

USERS GUIDE TO THE TABLE OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

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This guide applies to the Table of Legislative Changes (TLC) generally and provides information additional to that given in the Explanatory Note at the end of each individual table.

The TLC 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. Editions of the Table of Legislative Changes – descriptions and time periods covered

Collectively, 4 editions of the TLC cover the period January 1, 1997 (the day after Acts were consolidated for the 1996 Revision) to the currency date shown on the Act consolidation.

(1) 1st Edition Table of Legislative Changes – January 1, 1997 to December 31, 2004

Individual 1st Edition Tables, shown on a grey background and titled “Table of Legislative Changes”, cover the period January 1, 1997 to December 31, 2004.

1st Edition Tables were issued for Acts to which any of the following applied:

- the Act was affected by changes enacted or brought into force between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 2004;
- Act provisions or changes were consolidated in an RS1996 Supplement to the Act;
- the Act was added to the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1996 Looseleaf Edition, in whole or in part, between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 2004.

The tables are revised if necessary to reflect Act title changes made after 2004 or to correct errors, but are not otherwise updated to reflect changes occurring after 2004.

(2) 2nd Edition Table of Legislative Changes – January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2013

Individual 2nd Edition Tables, shown on a blue background and titled “Table of Legislative Changes (2nd Edition)”, cover the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2013.

2nd Edition Tables were issued for Acts to which either of the following applied:

- the Act was affected by changes enacted or brought into force between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2013;
- the Act was added to the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1996 Looseleaf Edition, in whole or in part, between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2013.

When issued, 2nd Edition Tables brought forward not-in-force provisions and changes enacted between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 2004, or consolidated in an RS1996 Supplement to the Act, that were not in force and were not repealed, superseded or inoperative as of December 31, 2004, regardless of whether those provisions or changes were subsequently changed or brought into force between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2013.

The tables are revised if necessary to reflect Act title changes made after 2013 or to correct errors, but are not otherwise be updated to reflect changes occurring after 2013.

(3) 3rd Edition Table of Legislative Changes – January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2023

Individual 3rd Edition Tables, shown on a purple background and titled “Table of Legislative Changes (3rd Edition)”, cover the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2023.

3rd Edition Tables were issued for Acts to which either of the following applied:

- the Act was affected by changes enacted or brought into force between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2023;
- the Act was added to the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1996 Looseleaf Edition, in whole or in part, between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2023.

When issued, 3rd Edition Tables brought forward not-in-force provisions and changes enacted between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 2013, or consolidated in an RS1996 Supplement to the Act, that were not in force as of December 31, 2013, were not inoperative as of December 31, 2004, or were not repealed or superseded as of December 31, 2013, regardless of whether those provisions or changes were subsequently changed or brought into force between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2023.

The tables are revised if necessary to reflect Act title changes made after 2023 or to correct errors, but are not otherwise be updated to reflect changes occurring after 2023.

(4) 4th Edition Table of Legislative Changes – January 1, 2024 to the currency date shown on the Act consolidation

Individual 4th Edition Tables, shown on a golden background and titled “Table of Legislative Changes (4th Edition)”, cover the period January 1, 2024 to the currency date shown on the Act consolidation.

4th Edition Tables are issued for Acts to which either of the following applies:

- the Act is affected by changes enacted or brought into force between January 1, 2024 and the currency date shown on the Act consolidation;
- the Act is added to the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1996 Looseleaf Edition, in whole or in part, between January 1, 2024 and the currency date shown on the Act consolidation.

When issued, 4th Edition Tables bring forward not-in-force provisions and changes enacted between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 2023, or consolidated in an RS1996 Supplement to the Act, that were not in force as of December 31, 2023, were not inoperative as of December 31, 2004, or were not repealed or superseded as of December 31, 2023, regardless of whether those provisions or changes were subsequently changed or brought into force between January 1, 2024 and the date to which the table is current.

2. How legislative changes are shown

(1) Parts of a table

A table consists of one or more of the 3 parts shown in bold type in this subsection:

- ***Changes by Regulation (or Order)*** – *italicized* – identifies potential Act changes that may be made by regulation or by order in council, whether or not the provision that authorizes 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 date to which the table is current.

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

- ***Changes Not in Force*** – *italicized* – identifies changes not in force as of the date to which the table is current, including changes that are to be brought into force by regulation or that are to be effective on a specified date or event.
- **Changes in Force** – non-italicized – identifies changes in force as of the date to which the table is current.

(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 4;

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 subsection (3) below;

Into force column under *Changes Not in Force*

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

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 square brackets by the date on which the provision itself came into force, e.g., “1 Jan 2005 [retro from 3 Mar 2005 (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 follows:

- if the change *amends* or *re-enacts* the section enacted, a bulleted entry is added in the “Citation” column below the original entry, whether the change is in force or not in force; in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Editions, if that amendment or re-enactment was further changed, an arrow (=>) was added to the bulleted entry to set off the further change; in the 4th Edition, any further change is shown in a bulleted entry below the original bulleted entry;
- if the change *repeals* the section enacted and that repeal is not in force, a separate row entry is added below the original entry; if the section enacted is not in force when the repeal is brought into force, angle brackets (<...>) are added to set off the entry for the enactment, and the repeal is entered in the “Into force” column; starting with the 4th Edition, entries set off by angle brackets appear at the beginning of the *Changes Not in Force* table.

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

- if the subsequent change is not in force, a bulleted entry is added in the “Citation” column below the original entry; in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Editions, if that subsequent change was further changed, an arrow (=>) was added to the bulleted entry to set off the further change; in the 4th Edition, any further change is shown in a bulleted entry below the original bulleted entry;
- if the subsequent change is in force and it
 - *amends* or *re-enacts* the original change, a bulleted entry is added in the “Citation” column below the original entry; in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Editions, if that subsequent change was further changed, an arrow (=>) was added to the bulleted entry to set off the further change; in the 4th Edition, any further change is shown in a bulleted entry below the original bulleted 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 “Into force” column; starting with the 4th Edition, these entries appear at the beginning of the *Changes Not in Force* table.

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

3. Citations

Citations have the format year-chapter-section.

An Act included in the 1996 Revision is cited by “RS1996” and its chapter number; an Act included in an earlier Revision is cited by “RS” followed by its revision year and chapter number.

An Act or amendment consolidated in the RS1996 Supplements is cited by “RS1996 (Supp)” and the RS chapter number.

An Act not included in the 1996 Revision or an Act enacted after the 1996 Revision is cited by its enactment year and chapter number.

An Act revised after the 1996 Revision is cited by “RS” followed by its revision year and chapter number.

4. Abbreviations, terms and symbols

<p>am amended; used when only a portion of a section, Schedule or heading is changed</p> <p>comm commencement</p> <p>conseq consequential amendments and repeals</p> <p>def definition</p> <p>Div Division</p> <p>eff effect(ive)</p> <p>en enacted; used when an entire section, Schedule or heading is enacted</p> <p>hdg heading</p> <p>inoperative ... used when a change cannot be effected unless corrective legislative action is taken</p> <p>OIC order in council</p> <p>op susp operation suspended; used when the operation of a provision of an enactment is suspended for a period</p> <p>Pre Preamble</p> <p>RA Royal Assent</p> <p>re-en re-enacted; used when an entire section, Schedule or heading is repealed and replaced</p>	<p>reg regulation</p> <p>rem remainder (used with “part”)</p> <p>rep repealed; used when an Act or an entire section, Schedule or heading is repealed</p> <p>retro retroactive(ly)</p> <p>rev revision; used to indicate a section of an Act revised after the 1996 Revision</p> <p>RevSch Revision Schedule</p> <p>s. (ss.) section(s)</p> <p>Sch(s) Schedule(s)</p> <p>Supp Supplement</p> <p>trans transitional provision</p> <p>valid validated; used when a regulation or order in council is confirmed and validated by an Act of the Legislature</p> <p><...> used to set off a not-in-force entry that is effectively repealed or superseded or an entry that is inoperative</p> <p>=> in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Editions, used in a bullet to set off the entry for a change from an entry for a subsequent change that affects the first change</p>
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