# Building Assessor Registry (BAR)

## Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What is the purpose of the Building Assessor Registry?

The purpose of the Building Assessor Registry (BAR) is to support communities with a database of assessors who are trained to perform damage assessments and/or coordination of damage assessments. Assessors will be deployed to communities to assist in an emergency, based on their availability.

2. Where can I find and log into the Registry?

You can access the Building Assessor Registry at: https://www.bchousing.org/building-assessor-registry

3. What is the application process?

Refer to the list of Assessor Credential Types to determine your eligibility for the registry. Complete the application process online. You will receive an email from the registry advising the outcome of your application;

- You have been accepted, or
- We require more information, or
- You do not meet the requirements for the program at this time.
4. How will I be contacted?

You will be contacted by email. The email address for the Building Assessor Registry is registryinfo@bchousing.org Please ensure that you provide a current email address and add registryinfo@bchousing.org to your safe sender list.

5. Who has access to my contact/personal information?

BC Housing will have access to the personal and contact information that you provide, and Professional Organizations will have access to verify any training or credentials that you have identified on your application. If an emergency occurs, any community who requests assistance may be provided your contact information by BC Housing to help facilitate your deployment to conduct assessments.
6. Who may apply to be an assessor?

People with knowledge of building construction such as Engineers, Structural Engineers, Geoscientists, Registered Architects, Registered Associate (AIBC), Certified Building Official, Certified Building/Property/Housing Inspectors, Plans Examiners, Certified Building Technician, Certified Fire Fighters, Emergency Managers, and Licensed Residential Builders who have recently completed training in building emergency assessments.

7. What proof do I need to provide of my training?

For your initial application, you are required to provide dates for when you last received the Rapid Damage Assessment (RDA) and/or Coordination of Damage Assessment (CDA) training. The administrators of the Building Assessor Registry may validate the information you provide, such as your training, credentials, and contact information.

8. Do I have to take any refresher training?

Assessors are required to refresh their training on a regular basis. Only Assessors who have maintained their training will be able to participate in the Building Assessor Registry.
9. What could cause my application to be denied, cancelled or placed on hold?

Applications may be denied, cancelled or placed on hold at BC Housing’s sole discretion for the following reasons:

- Providing false or misleading information
- Failure to provide or maintain current contact information
- Failing to provide complete information
- Breaching the Code of Conduct, or acting in a manner that could or does bring a negative impact to the reputation of the program.

10. How often do I have to login to my account?

As an assessor, you are required to login to your account at least once per year to confirm that your information is current and valid. You are required to update your information when changes occur.

11. When will I be contacted to assist with assessments?

In the event of an emergency, you may be asked to login to your account to record your availability and to perform a self assessment prior to deployment. Upon deployment, you will be provided with the contact information of the community that you are being deployed to.
12. Do I have to register with the Building Assessor Registry if I wish to assist as a Building Emergency Assessor during an emergency?

Yes. You will be required to register with the Building Assessor Registry if you wish to assist as a Building Emergency Assessor during an emergency. Please contact your municipality to inquire about volunteer opportunities during an emergency.

13. Where/when can I find more information about the Rapid Damage Assessment (RDA) or Coordination of Damage Assessment (CDA) courses?

Information for Rapid Damage Assessment and Coordination of Damage Assessment courses can be found here: https://www.bchousing.org/about/post-disaster-building-assessments

14. Will I get compensated as a Building Emergency Assessor deployed during an emergency or disaster?

The Local Authority will determine whether or not a Building Emergency Assessor will be paid at the time of the deployment.