



## **ALL TAXPAYERS REQUIRED TO FILE TAX RETURNS AND PAY TAXES**

### **ONLINE**



Pursuant to Section 22 (2)(c) of *The Tax Administration and Procedure Act, Chapter 51 Revised Edition 2020* (TAPA), which grants the Director General of the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) the authority to specify the manner in which returns should be filed, including electronically and with electronic signature, the Director General hereby notifies **ALL** taxpayers that **effective April 1, 2023** they will be required to file tax returns and pay all taxes administered by the BTSD **online**.

*In September 2021, the BTSD implemented the Integrated Revenue Information System (IRIS Belize) online portal. Only Large Taxpayers were required to utilize the portal, while all other taxpayers were encouraged to sign up and commence using IRIS Belize voluntarily. However, as part of a phased approach to fully implementing IRIS Belize, as of April 1, 2023, it is mandatory that every taxpayer is registered for an IRIS Belize account.*

*Commencing with the tax period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, and for subsequent tax periods, taxpayers must electronically file with the BTSD a return required to be filed for the tax period under the relevant tax law and make payment. The Department **will no longer be accepting tax payments or filing of tax returns in the office**. Payment and returns will **only** be accepted through the portal. This is aimed at making filing tax returns and paying taxes faster, more convenient, and free while ensuring and fostering the safety and security of the BTSD employees, as well as taxpayers. Equally, this will assist BTSD in providing more efficient and timely service to our taxpayers.*

Please be reminded that per the governing tax Acts: *The TAPA; The Income and Business Tax Act, Chapter 55 Revised Edition 2020*; and *The General Sales Tax Act, Chapter 63 Revised Edition 2020* of the Laws of Belize, each taxpayer is under an obligation to pay taxes **AND** file a return on or before the deadline for each respective tax type.

To register for an IRIS Belize account, visit <https://www.irisbelize.bts.gov.bz/CreateAccount>.

In order to facilitate the transition process, taxpayers may seek technical assistance from the **IRIS Belize HELP DESK** which may be contacted via telephone at +501 613-8375; +501 613-2773; +501 614-5731; +501 613-4711; or email at [onlineaccounts\\_bz@bts.gov.bz](mailto:onlineaccounts_bz@bts.gov.bz) during the hours of 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Mondays-Thursdays, and 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM on Fridays.