

# USERS GUIDE TO TABLE OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES (3rd Edition) for the Statutes of British Columbia

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*The Table of Legislative Changes is provided for convenience.  
While every effort is made to achieve accuracy, only the statutes are authoritative.  
Legal opinion should be sought if interpretation is required.*

## 1. Legislative changes and time periods covered

The 3rd Edition Table shows all the following:

- Act provisions and changes enacted or brought into force between January 1, 2014 and the date to which an Act is updated.
- Act provisions and changes enacted between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2013, or consolidated in RS1996 Act Supplements, that are not in force as of the date to which an Act is updated and were not repealed or superseded as of December 31, 2013. (For all other provisions and changes from the 2005-2013 period and from RS1996 Act Supplements, see the Table of Legislative Changes (2nd Edition).)
- Act provisions and changes enacted between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 2004, or consolidated in RS1996 Act Supplements, that are not in force as of the date to which an Act is updated and were not repealed, superseded or inoperative as of December 31, 2004. (For all other provisions and changes from the 1997-2004 period and from RS1996 Act Supplements, see the Table of Legislative Changes (1st Edition) and its Appendix in the 2004 Statutes of British Columbia bound volume.)

## 2. Acts listed in Table

In addition to listing all Acts with provisions or changes set out in item 1, the 3rd Edition Table includes most Acts appearing in the 1st Edition Table (1997-2004), and in the 2nd Edition Table (2005-2013), whether or not those Acts are affected by changes enacted or brought into force between January 1, 2014 and the current update.

Specifically, the 3rd Edition Table lists all

- 1996 Revised Acts
- new Public, Private, Special, Local and Statute Revision Acts enacted in Sessions from 1997 to the current update
- Acts affected by legislative changes enacted or brought into force between January 1, 1997 and the current update, but
  - Amendment Acts are listed only if a change could not be entered in a table of a principal Act affected (e.g., an amendment to a transitional provision of the Amendment Act)
  - Pre-revision (pre-RS1996) Acts are listed only if changed between April 21, 1997 and the current update. For changes to pre-revision Acts from January 1, 1997 to April 20, 1997, see the Appendix to the Table of Legislative Changes (1st Edition) in the 2004 Statutes of British Columbia bound volume.

A separate listing is added for

- an Act if a regulation or order in council made under it is subsequently changed by or confirmed and validated by an Act of the Legislature: "Regulations" or "Orders" follows the Act title in these cases
- the *Workers Compensation Act* for the entering of regulations that adjust dollar figures in the Act based on changes in the consumer price index.

## 3. How legislative changes are shown

### (1) Parts of the individual tables

If an Act is subject to legislative change, an individual table is provided with one or more of the 4 parts shown in bold type in this subsection:

- ***Changes by Reg (or Order)*** – *italicized* – identifies potential Act changes that may be made by regulation or by order in council, whether or not the provision authorizing the change is itself in force. When a change is enacted, a separate entry is made in the appropriate part of the table according to the effective status of the change as of the current update.

Note: Several Acts authorize any eligible Act to be changed by regulation or authorize the suspension of the operation of all or part of an enactment by regulation. Where it is possible to identify the specific Acts that may be affected, "Changes by Reg" entries are created for those Acts. Where specific Acts cannot be identified, the potential changes or suspensions are noted only under the authorizing Act (e.g., *Statute Revision Act*) until a regulation is made; after a regulation is made, the details are entered under the Act affected by the change or suspension.

- ***Changes to Schedule*** – *italicized* – alerts users to changes, to a Schedule of a Final Agreement Act, that may be or have been made by consent of the parties or automatically, whether or not the provision authorizing the change is itself in force. After a change by consent of the parties has become effective, a separate entry is made in the Changes in Force part of the table.
- ***Changes Not in Force*** – *italicized* – identifies changes not in force as of the current update, including changes that are
  - to be brought into force by regulation under a commencement provision
  - effective on a specified date or other event.
- **Changes in Force** – non-italicized – identifies changes in force as of the current update.

## (2) Columns

### Section column

- identifies provisions affected by changes; "Act" is used if an entire Act is subject to repeal or to changes that can be summarized efficiently in this way

### Change column

- shows the nature of the changes – see the list of abbreviations, terms and symbols in item 5

### Citation column

- cites the Act, Supplement, regulation or order in council making the change; if the change itself is changed, a bulleted entry may be added under it – see (3) below

Into force column under *Changes Not in Force*

- shows how changes are to come into force; an effective date is shown if it is known as of, but is after, the current update

#### Effective date column under Changes in Force

- shows when and how changes came into force; if a provision has retroactive effect, the retroactive effective date or application is shown first, followed in brackets by the date on which the provision itself came into force, e.g., "1 Jan 2014 [retro from 3 Mar 2014 (RA)]".

### (3) When changes not in force are changed

When a not in force *enactment* of a section is itself changed, the change is shown as a separate entry under the number of the section enacted.

When a not in force *amendment, repeal or re-enactment* is itself subsequently changed (other than by a RS1996 Supplement provision), entries are as follows:

- if both changes are not in force, a bulleted entry is added in the "Citation" column below the original entry
- if the subsequent change is in force and
  - *amends or re-enacts* the original change, a bulleted entry is added in the "Citation" column below the original entry
  - *repeals or supersedes* the original change, angle brackets (<...>) are added to set off the original entries, and the subsequent change is entered in the last column.

All Supplement provisions, including those making changes to other Supplement provisions, are entered separately under the number of the Act section they would enact or affect if brought into force.

### (4) When an Act is repealed

In the year after an Act repeal comes into force, all entries are removed from the Act's table. To locate all entries removed when an Act is repealed, see the Statutes of British Columbia annual bound volume Table of Legislative Changes for the year in which the Act is repealed. For Acts effectively repealed between 1997 and 2013, the Act listing cites the enactment effecting the repeal and indicates the repeal year in brackets, e.g., "[repealed by 2003-51-1 eff 2004]".

## 4. Citations

- 3-part citations have the format year–chapter–section
- an Act included in the 1996 Revision is cited by "RS1996" and its chapter number
- an Act or amendment in the Supplements to the 1996 Revision is cited by "RS1996 (Supp)" and the RS chapter number
- an unrevised Act or an Act enacted after the 1996 Revision is cited by its enactment year and chapter number for that year.
- an Act revised after the 1996 revision is cited by "RS" followed by its revision year and chapter number for that year.

## 5. Abbreviations, terms and symbols

am	=	amended; used when only part of a section or of a heading is or may be changed
comm	=	commencement
conseq	=	consequential amendments and repeals
Div	=	Division
eff	=	effect(ive)
en	=	enacted; used when an entire section or heading is added
expires	=	an enactment ceases to apply or to have effect other than by repeal
hdg	=	heading
inoperative	=	a change cannot be effected
OIC	=	order in council
op susp	=	operation suspended: the operation of an enactment is suspended for a period
RA	=	Royal Assent
re-en	=	re-enacted; used when an entire section or heading is repealed and substituted
reg	=	regulation
rem	=	remainder (used with "part")
rep	=	repealed; used when an Act or an entire section or heading is or may be repealed
retro	=	retroactive(ly)
rev	=	revised; used opposite original provisions of new statute revision Acts after RS1996
revised	=	used opposite an Act replaced by a new statute revision Act
s. (ss.)	=	section(s)
Sch(s)	=	Schedule(s)
Supp	=	Supplement
trans	=	transitional provision
valid	=	validated: a regulation or order in council is confirmed and validated by an Act of the Legislature
< >	=	used to set off a not-in-force entry that is effectively repealed or superseded or any entry that is inoperative

⇒ = used in a bullet to set off the entry for one not-in-force change from the entry for a subsequent not-in-force change that affects the first change

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