



British Columbia's  
Office of the Human Rights  
Commissioner

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## Advisory: Upcoming B.C. *Human Rights Code* public educational session on housing, employment and services

Vancouver B.C. – On Jun. 6, 2023, BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner will hold a free, virtual session to help people understand B.C.'s *Human Rights Code* and how it protects against discrimination in housing, employment and services.

Whether tuning in as a landlord, tenant, employer, employee, service provider or service user, this 90-minute interactive session will help participants learn about their rights and responsibilities related to these key areas.

By the end of this session, learners will be able to:

- Situate B.C.'s *Human Rights Code* within other human rights laws
- recognize terms used in the B.C. 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: Tuesday, Jun. 6, 2023, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. PST

WHERE: Virtual, via Zoom videoconferencing

REGISTER: [https://ca01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_9NugOxzBTImCrbkBKnaALZw](https://ca01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9NugOxzBTImCrbkBKnaALZw)

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

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, Senior Communications Advisor, at [media@bchumanrights.ca](mailto:media@bchumanrights.ca) or 1-604-306-7369.

## Media kit

[Download](#) our media kit for images of Commissioner Kasari Govender.

## 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](http://bchumanrights.ca)

## About the Commissioner

B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner, Kasari Govender, started her five-year term on Sept. 3, 2019. Since then, our Office has been working swiftly to build a strong team, to listen deeply to the concerns of British Columbians, to deliver education materials on our rights and responsibilities, to issue policy guidance to protect marginalized communities and to lay a human rights-based foundation for our work. As an independent officer of the Legislature, the Commissioner is uniquely positioned to ensure human rights in B.C. are protected, respected and advanced on a systemic level throughout our society.

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