

Land Title and Survey Authority: New Portal, New Services

On May 1, 2014, the Land Title and Survey Authority of BC (LTSA)—the source of ownership information for private land in BC—will introduce a new online portal that promises to improve electronic title searching and ordering processes. A publicly accountable, statutory corporation formed in 2005, the LTSA is responsible for administering the land title and survey systems of BC.

As of May 1, 2014, the LTSA will cease to use BC OnLine, the BC Government’s portal to e-government services, to host its Electronic Search and Filing Services. The LTSA has developed its own online portal, known as myLTSA. By moving Electronic Search services to myLTSA, the LTSA will build closer relationships with its customers, including real estate licensees.

Customers who wish to use the LTSA’s Electronic Services to perform title searches and obtain copies of documents and survey plans must register for a myLTSA account by April 30, 2014. There will be two service levels available:

- **myLTSA Enterprise** offers access to the full suite of the LTSA’s Electronic Search and Filing services and is recommended for those professionals who electronically file or order more than 40 land titles and strata plans annually, or who require access to historical land title information.
- **myLTSA Explorer** is ideal for real estate licensees and businesses who order a limited number of active land titles and related strata plans annually and do not require access to historical land titles or other documents or plans.

While customers who register for myLTSA Enterprise pay for the service with a pre-paid deposit account, myLTSA Explorer gives customers the ability to “pay-as-you-go” using Visa or MasterCard. Up to 40 items can be ordered through a myLTSA



Land Title ...by the Numbers

1.935 million	Privately-owned dwellings in BC (in 2012–13)
2 million	Active Titles in BC in 2012, according to LTSA’s Land Register
27,000	Active strata plans in BC, as of March 18, 2013
556,700	Active strata lots in BC, as of March 18, 2013

Source: Land Title and Survey Authority
(see www.ltsa.ca/cms/bc-real-estate-fast-facts for more BC Real Estate statistics)

Explorer account each year, which will also offer users a simplified ordering process, the ability to search for active land titles, and strata plans associated with an active land title available to order.

Register for myLTSA Before Final Deadline of April 30, 2014

To register for a myLTSA account, visit the Land Title and Survey Authority of BC website at www.ltsa.ca. ■