

CONTRACT OF PURCHASE AND SALE
INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CONTRACT OF PURCHASE AND SALE

THIS INFORMATION IS INCLUDED FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PARTIES ONLY. IT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE CONTRACT AND SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE PROPER INTERPRETATION OF ANY OF ITS TERMS.

1. **CONTRACT:** This document, when signed by both parties, is a legally binding contract. READ IT CAREFULLY. The parties should ensure that everything that is agreed to is in writing.
2. **DEPOSIT(S):** Section 28 of the *Real Estate Services Act* requires that money held by a brokerage in respect of a real estate transaction for which there is an agreement between the parties for the acquisition and disposition of the real estate be held by the brokerage as a stakeholder. The money is held for the real estate transaction and not on behalf of one of the parties. If a party does not remove a subject clause, the brokerage requires the written agreement of both parties in order to release the deposit. If both parties do not sign the agreement to release the deposit, then the parties will have to apply to court for a determination of the deposit issue.
3. **COMPLETION:** (Clause 4) Unless the parties are prepared to actually meet at the Land Title Office and exchange title documents for the Purchase Price, it is, in every case, advisable for the completion of the sale to take place in the following sequence:
 - (a) The Buyer pays the Purchase Price or down payment in trust to the Buyer's Lawyer or Notary (who should advise the Buyer of the exact amount required) several days before the Completion Date, and the Buyer signs the documents.
 - (b) The Buyer's Lawyer or Notary prepares the documents and forwards them for signature to the Seller's Lawyer or Notary who returns the documents to the Buyer's Lawyer or Notary.
 - (c) The Buyer's Lawyer or Notary then attends to the deposit of the signed title documents (and any mortgages) in the appropriate Land Title Office.
 - (d) The Buyer's Lawyer or Notary releases the sale proceeds at the Buyer's Lawyer's or Notary's office.

Since the Seller is entitled to the Seller's proceeds on the Completion Date, and since the sequence described above takes a day or more, it is strongly recommended that the Buyer deposits the money and the signed documents AT LEAST TWO DAYS before the Completion Date, or at the request of the Conveyancer, and that the Seller delivers the signed transfer documents no later than the morning of the day before the Completion Date.

While it is possible to have a Saturday Completion Date using the Land Title Office's Electronic Filing System, parties are strongly encouraged **NOT** to schedule a Saturday Completion Date as it will restrict their access to fewer lawyers or notaries who operate on Saturdays; lenders will generally not fund new mortgages on Saturdays; lenders with existing mortgages may not accept payouts on Saturdays; and other offices necessary as part of the closing process may not be open.

4. **POSSESSION:** (Clause 5) The Buyer should make arrangements through the real estate licensees for obtaining possession. The Seller will not generally let the Buyer move in before the Seller has actually received the sale proceeds. Where residential tenants are involved, Buyers and Sellers should consult the *Residential Tenancy Act*.
5. **TITLE:** (Clause 9) It is up to the Buyer to satisfy the Buyer on matters of zoning or building or use restrictions, toxic or environmental hazards, encroachments on or by the Property and any encumbrances which are staying on title before becoming legally bound. It is up to the Seller to specify in the Contract if there are any encumbrances, other than those listed in Clause 9, which are staying on title before becoming legally bound. If you as the Buyer are taking out a mortgage, make sure that title, zoning and building restrictions are all acceptable to your mortgage company. In certain circumstances, the mortgage company could refuse to advance funds. If you as the Seller are allowing the Buyer to assume your mortgage, you may still be responsible for payment of the mortgage, unless arrangements are made with your mortgage company.
6. **CUSTOMARY COSTS:** (Clause 15) In particular circumstances there may be additional costs, but the following costs are applicable in most circumstances:

Costs to be Borne by the Seller

- Lawyer or Notary Fees and Expenses:
 - attending to execution of documents.
- Costs of clearing title, including:
 - discharge fees charged by encumbrance holders,
 - prepayment penalties.
- Real Estate Commission.
- Goods and Services Tax.

Costs to be Borne by the Buyer

- Lawyer or Notary Fees and Expenses:
 - searching title,
 - investigating title,
 - drafting documents,
 - Land Title Registration fees.
- Survey Certificate (if required).
- Costs of Mortgage, including:
 - mortgage company's Lawyer/Notary,

7. **RISK:** (Clause 16) The Buyer should arrange for insurance to be effective on the earlier of the Completion Date or the date the Buyer pays the balance of the funds into trust. The Seller should maintain the Seller's insurance in effect until the later of the date the Seller receives the proceeds of sale, or the date the Seller vacates the property.

8. **FORM OF CONTRACT:** This Contract of Purchase and Sale is designed primarily for the purchase and sale of freehold residences. If your transaction involves:

- a house or other building under construction
- a business
- other special circumstances (including the acquisition of land situated on a First Nations reserve)

additional provisions, not contained in this form, may be needed, and professional advice should be obtained. A Property Disclosure Statement completed by the Seller may be available.

9. **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Parties to this contract may pursue alternate dispute resolution if a dispute arises after completion of the transaction. It is recommended that the parties first mediate the dispute. Failing agreement to mediate, or if the mediation fails, then disputes can be submitted to an arbitration under the *Commercial Arbitration Act*. BCREA member boards can provide guidance on the selection of mediation and arbitration services in your area.

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PREPARED BY: _____ DATE: _____
(BROKERAGE - PLEASE PRINT)

ADDRESS: _____ PC: _____ PHONE: _____

PER: _____ MLS® No.: _____
(LICENSEE - PLEASE PRINT)

SELLER: _____	BUYER: _____
SELLER: _____	BUYER: _____
ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____	ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____
PC: _____	PC: _____
PHONE: _____	PHONE: _____
RESIDENT OF CANADA <input type="checkbox"/> NON-RESIDENT OF CANADA <input type="checkbox"/> as defined under the <i>Income Tax Act</i> .	OCCUPATION: _____

PROPERTY:

CITY/TOWN/MUNICIPALITY **POSTAL CODE** **PID**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The Buyer agrees to purchase the Property from the Seller on the following terms and subject to the following conditions:

1. PURCHASE PRICE: The purchase price of the Property will be _____.

DOLLARS \$_____ (Purchase Price)

2. **DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$_____ which will form part of the Purchase Price, will be paid on the following terms:

All monies paid pursuant to this section (Deposit) will be delivered in trust to _____

_____ and held in trust in accordance with the provisions of the *Real Estate Services Act*. In the event the Buyer fails to pay the Deposit as required by this Contract, the Seller may, at the Seller's option, terminate this Contract. The party who receives the Deposit is authorized to pay all or any portion of the Deposit to the Buyer's or Seller's conveyancer (the "Conveyancer") without further written direction of the Buyer or Seller, provided that: (a) the Conveyancer is a Lawyer or Notary; (b) such money is to be held in trust by the Conveyancer as stakeholder pursuant to the provisions of the *Real Estate Services Act* pending the completion of the transaction and not on behalf of any of the principals to the transaction; and (c) if the sale does not complete, the money should be returned to such party as stakeholder or paid into Court.



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3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The purchase and sale of the Property includes the following terms and is subject to the following conditions:

Each condition, if so indicated, is for the sole benefit of the party indicated. Unless each condition is waived or declared fulfilled by written notice given by the benefiting party to the other party on or before the date specified for each condition, this Contract will be terminated thereupon and the Deposit returnable in accordance with the *Real Estate Services Act*.

4. COMPLETION: The sale will be completed on _____, yr. _____ (Completion Date) at the appropriate Land Title Office.

5. POSSESSION: The Buyer will have vacant possession of the Property at _____ on _____, yr. _____ (Possession Date) OR, subject to the following existing tenancies, if any: _____

6. ADJUSTMENTS: The Buyer will assume and pay all taxes, rates, local improvement assessments, fuel, utilities and other charges from, and including, the date set for adjustments, and all adjustments both incoming and outgoing of whatsoever nature will be made as of _____, yr. _____ (Adjustment Date).

7. INCLUDED ITEMS: The Purchase Price includes any buildings, improvements, fixtures, appurtenances and attachments thereto, and all blinds, awnings, screen doors and windows, curtain rods, tracks and valances, fixed mirrors, fixed carpeting, electric, plumbing, heating and air conditioning fixtures and all appurtenances and attachments thereto as viewed by the Buyer at the date of inspection, INCLUDING:

BUT EXCLUDING: _____

8. VIEWED: The Property and all included items will be in substantially the same condition at the Possession Date as when viewed by the Buyer on _____, yr. _____.

9. TITLE: Free and clear of all encumbrances except subsisting conditions, provisos, restrictions, exceptions and reservations, including royalties, contained in the original grant or contained in any other grant or disposition from the Crown, registered or pending restrictive covenants and rights-of-way in favour of utilities and public authorities, existing tenancies set out in Clause 5, if any, and except as otherwise set out herein.

10. TENDER: Tender or payment of monies by the Buyer to the Seller will be by certified cheque, bank draft, cash or Lawyer's/Notary's or real estate brokerage's trust cheque.

11. DOCUMENTS: All documents required to give effect to this Contract will be delivered in registrable form where necessary and will be lodged for registration in the appropriate Land Title Office by 4 pm on the Completion Date.

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12. TIME: Time will be of the essence hereof, and unless the balance of the cash payment is paid and such formal agreement to pay the balance as may be necessary is entered into on or before the Completion Date, the Seller may, at the Seller's option, terminate this Contract, and, in such event, the amount paid by the Buyer will be absolutely forfeited to the Seller in accordance with the *Real Estate Services Act*, on account of damages, without prejudice to the Seller's other remedies.

13. BUYER FINANCING: If the Buyer is relying upon a new mortgage to finance the Purchase Price, the Buyer, while still required to pay the Purchase Price on the Completion Date, may wait to pay the Purchase Price to the Seller until after the transfer and new mortgage documents have been lodged for registration in the appropriate Land Title Office, but only if, before such lodging, the Buyer has: (a) made available for tender to the Seller that portion of the Purchase Price not secured by the new mortgage, and (b) fulfilled all the new mortgagee's conditions for funding except lodging the mortgage for registration, and (c) made available to the Seller, a Lawyer's or Notary's undertaking to pay the Purchase Price upon the lodging of the transfer and new mortgage documents and the advance by the mortgagee of the mortgage proceeds pursuant to the Canadian Bar Association (BC Branch) (Real Property Section) standard undertakings (the "CBA Standard Undertakings").

14. CLEARING TITLE: If the Seller has existing financial charges to be cleared from title, the Seller, while still required to clear such charges, may wait to pay and discharge existing financial charges until immediately after receipt of the Purchase Price, but in this event, the Seller agrees that payment of the Purchase Price shall be made by the Buyer's Lawyer or Notary to the Seller's Lawyer or Notary, on the CBA Standard Undertakings to pay out and discharge the financial charges, and remit the balance, if any, to the Seller.

15. COSTS: The Buyer will bear all costs of the conveyance and, if applicable, any costs related to arranging a mortgage and the Seller will bear all costs of clearing title.

16. RISK: All buildings on the Property and all other items included in the purchase and sale will be, and remain, at the risk of the Seller until 12:01 am on the Completion Date. After that time, the Property and all included items will be at the risk of the Buyer.

17. PLURAL: In this Contract, any reference to a party includes that party's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns; singular includes plural and masculine includes feminine.

18. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES: There are no representations, warranties, guarantees, promises or agreements other than those set out in this Contract and the representations contained in the Property Disclosure Statement if incorporated into and forming part of this Contract, all of which will survive the completion of the sale.

19. PERSONAL INFORMATION: The Buyer and the Seller hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure by the Brokerages and by the managing broker(s), associate broker(s) and representative(s) of those Brokerages (collectively the "Licensee(s)") described in Clause 20, the real estate boards of which those Brokerages and Licensees are members and, if the Property is listed on a Multiple Listing Service®, the real estate board that operates that Multiple Listing Service®, of personal information about the Buyer and the Seller:

- A. for all purposes consistent with the transaction contemplated herein;
- B. if the Property is listed on a Multiple Listing Service®, for the purpose of the compilation, retention and publication by the real estate board that operates the Multiple Listing Service® and other real estate boards of any statistics including historical Multiple Listing Service® data for use by persons authorized to use the Multiple Listing Service® of that real estate board and other real estate boards;
- C. for enforcing codes of professional conduct and ethics for members of real estate boards; and
- D. for the purposes (and to the recipients) described in the brochure published by the British Columbia Real Estate Association entitled *Working With a REALTOR®*.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS

20. AGENCY DISCLOSURE: The Seller and the Buyer acknowledge having received, read and understood the brochure published by the British Columbia Real Estate Association entitled *Working With a REALTOR®* and acknowledge and confirm as follows:

A. the Seller has an Agency relationship with

_____ and _____
BROKERAGE LICENSEE

B. the Buyer has an Agency relationship with

_____ and _____
BROKERAGE LICENSEE

C. the Buyer and the Seller have consented to a limited dual agency relationship with

_____ and _____
BROKERAGE LICENSEE

_____ LICENSEE

having signed a Limited Dual Agency Agreement dated _____

If only (A) has been completed, the Buyer is acknowledging no agency relationship. If only (B) has been completed, the Seller is acknowledging no agency relationship.

21. ACCEPTANCE IRREVOCABLE (Buyer and Seller): The Seller and the Buyer specifically confirm that this Contract of Purchase and Sale is executed under seal. It is agreed and understood that the Seller's acceptance is irrevocable, including without limitation, during the period prior to the date specified for the Buyer to either:

- A. fulfill or waive the terms and conditions herein contained; and/or
- B. exercise any option(s) herein contained.

22. THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT AND INFORMATION PAGE BEFORE YOU SIGN.

23. OFFER: This offer, or counter-offer, will be open for acceptance until _____ o'clock on

_____, yr. _____ (unless withdrawn in writing with notification to the other party of such revocation prior to notification of its acceptance), and upon acceptance of the offer, or counter-offer, by accepting in writing and notifying the other party of such acceptance, there will be a binding Contract of Purchase and Sale on the terms and conditions set forth.

X _____
WITNESS

BUYER

SEAL

PRINT NAME

X _____
WITNESS

BUYER

SEAL

PRINT NAME

24. ACCEPTANCE: The Seller (a) hereby accepts the above offer and agrees to complete the sale upon the terms and conditions set out above, (b) agrees to pay a commission as per the Listing Contract, and (c) authorizes and instructs the Buyer and anyone acting on behalf of the Buyer or Seller to pay the commission out of the cash proceeds of sale and forward copies of the Seller's Statement of Adjustments to the Cooperating/Listing Brokerage, as requested, forthwith after completion.

Seller's acceptance is dated _____, yr. _____

X _____
WITNESS

SELLER

SEAL

PRINT NAME

X _____
WITNESS

SELLER

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PRINT NAME