



## UBC Okanagan Relocation Resources

### Housing Resources for UBC Faculty and Staff

#### 1. Home Ownership Information

- a. Foreign Buyer tax: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/additional-property-transfer-tax>
- b. Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/P-25.2/page-1.html>
  - i. Speak to your realtor or a real estate lawyer for more information.
- c. Buying a Home in British Columbia : <https://www.bcfsa.ca/public-resources/real-estate/buying-home>
  - i. Procedures involved in purchasing a home, documents required, and understanding the roles of people who may be involved in the transaction. Provided by the Real Estate Council of British Columbia.
- d. Association of Interior Realtors: <https://www.interiorrealtors.ca/>
  - i. Find A REALTOR: <https://www.realtor.ca/realtors/bc/kelowna>
  - ii. Rank My Agent (to find top agents in Kelowna: <https://rankmyagent.com/city/kelowna-bc-real-estate-agent-reviews-ratings>
  - iii. Buyer Information: <https://www.interiorrealtors.ca/consumer-info/buyer-information/>
- e. New Real Estate Construction: <https://www.buzzbuzzhome.com/ca/place/kelowna-bc>
- f. Canada Home & Mortgage Corporation: <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/>
  - i. Provide mortgage loan insurance, mortgage-backed securities, housing policy and programs, and housing research.
- g. Canadian Bankers Association: <https://cba.ca/>
  - i. Offer consumer information on mortgages, financing and the Canadian Home Buyer's Plan.
- h. First Time Home Buyer's Program for BC Residents: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/exemptions/first-time-home-buyers>
  - i. This program reduces or eliminates the amount of property transfer tax you pay when you purchase your first home. See the website for [eligibility criteria](#).
- i. BC Home Owner Grant: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant>
  - i. This grand reduces the amount of property tax you pay for your principal residence.
- j. First Time Home Buyer Grants for Canadians (2019): <https://mortgagepal.ca/first-time-home-buyer-government-grants/>
  - i. A variety of grants and special programs to help Canadians with home ownership.
- k. Home Buyer's Plan for Canadians: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/rrsps-related-plans/what-home-buyers-plan.html>
  - i. A program that allows you to withdraw from your registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) to buy or build a qualifying home.



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#### 2. Long Term Rentals (1 year +) \*

- a. ARGUS Properties Ltd.: <https://www.argusproperties.ca/residential>
  - i. On the application, include that you are a UBCO employee & request the discount.
- b. Mission Group Rental Properties: <https://www.missiongroup.ca/rental-properties/>
- c. Worman Residential Rentals: <https://www.worman.ca/residential-rentals>
- d. Associated Property Management: <https://associatedpm.ca/residential-property-listings/>
- e. Castanet – Kelowna classified advertisements: <https://classifieds.castanet.net/cat/rentals/>
- f. Craigslist Kelowna: <https://kelowna.craigslist.org/search/apa>
- g. Kijiji Kelowna: <https://www.kijiji.ca/b-apartments-condos/kelowna/kelowna/house/k0c3711700228a29276001>
- h. Sabbatical Homes: <https://www.sabbaticalhomes.com/>
- i. Rent Café- Pet Friendly Rentals: <https://www.rentcafe.com/pet-friendly-apartments-for-rent/ca/bc/kelowna/>
- j. Nest Host- short term corporate stays in furnished homes: <https://nesthost.ca/>

#### 3. Short Term Rentals (1 – 6+ months) \*

- a. The Shore (1-3 bedroom condos): <https://theshorekelowna.com/>
- b. Four Points Sheraton Kelowna Airport: <http://www.fourpointskelownairport.com/UBC>
- c. Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Kelowna Airport: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ylwbchx-hampton-suites-kelowna-airport/> (request UBC or provincial government rate)
- d. Kelowna Tourism Accommodation Listings: <https://www.tourismkelowna.com/places-to-stay/>

#### 4. Consumer Information: Renting a Home

- a. What you should know and consider before you rent: <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/consumers/renting-a-home/i-want-to-rent>
- b. What you should know after you sign a rent or lease agreement: <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/consumers/renting-a-home/i-am-renting>
- c. Tenant Resource and Advisory Guide: <https://tenants.bc.ca/>
- d. Residential Tenancy Branch: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies/contact-the-residential-tenancy-branch>

#### 5. Utilities

- a. Electricity: <https://www.fortisbc.com/>
- b. TV and internet : <https://www.shaw.ca/tv>
- c. Internet, home phone, mobile phone and TV: <https://www.telus.com/en/>
- d. Mobile phone: <https://www.bell.ca/> or <https://www.rogers.com/>
  - i. UBC Cellular Devices and Services: <https://finance.ubc.ca/buy/private/ubc-prequalified-suppliers/private/cellular-devices-and-services>

\* For current information regarding rental prices and availability, please refer directly to the website.