than 50 %	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
865	Management Consulting Services	Other Business Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
86609	Services Related to Management Consulting	Other Business Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	

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8676	Technical testing and Analysis Services	Other Business Services			None	None	Transfer of knowledge and technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP
8842, 8846-8 & 885	Services incidental to manufacturing				None	None	Transfer of knowledge and technology required	Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP. Main criterion the availability of local skills in the subsector
872 (Except 87296 & 87209)	Placement and supply services of personnel				None	Unbound	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.
86751 & 86752	Related Scientific and Technical Consulting Services				None	None	Transfer of knowledge and technology required. Publicly funded services may be limited to citizens and/or residents	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP
	Maintenance and Repair of Equipments (not including maritime vessels, aircraft or other transport equipment)				None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.
87504	Photographic Services				None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
876	Packaging Services				None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
87909*	Convention Services				None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
82303	Rental and leasing of furniture				Unbound	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
7512	Courier Services				None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
752	Telecommunication Services							
5224	Tunnel construction	Construction Services			Unbound*	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
632	Retail ((Non-food retailing services)	Distribution Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
924	Adult Education	Education Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs tests for CSS and IP
9401	Sewage Services	Environmental Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
9402**	Hazardous waste collection services	Environmental Services			None	None	Transfer of knowledge and technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
9402**	Hazardous waste treatment and disposal services	Environmental Services			None	None	Transfer of knowledge and technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
94040	Cleaning services of exhaust gas	Environmental Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP
94050	Noise abatement	Environmental Services			None	None	Transfer of knowledge and technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
94090**	Closed loop pollution control systems for factories	Environmental Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP
	Waste and waste water management.	Environmental Services			None	None	Transfer of knowledge and technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
94090**	Recycling Services	Environmental Services			None	None	Transfer of knowledge and technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments
81404	Actuarial services	Financial Services (All insurance and insurance-related services)	The Insurance Act	Act provides for the registration of agents, associations of underwriters, insurance companies and for other matters. (Licensing or registration, Work permits or visas required for non-Belizeans)	None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments

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9311	Hospital services	Health related and Social Services	The Chemists & Druggists Ordinance ( Act Chapter 331)	Act prescribes conditions for registration and licensing of Chemists and Druggists. (Registration and licensing required, Work permits/visas required for non-Belizeans.)	None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
9319 (Except 93199)	Other human health services	Health related and Social Services	The Registration of Nursing Homes Ordinance (Act, Chap.324)	Act prescribes criteria for registration of nursing homes. (Registration and licensing required, Work permits/visas required for non-Belizeans.)	None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
933(Except 93319, 93321, 93322 & 93329)	Social Services	Health related and Social Services	The Social Service Agencies Act.(Chapter 45)	Act prescribes the criteria and conditions for registration of Social Service Agencies in Belize. (Registration requirements must be satisfied,Work permits/visas are required for Non-Belizeans )	None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
641-643	Hotels and Restaurants (incl. Catering)	Tourism and Travel Related Services			Unbound*	None	None for hotels in excess of 50 rooms; hotels of less than 50 rooms may be subject to an economic needs test	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
64193 & 64195	letting services of furnished accomodation	Tourism and Travel Related Services			None	None	Unbound, joint venture required and subject to economic needs test	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
64210	Meal serving with full restaurant services	Tourism and Travel Related Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
64220	Meal serving services in self-serving facilities (Except for institutionalised cafeteria services such as schools, hospitals and other public institutions)	Tourism and Travel Related Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
	Marina services	Tourism and Travel Related Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
	Spa Services	Tourism and Travel Related Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
96194 & 96195	Entertainment Services (incl. Theatre, live bands and circus services)	Recreational, Cultural and Sporting Services (other than audiovisual services) (Except gambling)	The Cinematographs Ordinance (Act, Chapter 241)	Act prescribes that for the grant of a licence for cinematograph production. (Registration and licensing required ,Work permits/visas required for Non-Belizeans )	None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs tests for CSS and IP	
9621 & 9623	News agency services (News agency services to newspapers and periodicals)	Recreational, Cultural and Sporting Services (other than audiovisual services) (Except gambling)			None	None	Transfer of knowledge and technology required. Establishment of press agencies by foreign investors is subject to reciprocity	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs tests for CSS and IP	
96413	Sporting and other recreational services	Recreational, Cultural and Sporting Services (other than audiovisual services) (Except gambling)			Unbound	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs tests for CSS and IP	
96499**	Rental and leasing of yachts (Limited to class 1 under 12 passengers with or without crew and with multiple days or itinerary)	Recreational, Cultural and Sporting Services (other than audiovisual services) (Except gambling)			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
7211	Passenger transportation (less cabotage)	Maritime Transport Services	The Ports and Harbour Act and Regulations	Regulations 3 , 4 and 8 prescribe the criteria for registration and certification of masters of vessels. (Certification requirements and Work Permits or visas required for non-Belizeans)	None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
7212	Freight Transportation (less cabotage)	Maritime Transport Services	The Ports and Harbour Act and Regulations	Regulations 3 , 4 and 8 prescribe the criteria for registration and certification of masters of vessels. (Certification requirements and Work Permits or visas required for non-Belizeans)	None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	

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7213	Rental of vessels with crew (less cabotage) (Passenger transportation for abroad, limited to class 2 boats under 100 passengers but with multiple days on the itinerary)	Maritime Transport Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
7214	Pushing and towing services	Maritime Transport Services			None	None	Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
74540	Vessel salvage & refloating services	Maritime Transport Services			Unbound	Unbound	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
7459	Ship Registration for the control, regulation and orderly development of merchant shipping	Maritime Transport Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
7453	Navigation Aid and Communications/ Meteorologic Services	Maritime Transport Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
731	Passenger transportation(Excluding the carriage of passengers within the domain of Belize)	Air Transport Services	(1) The Civil Aviation Act 1992	Regulations prescribe for the licensing of scheduled journeys and for permits for journeys other than scheduled journeys. (Licensing or registration requirements; Work permits or visas required by non-Belizeans)	None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
732	Freight Transportation	Air Transport Services	(1) The Civil Aviation Act 1992, (Chapter 239,Rev.2000) (2) The Air Transport (Licensing of Air Services) Regulations	Regulations prescribe for the licensing of scheduled journeys and for permits for journeys other than scheduled journeys. (Licensing or registration requirements; Work permits or visas required by non-Belizeans)	None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
734	Rental of aircraft with crew	Air Transport Services	(1) The Civil Aviation Act 1992 (2) The Air Transport (Licensing of Air Services) Regulations	Regulations prescribe for the licensing of scheduled journeys and for permits for journeys other than scheduled journeys. (Licensing or registration requirements; Work permits or visas required by non-Belizeans)	None	None	Unbound. Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
8868	Maintenance and repair of aircraft	Air Transport Services			None	None	Transfer of knowledge and technology required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
	Computer reservation system (CRS) services	Air Transport Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
	Selling and marketing of air transport services	Air Transport Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
7111	Passenger transportation	Rail Transport Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
7112	Freight Transportation	Rail Transport Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
7113	Pushing and towing services	Rail Transport Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
8868	Maintenance and repair of rail transport equipment	Rail Transport Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
743	Supporting services for rail transport services	Rail Transport Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
74800	Freight transport agency services	Transportation Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
95910	Services of membership organization(2)								

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68111	Postal services related to letters	Postal Services related to letters Postal services related to parcels Post Office counter services Other postal services	The Post Office Act	Section 6 of the Act grants the exclusive right to the Postmaster General to convey postal communication. (Monopoly given to Postmaster General)					Monopoly
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