



LARGE TAXPAYERS SHOULD FILE TAX RETURNS AND PAY TAXES ONLINE

Pursuant to Section **22 (2)(c)** of the **Tax Administration and Procedure Act, 2019**, the Director General of the Belize Tax Service Department hereby specifies and notifies all large taxpayers (“LTPs”) that they are required to file tax returns and pay taxes administered by the Department online commencing **October 2021**.

The Department’s electronic channel is designed to make filing returns and paying taxes fast, convenient, uncomplicated, free, safe, and secure using the Department’s new, Integrated Revenue Information System (**IRIS Belize**) online portal.

Integrated Revenue Information System (IRIS Belize)

The **IRIS Belize** is an online portal slated for deployment in October 2021 through which LTPs can use their tax identification numbers (TINs) issued by the Department to file and pay their various taxes online. Simply register as a web user/sign up for an online user account and start filing tax returns and paying tax online.

Benefits include:

- 100% online filing
- Secure platform
- Online payment transfers
- Integrated view of your LTP tax accounts
- Management of accounts and tax agents by taxpayers
- Automated notifications

Large taxpayers (LTPs)

Large taxpayers are those who:

- Generate sales turnover equal to or greater than BZ \$ 5 million per annum;

- *Pay the Department tax revenues equal to or greater than BZ \$500,000 per annum; or,*
- *Earn revenues from a primary business activity in the financial, insurance, or utilities sectors.*

File Tax Returns Online

LTPs can save time and money and avoid long lines by filing the following tax returns online:

- ❖ **Business Tax Return**
- ❖ **General Sales Tax Return**
- ❖ **Withholding Tax Payment Return**
- ❖ **Gross Contract Payment Return**
- ❖ **Employer’s Monthly Remittance of Income Tax Withheld (P.A.Y.E.)**
- ❖ **International Business Companies (“IBCs”) Annual Tax Return (commencing 2022)**

Unfiled returns for certain, previous tax periods (before September 2021) can also be filed online.

☛ *Simply go to <https://www.irisbelize.bts.gov.bz> and register as a web user/sign up for an online user account.*

Pay tax online

Pay taxes when filing tax returns. Paying online is quick & easy!

- *No more waiting in long lines*
- *Use your Belize Bank, Atlantic Bank or Heritage Bank online banking to make payments to the Belize Tax Service Department*

To pay taxes online

- *Go to <https://www.irisbelize.bts.gov.bz> and log in to your user account*
- *Select the “**My Tax**” Tab and select the “**Make a Payment**” from the home page*

- The “**pay now**” feature will allow you to create a reference number, which can be used to make the online Bank Transfer.

Important Dates

All LTPs should be mindful of the following important dates and deadlines when filing tax returns and paying taxes online.

DATE	ACTIVITY
4th October 2021	IRIS Belize available to LTPs.
12th October 2021	Deadline for ALL LTPs to register as web users/ sign up for online user accounts.
12th October 2021	Deadline for the online filing of returns and payments of P.A.Y.E. tax for the September 2021 tax period.
15th October 2021	Deadline for online filing of returns and payments for business tax, general sales tax, gross contract payments, and/or withholding tax payment for the September 2021 tax period.
28th February 2022	Deadline for online filing TD4s for the 2021 basis year.
31st March 2022	Deadline for IBCs to register as web users/ sign up for online user accounts and file annual returns and pay taxes online for the 2020 and 2021 basis years.

Returns and payments for tax periods after September 2021 are also to be done online!

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