### **Insurance Council**

BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Annual Licence Renewal

**Individual Licence** 

March 2023



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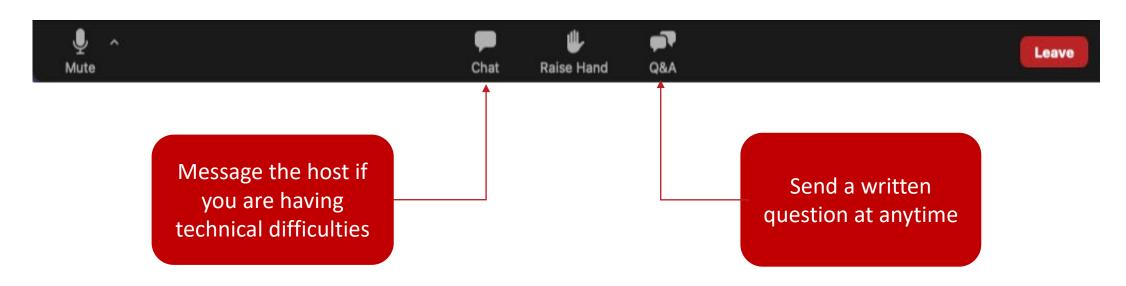
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## Webinar Tips

**Using the Q&A and chat:** Use the Q&A function to submit a question and Chat to Panelists if you need technical support.

We will post relevant links in the Chat.





### What We'll Cover:



- Overview of annual licence renewal requirements
- Step-by-step process for individual licence
- Frequently asked questions
- Q&A



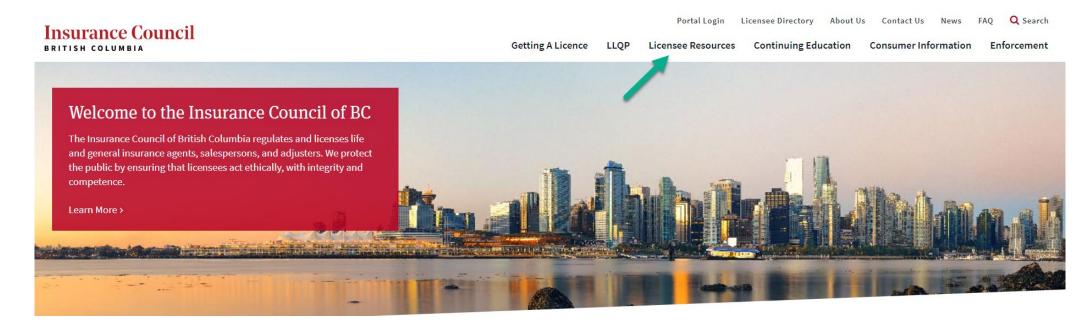
#### Who needs to renew?

 An annual licence renewal is required for every licence that is held with the Insurance Council (individual or corporate), regardless of active, inactive or suspended status.

### When does the renewal period start and end?

- Annual licence renewal opens March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and the deadline to submit the payment is June 1<sup>st</sup> annually.
- The late renewal period starts June 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs until Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

- New for 2023 Annual Licence Renewal amendments to Rule 4(4)
  - Licensees must meet CE and E&O requirements before they can renew





Home > Licensee Resources

### Insurance Licensee Resources

Council is here to help. Your insurance licensee resources include compliance information such as licensee responsibilities; council rules; continuing education; disciplinary decisions and process; and other useful information for licensed individuals, partnerships, or corporations in BC.

Council makes every effort to keep insurance licensee resources regularly updated. Please check back often.

#### Council Rules and Code of Conduct

Review or download the most current Council Rules and Code of Conduct, including licence conditions, and other licensee responsibilities.

#### Guidelines

Review various guidelines on what is required of licensees.



#### **Continuing Education Program**

Review continuing education requirements for all insurance licence classes; keeping continuing education records; and what to do if there's a continuing education audit.

#### **Errors and Omissions Insurance**

Review licensee Errors and Omissions Insurance requirements, including minimum coverage amounts, policy limits, and any specific insurance licence class requirements.

#### **Notifications to Council**

Find out when you must notify Council of a change of circumstance for you or your business — including if you file for bankruptcy, or if your business changes ownership, its name, or its address.

#### Annual Licence Renewal

See how and when to renew your licence, including compliance information; fee schedules; payment deadlines; and other annual reporting licensee responsibilities.



### What is required for an annual licence renewal?

- Confirming compliance with licensing requirements (Declaration)
- A fee (paid at the time of the declaration, or by the agency/firm at a later date)

### What is the annual licence renewal fee?

	If paid by June 1, 2023	If paid by August 1, 2023
Individual	\$285	\$285 + \$200 late fee
Corporate	\$525	\$525 + \$350 late fee



### Where to submit the declaration and fee?

 All annual licence renewal declarations and fees are submitted via the online portal.

### Why is annual licence renewal required?

- It is a requirement under Council Rule 4(4) for continuous licensing.
- Licences will be <u>automatically cancelled</u> if the fee is not received by Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Individual Licence Renewal Step-by-Step



## Login to Online Portal



### Main Menu

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#### For Corporations/Insurers/Direct Writers Insurers/Direct Writers **Corporate Licences** Apply for a corporate licence ▶ Pay my annual fee ▶ Manage my applications ▶ Manage Authorizations to Represent (ATR) - Direct Writers ▶ Manage my Agencies/Firms ▶ List and manage bulk renewal payment ▶ List and manage bulk renewal payments ▶ Manage Prepaid Accounts ▶ Manage Authorizations to Represent (ATR) Manage delegates ▶ Verify Applicant Applications ▶ Verify Trainee Registration Applications ▶ Manage Applicant/Licensee Courses



### **Annual Licence Renewal Instructions**

#### **Annual Licence Renewal**

Online licence renewal for 2023 is now open. Submitting your annual licence renewal online consists of several steps; the instructions below will show you the steps to expect. This process will take approximately 15 minutes.

Please use the buttons in the portal to navigate from screen to screen and avoid using your browser buttons.

Please note that you must confirm you have met your CE credits and have the required E&O insurance BEFORE you are able to proceed to renew your licence, in line with with Council Rule 4(4).

#### Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Personal information provided by you to the Insurance Council of British Columbia is collected, used, and disclosed in compliance with the provisions of the Financial Institutions Act and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

See our 2023 Annual Licence Renewal Page for detailed instructions and more information.

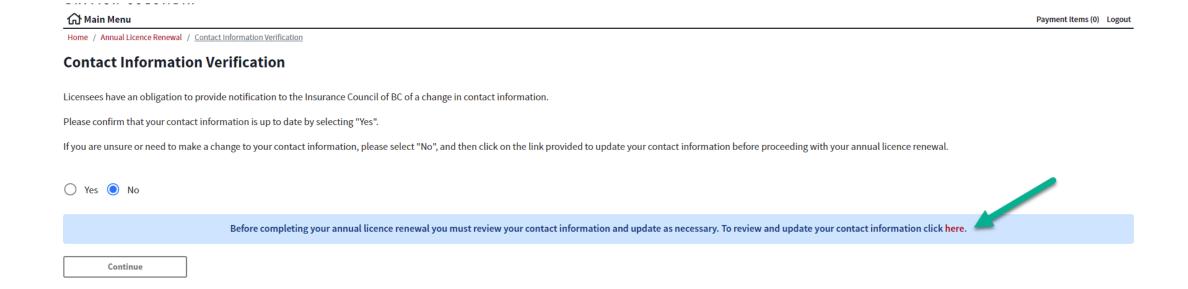
**Proceed to Annual Licence Renewal** 

#### What You Need to Know

- The deadline to complete your annual licence renewal is June 1, 2023. The renewal deadlines is the same for all licence types and classes.
- Annual licence renewal applies to all licensees, regardless of licence status (active, inactive, suspended) and must be completed for each individual and agency/firm licence type.
- You must have met your annual CE requirements for your licence class before you renew your licence. During the renewal process, you will be asked to declare that you have done so in order to proceed.
- Corporate licensees and individual life and/or accident & sickness agents are required to declare they meet E&O insurance requirements.
- Even if your agency or firm is paying your renewal fee, 1) you are still responsible for submitting your annual licence renewal declarations, and 2) you are responsible for ensuring the renewal fee is received by the Insurance Council.



### Step 1: Review/Update Contact Information





## **Update Contact Information**

#### **Contact Information**

#### Camomile Chai

Birth Date: 12/25/1984 Email: camy@tea.com Home Phone: 604-123-4567

> **Manage Addresses Edit Contact**

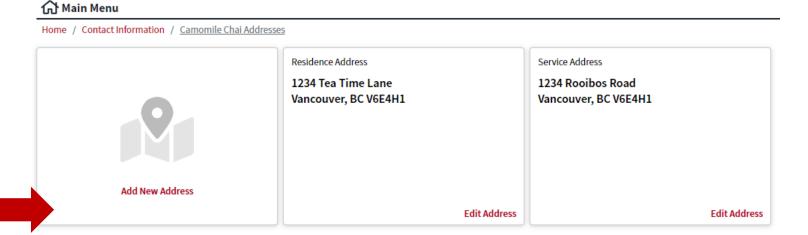
#### Camomile Chai

Email: camy@tea.com Alternate Email: Home Phone: 6041234567 Mobile Phone: **Business Phone:** 

Canada

Residence Address Service Address 1234 Tea Time Lane Vancouver, BC V6E4H1

1234 Rooibos Road Vancouver, BC V6E4H1 Canada



**Edit Address and Contact Info** 



# Step 1: Review/Update Contact Information



Home / Annual Licence Renewal / Contact Information Verification

#### **Contact Information Verification**

Licensees have an obligation to provide notification to the Insurance Council of BC of a change in contact information.

Please confirm that your contact information is up to date by selecting "Yes".

If you are unsure or need to make a change to your contact information, please select "No", and then click on the link provided to update your contact information before proceeding with your annual licence renewal.



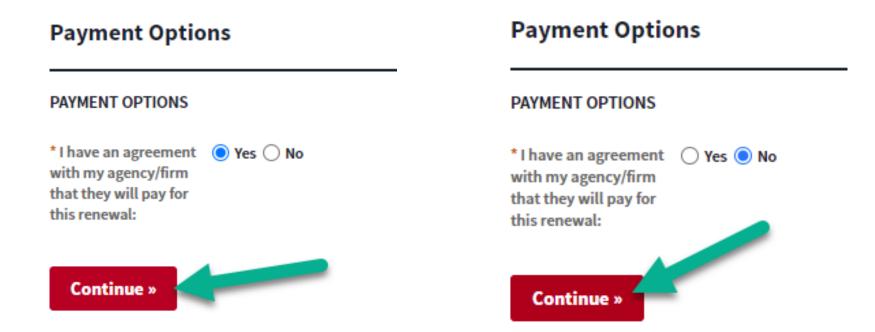


# Step 2: Start Renewal Process





# Step 3: Select Payment Preference





## Step 4: Practice Questions

To help the Insurance Council offer more effective services and technology, we are asking a few questions about licensees' practice that will allow the Insurance Council to better understand licensees' needs and business environment.

Providing this information is entirely optional, but is encouraged as it will help us develop appropriate practice tools and resources for licensee support.

Practice Information (Optional)
GENERAL INFORMATION
Is Insurance your primary occupation? ①
○ Yes ○ No
Do you offer clients a self-serve or online sales option where clients are able to purchase, transact, or amend their coverage themselves?
○ Yes ○ No
Do you interact or work directly with clients/insureds?
○ Yes ○ No
AREAS OF INSURANCE PRACTICE What are your areas of insurance practice / insurance specialization? (Select all that apply)
« Back Continue »



# Step 5: Review Authority To Represent (ATR) Information



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\* indicates a required field.

#### Active Agencies/Firms Represented List

#### ACTIVE ATR

Please review the authorization to represent information that the Insurance Council has on file for you. If any of the information displayed here requires updating, this can be done, by the agency/firm you represent, via the corporate portal account or by submitting an Add/Remove ATR form to the licensing team. Please refer to our Holding Out (Authority to Represent) section on our website for more information. You cannot update this information through your portal account.

If your current agency/firm that you represent is not listed, they will not be able to submit payment for your annual renewal fee on your behalf, but you can still complete your renewal declaration now.

Please click Continue to proceed with your annual renewal.

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Employer Name	Effective Date
Cup of Tea Insurance Agency Ltd.	03/01/2021









# Step 6: Confirming Awareness and Compliance with Licensing Requirements (Declaration)

#### Individual Declaration

By submitting this annual renewal declaration, I confirm that:

- ✓ I understand and am aware of my obligations under the Council Rules and the Code of Conduct. ①
- ☑ I have met my Continuing Education requirements for the licence period June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 as required on or before May 31, 2023. ①

- OR -

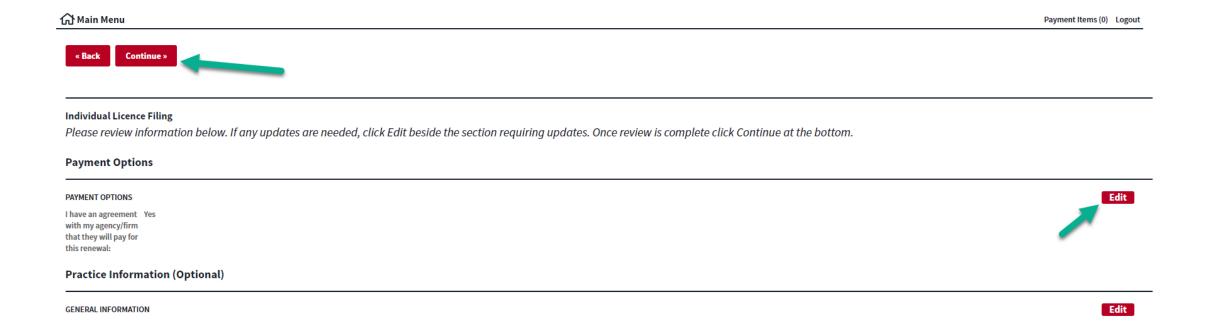
I have met my Continuing Education requirements for the licence period June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 but did not complete them on or before May 31, 2023.

- OR -

- I am licensed in my home jurisdiction, which has annual Continuing Education requirements that I am meeting as required; OR I am licensed in my home jurisdiction and I have met Insurance Council of BC Continuing Education requirements for the licence period June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.
- ✓ Where required, I have submitted all mandatory disclosures to Insurance Council. ①



# Step 7: Review and Submit





## Step 8: Confirmation



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Your annual licence renewal declaration has been submitted, but your annual licence renewal is not yet complete

As you indicated that your agency or firm will be paying the renewal fee on your behalf, it is your responsibility to ensure that your agency or firm submits the fee by the deadline.

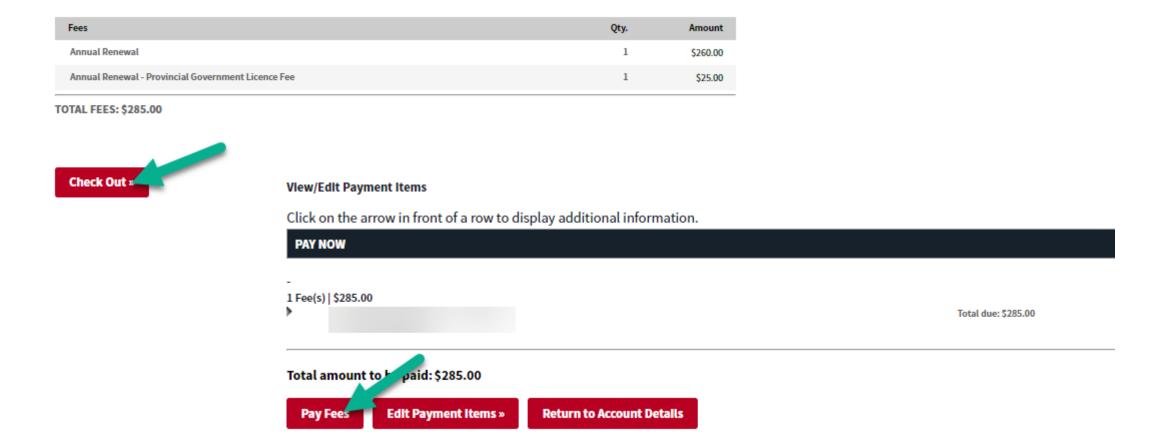
After your agency or firm has submitted your payment, you can confirm that your renewal is complete by selecting View my licence record(s) from the main menu. Your next renewal date will display as June 1, 2024. This renewal date will also be displayed on your licence certificate and the public Licensee Directory.

You can access a copy of your submitted declaration from the portal main menu by selecting Declaration Summary Report

Paying your own renewal fee instead? Please select View my licence record(s) and pay fees from the portal main menu, and click on Pay Fee Due for Renewal.



# Paying by Credit Card / Interac Online





## Payment Policy

#### **Payment Policy**

Council is permitted to collect and retain fees per Council Rule 5(1). Council's application fee is non-refundable. Where an application has been made and is subsequently withdrawn, denied or not proceeded with, the application will be closed and only the provincial government fee (either \$25.00 or \$50.00) will be refunded. Where an application has been made and is subsequently approved and a corresponding licence has been generated, no monies will be refunded in any and all cases (e.g., including but not limited to the case where a licence is later revoked by the Insurance Council or voluntarily closed by the licensee). All fees related to annual licence renewals (including any late fees), exams, licence amendments, insurer assessments, course accreditation, and continuing education courses are similarly non-refundable once payment has been made.

In the event that the Insurance Council of British Columbia incurs bank service fees for returned cheque payments or credit card chargebacks, these service fees will be assessed to the relevant applicant/licensee/examinee.



🗸 By clicking this box, I confirm that I have read and accept the Terms of Use and Payment policy, and I understand that the payment is non-refundable in any case.

Cancel

Continue



## **Payment Confirmation**



#### Your payment has been successfully submitted

Note: If you made a payment for renewal then your next renewal date will display as June 1, 2024, both on your licence certificate and on the public Licensee Directory. You can download or print a copy of your updated licence certificate by selecting View/print my licence certificate from the portal main menu.

Receipts for fees you have paid via online portal are available in your portal account by selecting View/Print my receipts from the main menu.

You can also access a copy of your submitted declaration from the portal main menu by selecting Declaration Summary Report.

Print/View Receipt

**Back to Main Menu** 



# **Confirming Renewal Completion**

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Home / <u>Licenses</u>									
Download/export selected   Add to Payment Items									
	Licence Number	Licence Type	Licence Status	Licensee Name	City	Action	Next Renewal Date		
	LIC-2023-0039623-R01	General Licence - Individual	Active	Camomile Chai	Vancouver		2024-06-01		



# Annual Licence Renewal Questions



# Let's Work Together



- Get started early! We're here to help.
- Don't hesitate to use the *I've forgotten my password* button. A portal account will lock after 10 incorrect password attempts and we will need to unlock it.
- We recommend using a personal email for your portal account, and the email that you check regularly in your contact information.
- Every licensee already has a portal account and does not need to register for a new one.

## Declaration Questions?

For practice-related inquiries:

View the Licensee Resources on our **website**: www.insurancecouncilofbc.com

### **Email us:**

practice@insurancecouncilofbc.com

### Call us:

604-695-2008 (or toll free at 1-877-688-0321) and press 3



# Licensing Questions?

For ATR-related inquiries:

### **Email us:**

licensing@insurancecouncilofbc.com

### Call us:

604-695-2007 (or toll free at 1-877-688-0321) and press 2



# Any other questions?

For portal-related inquiries:

View the Online Portal page under Licensee Resources on our **website**:

www.insurancecouncilofbc.com

### Call us:

604-688-0321 (or toll free at 1-877-688-0321) and press 6 for portal support

Email us: portal@insurancecouncilofbc.com



# Questions?



# Thank you for joining us

