

## Ready to Rent

In 2007 a group of housing-and service-related agencies came together to help families both find – and keep - their housing. They purchased the Ready to Rent (US) license for British Columbia, adapted it for British Columbia laws and realities, and started running Ready to Rent courses in April 2009. On September 1, 2011, the Ready to Rent BC Society took over management of the program. Ready to Rent BC works closely with service providers and housing providers to support people in finding solutions to their own housing needs. The program is 12 hours of housing readiness education, using a coaching mentoring model, where participants learn to attain and maintain housing. Courses cover a range of topics including tenants’ rights and responsibilities, communication, budgeting and fire and safety.

Housing providers (both non-profit and private) are encouraged to use the graduation certificate in lieu of a reference. The certificate ensures that the graduate has attended the full 12 hours of housing readiness education, identified past problems, if any, and found solutions to correct those problems. To date, 99 courses have been held with nearly 700 graduates.

### Where is it offered?

Ready to Rent is currently offered in the Capital Region District (CRD) and Cowichan region. The society will be expanding the program to other communities on Vancouver Island in 2013-14.

### What does this mean for Housing Registry members?

When an applicant to the Housing Registry provides proof of graduation from the Ready to Rent program, this is noted on their file as a Special Notice. While most applicants who have graduated from the program are looking for housing in the CRD, some applicants after graduation may be seeking housing in other areas of the province, so providers outside Vancouver Island may see the Ready to Rent notice on applicant files. For more information on the Ready to Rent program, please visit its website at [www.readytorentbc.net](http://www.readytorentbc.net).



The screenshot shows a user profile for Donald Duck. The profile includes a navigation menu with tabs for Prompt, Summary, Checklist, Household, Contacts, and Housing. A notification banner indicates a 'Ready to Rent Graduate - June 2013' on July 15, 2013. The application details show 'Application 1041214 : Live : Duck, Donald'. The summary section lists: Original Application Date: 28 Apr, 2010; Full File Review Completed: 15 Jul, 2013; Points: 76.



## New Password Management Tool

Thank you to those users who have enrolled using the new password management tool. As of July 15th, out of 378 users, 248 (62%) users have enrolled.

The new security tool will require users to change their password every 90 days. Users who have not registered when the 90-day rule is implemented will have their access cancelled. For this reason, we are encouraging all users to enroll by August 30, 2013. If you haven't enrolled yet, please assist us by doing so as soon as possible at <http://selfserv.bchousing.org>. If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please e-mail us at [hconnections@bchousing.org](mailto:hconnections@bchousing.org).

## Next Council Meeting - September 24, 2013

If you have a topic that you would like the council to discuss, please send by email at [thehousingregistry@bchousing.org](mailto:thehousingregistry@bchousing.org), or contact Council Chair Rob Wescott at [rob@silahousing.org](mailto:rob@silahousing.org).