

BC Registries and Online Services

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Changes to BC OnLine Search and Corporate Online application replacement coming - SPRING 2023!

What is changing?

In spring 2023:

- The Corporate Online application used to file annual reports and keep BC Companies (i.e., Community Contribution Companies, Unlimited Liability Companies and BC Limited Companies) up to date will be replaced with a new application.
- BC OnLine and Corporate Online will no longer be used to access Corporate Search and filings for BC Companies.

Why are we making these changes? These changes will have improved security, a more user-friendly interface, additional payment options, and provide immediate and easier access to business information and filings.

What will users need to do? Users are <u>not</u> required to take immediate action at this time, but when the new application launches:

- Users will need to create a new account and login to the new <u>BC Registry</u> application.
 - To login, we recommended the BC Services Card app: B.C. government's easy and secure way to login to access your business. The <u>BC Services Card app</u> is the same login you may have used to access <u>other government services</u>. (E.g., ICBC, MyHealth, Canada Revenue Agency or the Health Gateway to get your proof of vaccination.)
- 2. Users will need to look up their business in the new system and link it to their new account.
- 3. If you manage many businesses (e.g., law firms), we can assist you by adding your businesses to accounts. More information on this will follow.

What if you already have an account in the new Business Registry application? If you are ready and set up in the new <u>Business Registry</u>, then no further action is required at this time.

Is it possible to get set up early? If you would like to get a head start, you can set up your account now, but it is not required. We suggest <u>reviewing the guides</u> now but wait until the new application launches (spring 2023), and then get setup when it's time to file your annual report or other filings.

What entities will be released in later phases? Extra provincial companies and other business entities (e.g., Limited Partnerships, Limited Liability Partnerships, etc.) will move over to the new BC Registry application in later phases.

What other changes are scheduled to launch in spring 2023? Address Change BC (ACBC), the existing online service used to submit corporate address changes to federal, provincial and local governments will no longer be available in ACBC. Users will need to submit address changes directly with these government agencies.

!!ACTION REQUIRED

Please email:	bcreg.engagement@gov.bc.ca:

If you use automation, robotics, screen scraping software to access search in BC
OnLine or Corporate Online.
If you would like more information on Application Programming Interface (API)
services to access BC Registry data.(e.g., search, filings, etc.)

If you have any questions about these changes, please email: bcreq.engagement@gov.bc.ca