

Manuel Esquivel

Prime Minister of Belize

Born in Belize City on May 2, 1940, Manuel Esquivel received a bachelor of science degree from Loyola University in New Orleans, followed by postgraduate studies at the University of Bristol in England. He taught at St. John's Junior College in Belize City until 1984.

In 1973, Mr. Esquivel founded the United Democratic Party, serving as its chairman from 1976 to 1982. He has also served as a councillor on the Belize City Council and as a member of the Senate.

Mr. Esquivel was Prime Minister from 1984 to 1989. He has also held a number of cabinet portfolios, including finance, defence and economic development. From 1989 to 1993, he was Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Esquivel began his second term as Prime Minister of Belize in 1993. He serves concurrently as Minister of Finance and Defence.

Mr. Esquivel married Kathleen Levy in 1971. They have three children.