-BC Annual-Report

Overview

Filing a BC Annual Report

The following overview provides the information you need to file a BC Annual Report. For business or legal advice, you should go to a small business consultant or a lawyer.

In addition, you can contact a <u>service provider</u> who will file your form on your behalf for a fee.

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Background

Every BC company, which includes an Unlimited Liability Company, must file an annual report within two months of its anniversary date of incorporation. The annual report filing reminds the company to promptly file any change to the information shown in the Corporate Register. It also tells the Corporate Registry that the company is still active.

If a company does not file its annual report within two months of its anniversary date it will not be in good standing.

The registrar may dissolve a company if the company fails to file in each of two consecutive years an Annual Report required by the *Business Corporations Act*.

A company's annual reports must be filed in consecutive order.



If the company has outstanding annual reports that were due before January 26, 2002, those annual reports must be submitted to the Corporate Registry on paper. Only annual reports due after January 26, 2002, can be filed electronically.

<u>Visit the downloads page</u> to download Form 6 - BC Annual Report for submission to the registry.

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Form 6 - BC Annual Report

You may wish to fill in the paper form so that all your information is in order before you complete the form electronically.

To view the downloads, you require Adobe Acrobat Reader



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Access Code

The company's access code is located in Box C on the annual report reminder that is sent to the company in advance of its anniversary date. To file an annual report, you may only use an access code from annual reports that have not yet been filed.

If you do not have the access code, you can use the company password if one has already been created for the company. If you do not remember the company password or do not have a company password, click "Forgot the company password?".



The access code is also used to create a company password on Corporate Online. If you have not already done so, we suggest you create a password for your company when you file your Annual Report.

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Directors

Before March 29, 2004, the addresses for the directors in the corporate register was their physical or delivery address. Now, these director's addresses include a delivery and a mailing address.

On Corporate Online, the director's delivery address has been defaulted to become the mailing address as well. If this makes the mailing address incorrect, you can file a Notice of Change of Directors to correct or change the mailing address to meet postal requirements. For example, you can correct it by adding in a P.O. Box number, or enter another address. The company also has the opportunity to correct this mailing address information when it transitions under the new Act and files a Transition Application.

If any of the company's directors have changed as of the date of this annual report, you must file a <u>Notice of Change of Directors</u> online **before** you complete this filing.



You can no longer modify directors on the Annual Report filing.

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Office Addresses

Before March 29, 2004, the addresses for the registered and records offices in the corporate register was their physical or delivery address. Now, these office addresses include a delivery and a mailing address.

On Corporate Online, the delivery addresses have been defaulted to become the mailing address as well. If this makes the mailing address incorrect, you can file a Notice of Change of Address to correct

or change the mailing address to meet postal requirements. For example, you can correct it by adding in a P.O. Box number, or enter another address. The company also has the opportunity to correct this mailing address information when it transitions under the new Act and files a <u>Transition Application</u>.

If the office addresses have changed as of the date of this annual report, you must file a <u>Notice of</u> <u>Change of Address</u> online **before** you complete this filing. Note that when you file a Notice of Change of Address it does not become effective until the beginning of the following day. You will not be able to file any other forms for the company until the Notice of Change of Address is effective.

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Officers

Section 141 of the Business Corporation Act states that the Directors of a company may appoint officers. An individual, including a director, may be appointed to any office of the company.

Unlike the *Company Act*, the *Business Corporations Act* does not require that a company appoint officers, or that it has a president and secretary.

However, if a company has officers, that officer information may be reported on the Annual Report. If you choose to include officer information, this information can be updated only once a year at the time the company files its annual report. Changes to officer information will not be accepted between annual report filings.

Before March 29, 2004, the addresses for the officers in the corporate register was their physical or delivery address. Now, an officer's addresses include a delivery and a mailing address.

On Corporate Online, the officer's delivery address has been defaulted to become the mailing address as well. If the mailing address is different from the delivery address, please correct it as part of this filing.



The officer may select to provide either (a) the delivery address and, if different, the mailing address for the office at which the individual can usually be served with records between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days or (b) the delivery address and, if different, the mailing address of the individual's residence. The delivery address must not be a post office box.

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Company Email Address

The Corporate Registry is beginning to collect company email addresses to make communicating with companies easier and faster in the future. This feature is optional. However, if you enter an email address, the company password can be emailed to that address should you forget it.

The email address will only be used by the Corporate Registry to communicate with our customers.

You have the option to decline receiving the annual report reminder completely or to continue receiving the annual report reminder.

If you choose to receive your annual report reminder, then it will be emailed as long as the company does not have any outstanding annual reports and the company email address is on file.

NOTE: If the email address is not on file or if the company has outstanding annual reports, then the company will receive a paper annual report reminder by regular mail.



Pay and File

Please view the complete draft of your filing by clicking "View Draft Filing" before you pay to ensure all of the information on the form is complete and correct. You require Adobe Acrobat Reader.



See the fee schedule to review the fee for this filing.

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Your Receipt

When you are presented with the receipt, you will be able to view a print-friendly version of the your filed document and the receipt. You require Adobe Acrobat Reader.



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Getting Started

Before you begin, ensure you have the following information on hand:

1	The company's incorporation number or business number.
2	The company's <u>access code</u> or the <u>company's password</u> .
3	The names, office(s) held and mailing and delivery addresses for each of the company's officers.

While you are completing the form, you can view a draft of all the information you have entered by clicking "View Draft Filing" from the left sidebar. To view the document, you require Adobe Acrobat Reader.



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Frequently Asked Questions