

Know Your Options as a Real Estate Consumer

Considering a real estate transaction? One of the first decisions you will need to make is whether you should work with a licensed real estate professional who will represent you. Take a moment to read this important consumer protection information from the Real Estate Council of BC.

This form explains the special legal duties that real estate professionals owe to their clients. It will help you choose whether you want to be:

- a **CLIENT** of a real estate professional, who will represent you in the transaction, or
- an **UNREPRESENTED PARTY** with no real estate professional representing you.

Why are you getting this form?

A real estate professional is required to give you this form before working with you, and must explain it to you.

How to use this form:

Read over this information and ask about anything that is not clear to you. You can complete the optional consumer fields to indicate that you've discussed this information with the real estate professional.

What happens next?

After you've reviewed the form and completed the optional consumer fields, the real estate professional must complete and sign it.

Learn more about this form and other information for real estate consumers at www.recbc.ca.

The Benefits of Representation

Many people choose to have a real estate professional represent them in real estate transactions to help them make informed decisions. As a client, you'll benefit from:

Expert advice

In BC, licensed real estate professionals receive specialized training.



Protection

Real estate professionals in BC are licensed under the *Real Estate Services Act*. It is legislation designed to protect the rights of consumers.



Oversight

The Real Estate Council of BC works to ensure real estate professionals are competent and knowledgeable. If you have a concern about a real estate professional, you can file a complaint by visiting our website at www.recbc.ca. We can investigate and discipline individuals for professional misconduct.

