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Changes to the Continuing Professional Development Program for Licensed Residential Builders in BC

Dear Licensee:

I am writing to let you know that the B.C. Government announced important changes to the Homeowner Protection Act regulations on March 6 as part of “Better Regulations for British Columbians 2019.”

These changes simplify the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program for Licensed Residential Builders in British Columbia. This is good news for licensees who are required to complete CPD as part of the licence renewal process. Streamlining CPD requirements and simplifying the reporting process is also good news for BC Housing as we administer the program on behalf of the province.

The changes were in large part based on feedback from builders like you through informal feedback, association and committee consultation, and participation in the licensed builder annual survey.

The new and improved CPD program will come into effect on July 1 this year, giving licensees more flexibility when choosing training opportunities. It will be easier to obtain and report your required learning points. The changes also allow CPD nominees to carry extra earned CPD points over from one licence term to the next.

To help answer some of your questions about the changes and how the CPD carryover system works, please read the enclosed FAQs document. You can also visit the Licensing and Consumer Services section of our website www.bchousing.org for updates. Please note that changes to the Builder Portal will not take effect until July 1. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us by phone at 604-646-7050 (toll-free 1-800-407-7757) or email licensinginfo@bchousing.org.

In closing, I want to thank you for your ongoing commitment to professional development and for your contributions to B.C.’s residential construction industry. Continuing professional development enhances professionalism in the sector and gives homebuyers confidence that their home has been built by a qualified builder to the highest industry standard.

Yours sincerely,

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