



British Columbia's
Office of the Human Rights
Commissioner

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Advisory: Online education session on B.C.'s *Human Rights Code* will explore housing, employment and services

Vancouver B.C. – Continuing its successful series of educational sessions, BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner will be hosting another free public session on B.C.'s *Human Rights Code* on Jan. 25, 2024. This 90-minute virtual exploration will dive into three key areas covered by the *Code*: housing, employment and services.

Whether tuning in as a landlord, tenant, employer, employee, service provider or service user, each participant will learn about their rights and responsibilities under the *Code*. By the end, learners will be able to:

- situate B.C.'s *Human Rights Code* within other human rights laws
- recognize terms used in B.C.'s human rights system
- identify discrimination under B.C.'s *Human Rights Code*
- recognize what protected personal characteristics can be used to make human rights complaints

WHO: BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (BCOHRC)

WHAT: B.C. *Human Rights Code* educational session

WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. PST

WHERE: Virtual, via Zoom videoconferencing

REGISTER: https://ca01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ROjuxefDRUS9hX2RsOSljg#/registration

Registration is free. Please register in advance on [Zoom](#) or by contacting engagement@bchumanrights.ca.

Kindly note that this session will host a maximum of 500 participants.

Please note we are not the BC Human Rights Clinic and we do not offer legal advice or provide representation. We also do not accept individual human rights complaints; these should be directed to the BC Human Rights Tribunal.

More about BCOHRC's Code workshop educational sessions

These sessions are held throughout the year on topics related to areas protected by the *Human Rights Code*: housing, employment and services.

Closed captioning will be available at this event. If you have other accessibility or language requirements, please contact us at engagement@bchumanrights.ca and we will do our best to accommodate you.

These sessions are meant for a broad audience. If you are interested in booking a session for your organization or group, please contact us through our [event request page](#) (specify if you would like a focus on housing, employment or services).

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Media contact

To request an interview with Commissioner Kasari Govender, please contact Lindsey Bertrand, Acting Manager, Communications, at media@bchumanrights.ca or 604-306-7369.

Media kit

[Visit our media kit](#) for images of Commissioner Kasari Govender, pronunciation guidance, bios and more.

About BCOHRC

BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner exists to address the root causes of inequality, discrimination and injustice in B.C. by shifting laws, policies, practices and cultures. We do this work through education, research, advocacy, inquiry and monitoring. Learn more at: bchumanrights.ca

About the Commissioner

B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner, Kasari Govender, started her five-year term on Sept. 3, 2019. As an independent officer of the Legislature, Commissioner Govender is uniquely positioned to ensure human rights in B.C. are protected, respected and advanced on a systemic level. Her work through BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner centres listening deeply to British Columbians to inform educational materials, policy guidance, public inquiries, interventions, community-based research and more that protects marginalized communities, addresses discrimination and injustice and upholds human rights for all.

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