



Online Criminal Records Review
Act Check Application Process for
BC Housing Suppliers - User Guide

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1. Overview

This document has been developed to help guide BC Housing Suppliers on how to process online Criminal Record Check application for their employees, subcontractors/trades who will be providing services or performing work on BC Housing project in accordance with the <u>Criminal Records Review Act.</u>

2. What is the Criminal Records Review Act (CRRA)?

The BC Criminal Records Review Act states: "All individuals who work with children or vulnerable adults or have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults in the ordinary course of their employment, or in the practice of an occupation, or during the course of an education program and who are employed by or licensed by or receive regular ongoing operating funds from the provincial government are covered under the BC Criminal Records Review Act."

3. Do I need to complete a Criminal Record Check?

All Suppliers, their employees, subcontractors/trades who are providing services or performing work on BC Housing property must pass a CRRA check through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) prior to working on projects that place them around children and/or vulnerable people.

Note: RCMP clearance or any other third-party clearances are not acceptable and will not be considered equivalent.

4. How do I complete a Criminal Record Check?

There are two options in which you can complete a criminal record check (CRC) with BC Housing:

- a. Online (requires a BC Services Card & App)
- b. Manual (requires a <u>Microsoft Teams</u> virtual meeting to confirm identification)

The online option is recommended if you are the holder of a BC Services card.

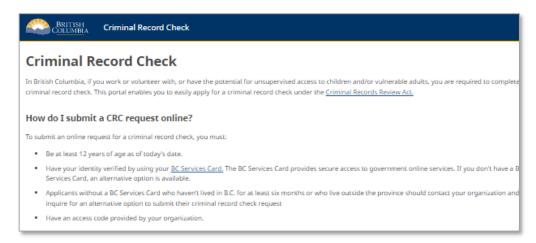
For more information on the BC Services card click here.

5. Instructions for Online/Electronic CRC Submissions

The below steps describe how you can complete an online electronic criminal record check (eCRC) application. These steps are for **NEW** applications only.

a. Log onto: https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck

The screen below will be displayed:

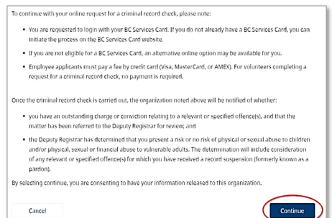


b. Input in the box below, the Access Code provided by BC Housing. *Do not share this access code with anyone nor post on a public domain.

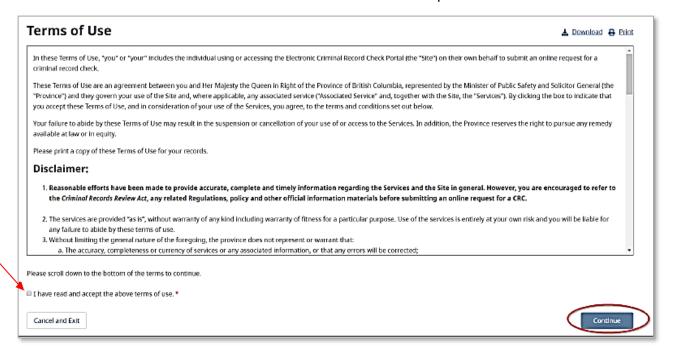


c. Next, the below screen will appear with BC Housing's organization Information prepopulated. By selecting continue, you consent to having your information released to BC Housing.





d. Next, acknowledge that the terms of use have been reviewed by selecting the check box as shown below. Select the **Continue** button to proceed.

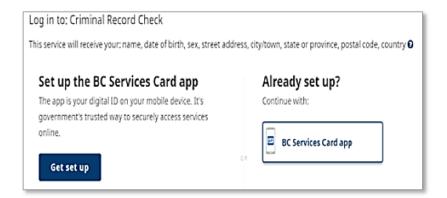


e. To apply for a criminal record check online, you must use your BC Services Card to verify your identity online. Click **Login with a BC Services Card** to proceed.



Note: If you do not have a BC Services Card, please email crc@bchousing.org for further information on how to apply for a criminal record check manually.

f. Once you have selected the Login with a BC Services Card button, you will be directed to the BC Services Card app instruction page. If you have the app select BC Services Card App otherwise select Get Set Up to download the app.



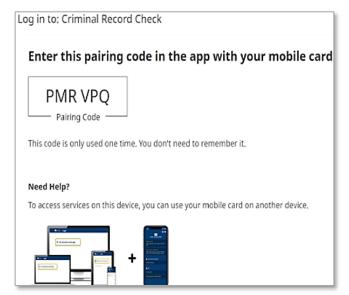
g. If you selected **Get Set Up**, the following page will appear. Click **Get the app and you** will be directed to the set up BC Services Card on a mobile device page.



h. Follow procedure to set up the BC Services card app on your mobile device and return to the website when you conclude the set-up steps. Click **Continue login**.



i. Next you will see the below page and a pairing code will be generated.





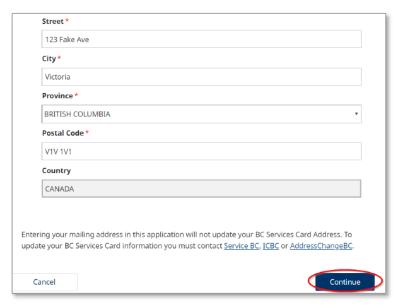
j. Upon entering the pairing code on your mobile device, you will be asked to return to the website. Your personal information will appear, select **Continue** to proceed.



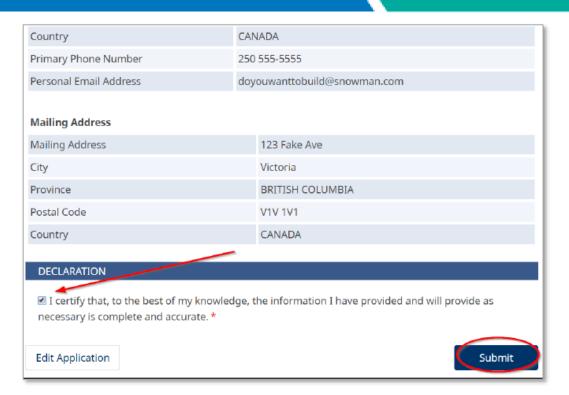
Next you will be directed to the criminal record check application form. You must fill out the form accurately and truthfully. Greyed out fields are pulled directly from BC Services Card and cannot be edited. If changes are required to these fields, you will need to update your personal information with <u>BC Services Card</u>, <u>ICBC</u> or <u>Address Change BC</u>.



l. Once you complete filling, Click **Continue** button to proceed.



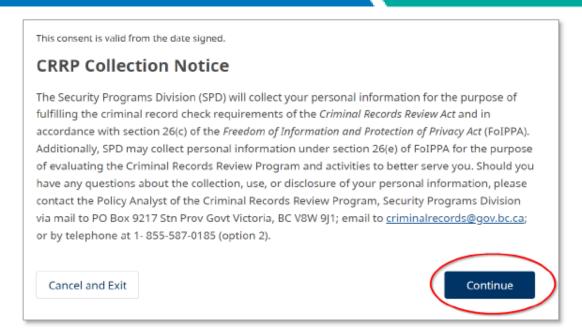
Mext, review that the data entered is accurate. If you notice an error, there is an option to Edit the Application. If the information is accurate, check the certification checkbox and select the **Submit** button to proceed.



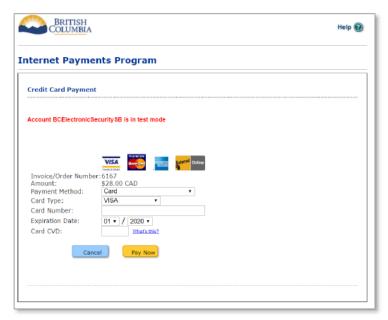
n. Review and select each check box on the consent page at the bottom of the page.



o. After ticking the check boxes in the step above, select the **Continue** button.



p. You will then be taken to another page to complete payment. As at the published date of this guide, the cost of a criminal record check is \$28.



q. Once payment is approved, you will be provided with confirmation and service number. Please screenshot, print or download this page as the CRRP is not able to reproduce a copy of this.



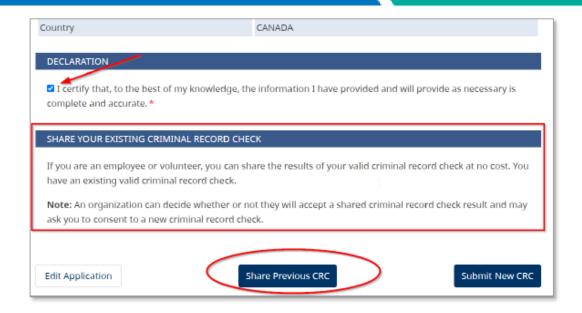
Your request for a criminal record check has now been submitted to the CRRP and is in progress. Once the check is concluded, a CRRA Check clearance letter will be sent to the email address you provided in your application form and to BC Housing.

6. Instructions for Sharing Online/Electronic Submission

To share an existing CRRA check with BC Housing, you must have had a CRRA check completed by the CRRP within the last 5 years for the same "works with" category and must be the holder of a BC Services card If you are not the holder of a BC Services card please email crc@bchousing.org.

Please Note: If the criminal record check was completed by another authority, such as the local police department or RCMP, a new CRRA check application through CRRP must be completed.

If you qualify for the online sharing option, you need to follow steps (a) to (m) as described above .If you are eligible to share your criminal record check, it will be presented at the Information Review page after you log in to https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck and input your personal details.



If you choose to share your previous valid criminal record check, you will be directed to a page where you will be required to **Consent to Share a Criminal Record Check**.





No payment is required for sharing a criminal record check.

7. Frequently Asked Questions

1) My employees and I already have a criminal record check with RCMP why do I need to complete another check with BC Housing?

RCMP clearances or any other third-party clearances do not satisfy the requirements of BC Housing contracts and the <u>Criminal Records Review Act</u>. Therefore, they are not acceptable and will not be considered equivalent. Only CRRA Checks conducted by CRRP will be accepted.

2) I do not have a BC Services Card. What is the next step?

To complete your application using the eCRC online service, you will need a BC Services Card and the BC Services Card App. If you do not have a BC Services card, please email crc@bchousing.org to apply for the manual processing of your application. Please note that manual submissions will involve a Microsoft Teams virtual identification meeting.

3) I have an existing criminal record check clearance obtained from another organization. Is any further action required?

All clearance letters must be addressed to BC Housing for each applicant. We cannot accept previous clearance letters obtained from the CRRP that are addressed to a different organization. In this instance you will be able to share your criminal record check with BC Housing at no extra charge. You may share your criminal record check online if you are the holder of a BC Services Card or manually if you are not the holder of a BC Services card.

4) I'm not sure if I have a BC Services card to complete my application online through the eCRC portal?

The BC Services Card is a government-issued identification card assigned to BC residents that provides access to government services. For more information on the BC Services card please click here. Please note, a combined BC Services card & driver's license is also acceptable.

5) Can all of my employees complete their criminal record checks with the same access code you have provided for the online application?

Yes, provided they have all been assigned to the BC Housing project, and all have a valid, indate BC Services Card to complete their application online. If not, they will need to have the Supplier CRC Representative contact crc@bchousing.org to complete their application manually.

6) I have already completed my criminal record check with the CRRP, I need to share my application with BC Housing, but I am being asked to pay again when I have already paid the processing fee of \$28. Why is this happening?

If you already have a criminal record check with the CRRP and you are sharing your application, your details must match what is already in the CRRP system. If there are variances between the information provided, then the system might recognize that you are a new applicant and will ask you to pay again. Please contact 1-855-587-0185 option #2 to speak with the Criminal Record Review Program directly about this issue.

7) I do not want to download the BC Services Card App on my phone. What can I do in this instance?

If you are eligible to complete your application online and do not want to download the BC Services Card App, then your application will be processed manually. Please note, if you choose to process your application manually, BC Housing will have to verify your identity through a <u>Microsoft Teams</u> virtual meeting.

8) I am not expected to be on site throughout the project, do I still require a criminal record check?

No, you do not require a CRRA check if you are not working on site. Only Suppliers, their employees, subcontractors/trades who will be providing services or performing work onsites that place them around children and/or vulnerable adults are required to pass a CRRA check before performing work on the BC Housing site.

9) There is a fee of \$28 that I am being asked to pay to complete my criminal record check and I do not feel that I need to pay this. How do I proceed?

All Applicants are required to pay a processing fee of \$28 if your application is new and you do not have an existing criminal record check. There is no charge for sharing an existing criminal record check provided that the check was already conducted through the CRRP for the same "works with" category.

10) I am a manual applicant, and I can see there is a completed forms folder in the link that I was sent. Can all my employees upload their completed forms to this folder?

Yes, the Supplier CRC Representative can coordinate and upload each employee (Applicant) manual form and IDs to the completed forms folder. It is important that forms and ID's are uploaded separately and labelled using the first and last name of each Applicant e.g. John Doe CRR010 Form, John Doe ID Passport, John Doe ID Driver's License. Please upload the CRR010 of each Applicant as one document and the IDs as another document.

11) I have over 100 employees that have already completed criminal record checks with the CRRP. Why do we need to do this again?

BC Housing requires all clearance letters to be addressed to BC Housing and there is a need to ensure that your criminal record check was conducted under the same "works with" category. Any clearance letters that are not addressed to BC Housing will not be accepted. This will mean you will have the option to share your criminal record check with us either through the online portal if you have a BC Services card or manually if you are not the holder of a BC Services card.

12) I am a manual applicant and I have not received the link to complete my criminal record check application, why has this happened?

If you have not received the link in your inbox, please check your junk/spam folder. Sometimes the link will be sent there.

The access code you have provided does not work when I try to complete my application online. Why is this happening?

Please ensure that there are no spaces after you enter the access code into the online portal. Please refresh the page and try again. If the code still does not work, please reach out to crc@bchousing.org for assistance.

8. More Questions?

For information or assistance regarding the BC Services Card, please contact the BC Services Card Help Desk:

Telephone: 1-888-356-2741 Email: servicebc@gov.bc.ca

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) holds the authority on the CRRA check process. Inquiries regarding **eCRC technical issues, CRRA check application processing, or CRRA check requirements** can be directed to:

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG)

Telephone: 1-855-587-0185 (option 2) Email: criminalrecords@gov.bc.ca

For **procedural inquiries** regarding the Criminal Record Check process not already covered in this guide, please contact:

BC Housing

Email: crc@bchousing.org

For additional information about the Criminal Records Review Act (CRRA), please visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/crime-prevention/criminal-record-check.

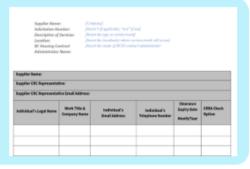


Supplier Criminal Record Check

Step 1

When a supplier has been selected, the BC Housing contract administrator will issue a Declaration of Criminal Records Review Act Form to the supplier to fill out.

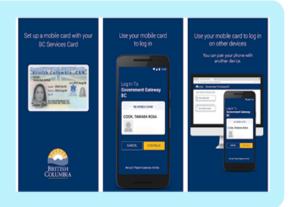
- Fill the form with name, work title, email address and contact phone number.
- For applicants with active criminal record checks for the same category (children and vulnerable adults), the clearance expiry date should be included in the expiry date column.





Step 3

- A BC Services Card is a government-issued identification card assigned to BC residents that provides access to government services.
- For the <u>cCRC</u> application process the applicant must have activated their BC Services card through the BC Services App on their mobile device.
- A combined Driver's license and BC Services card is also acceptable. A non-photo BC Services Card will also be acceptable.
- BC Housing will not carry out ID verification for applications submitted online through the <u>CCRC</u> portal.



Step 4

- Identity verification is required for all manual application process.
- Some examples of acceptable primary ID are passport, driver's license, and permanent residency card. Some examples of acceptable secondary ID are an employee card, student card, secure certificate of Indian status and foreign birth certificate.
- One of the pieces of identification must be government-issued and include the applicant's name, date of birth, signature, and photo



Step 5

PROCESS FLOW EXAMPLE

BC Housing (BCH) is registered with the CRRP and has established a contract with XYZ Roofing Dev Co. to install a new roof in Strathcona.

XYZ Roofing Dev Co.assigns a Supplier CRC Representative who receives a Declaration of criminal record form and online userguide from the BC Housing Contract Administrator.The Supplier CRC Representative reviews if its employee John Doe qualifies for online processing of his CRC application.

If John Doe qualifies a copy of the Online Application User Guide and BC Housing issued access code is provided to assist in submitting his application online through the eCRC portal. If John Does does not qualify, his application is processed manually and a SharePoint Folder link with instruction will be provided to the Supplier CRC Representative to facilitate processing.

For manual application processing, the BCH CRC Coordinator receives the completed manual consent package, reviews it and verifies John's identity with two valid pieces of his physical ID.

The BCH CRC coordinator will then send John Doe's consent package to the CRRP for processing. John Doe will receive a payment link to his email address listed on the consent form.

Once paid, the criminal record check will be processed and the determination clearance letter will be sent to both the BCH CRC coordinator and John Doe.

Upon a cleared CRRA check, John Doe will be allowed to carry out the roof installation project at Strathcona..

BCH CRC Coordinator will document and store John Doe's CRC record for 5 years in accordance with the expiry date stated in the determination letter.

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Need more Help? Send an email to: crc@bchousing.org

RESOURCES: Criminal Records Review Act (gov.bc.ca): Identity Verification