

**BELIZE:**

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

**No. 11 of 2006**

*REGULATIONS made by the Belize Tourism Board, with the approval of the Minister responsible for Tourism, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 15 of the Belize Tourism Board Act, Chapter 275 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 - 2003, and all other powers thereunto it enabling.*

*(Gazetted 4th February, 2006.)*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

**BELIZE TOURISM BOARD (TOUR GUIDE)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2005,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Belize Tourism Board (Tour Guide) Regulations, which as amended, are hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

S.I. 80 of 1994.  
S.I. 114 of 1996.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:

Amendment of  
Regulation 2.

(a) by adding the following definitions in their proper alphabetical order:

' "high risk activities" includes caving, cave tubing, dive and marine-based activities, repelling, horseback riding, and kayaking;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Tourism;';

(b) in the definition of "tour guide", by adding the expression "and who leads, manages, or provides tour services, whether dive, marine-based, terrestrial, or land-based, to tourists or guests" immediately after

the expression "Regulation 5 of these Regulations" occurring therein.

Amendment of  
Regulation 4.

3. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:

(a) by renumbering paragraph (d) as paragraph (e) and paragraph (e) as paragraph (f);

(b) by adding a new paragraph (d) as follows:-

"(d) to receive and consider complaints against tour guides licensed under these Regulations".

Amendment of  
Regulation 5.

4. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended by repealing subregulation (5) and replacing it by the following:

"(5) All licences issued under these Regulations shall expire within one year from the date of issue but may be renewed for like period upon:

(a) payment of the prescribed fee;

(b) production of the documents specified in paragraphs (a), (b), (d) and (e) of subregulation (1) of this Regulation;

(c) production of satisfactory proof that the applicant is certified in safety, first aid and cardio pulmonary resuscitation; and

(d) proof of accreditation or re-certification in such courses and training as determined by the Board".

Amendment of  
Regulation 8.

5. Regulation 8 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended by repealing subregulation (1) and by replacing it by the following:

“(1) An applicant for a license under these Regulations shall attend and successfully complete such courses of training, whether general or specialized, and pass such tests of proficiency as may be approved or conducted by the Board.”

6. Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph (g) as follows:

Amendment of Regulation 9.

“(g) comply with the terms and provisions of policies as formulated by the Board as they relate to the operations and services of tour guides.”

7. Regulation 10 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulation 10.

(a) by repealing paragraphs (b) and (c);

(b) by renumbering paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) as new paragraphs (b), (c) and (d).

8. Regulation 11 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

Repeal and replacement of Regulation 11.

“11. (1) Any tour guide licensed under these Regulations who:

(a) insults, abuses, or harasses a tourist, either through word or deed;

(b) induces or encourages tourists to do anything contrary to the laws of Belize or to do anything which goes against good customs or morals;

(c) carries out or attempts to carry out his functions under these Regulations while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs;

- (d) offers for sale or otherwise gives any illegal drugs or illegal commodities to tourists;
- (e) engages in any activity detrimental to the environmental integrity or archaeological or cultural heritage of Belize;
- (f) having been issued with a license, operates in contravention of any term or condition contained in the license;
- (g) having been issued with a license, operates in contravention of any provision, duty, or requirement as set out in these Regulations; or
- (h) works or conducts business as a tour guide during any period of suspension of his license or after such license has been revoked by the Committee,

commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment.

(2) If a tour guide

- (a) fails to comply with the duties and requirements asset out in Regulation 9 herein;

- (b)* has in any application for a license made any statement which is false in any material particular;
- (c)* is guilty of any misconduct which renders him unfit to continue to act as a licensed tour guide;
- (d)* commits or is convicted of an offence under these Regulations or any other law;
- (e)* contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these Regulations;
- (f)* engages in any conduct which is not specifically prohibited under these Regulations but which in the opinion of the Committee places the profession in disrepute,

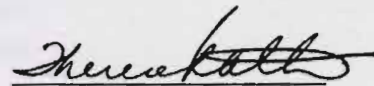
the Committee may impose on such tour guide any of the following disciplinary measures, namely:-

- (a)* a reprimand;
- (b)* suspension of the license of the tour guide for such period as the Committee may determine;
- (c)* refusal to renew a license of the tour guide for such period as the Committee may determine; or
- (d)* revocation of the license of the tour guide.

(3) The penalties provided in subregulation (2) shall be in addition to and without prejudice to any other penalty provided under any other law.”

**Commencement.** 9. These Regulations shall come into force upon signature.

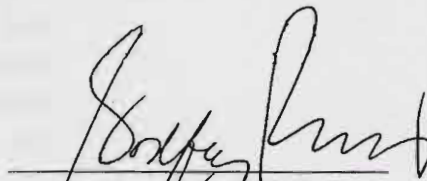
**MADE** by the Belize Tourism Board this 25th day of November, 2005.



(CHAIRPERSON)

*Belize Tourism Board*

**APPROVED** by the Minister responsible for Tourism this 25th day of November, 2005.



(GODFREY P. SMITH)

*Minister Responsible for Tourism*