In June 2012, the legislature approved changes to *The Residential Tenancies Act*. Some of the changes came into force in June (<u>click here for information about those changes</u>). Other changes needed regulations before they could take effect. The regulations are now ready. The rest of the amendments to the Act and the changes to the regulations will come into force on March 1, 2013.

For details about the following amendments, click on each topic:

- <u>Clarification of the rules for ending tenancies for owner occupancy, change of use or extensive</u> renovation
- Landlords are required to tell tenants what they plan to charge for rent after completing a rehabilitation scheme or extensive renovations
- Tenants must give a reason when they object to a rent increase that is equal to or less than the annual rent increase guideline
- An exception to a landlords' right to collect late payment fees
- <u>Residential Tenancies Branch and Residential Tenancies Commission may waive certain filing</u> <u>fees for clients who receive employment and income assistance benefits or the guaranteed</u> <u>income supplement</u>
- An amendment to the Residential Rent Regulation to indicate that expenses relating to the enhancement of the level of prestige of a residential complex or rental unit, where those enhancements are out of character with the rest of the building, will not be included when landlords apply for a rent increase above the guideline.

There are also changes to several regulation forms. Visit our <u>Fees and Forms</u> page for updated forms.