

## Branches

You are encouraged to join one or more of the branches throughout the province. BCRTA branches organize programs that keep members informed and connected through newsletters, websites, and events. They organize activities that may include the preservation of district education heritage, speakers and entertainment at lunch meetings, and involvement in community services. They may hold garden parties and barbecues, or sponsor bridge clubs, walking clubs, coffee klatches, and discussion groups. Branch membership is open only to members of the BCRTA. Please indicate your branch choice(s) below.

## Fees

The annual BCRTA fee, currently \$35, is determined at the Annual General Meeting. Branch fees are determined at the Branch AGM and are listed below. The membership year is from July 1 to June 30.

If you are receiving a pension from the BC Teachers' Pension Plan or College Pension Plan, your fees will be deducted from your September pension.

If you are not receiving a pension from one of these plans, please send a cheque or money order for your provincial and branch fees by June 30 of each year to the BCRTA provincial office.

**Circle the Branch(es) you wish to join.** Please note that fees can be changed only at an Annual General Meeting. You will be notified of any change(s). You are encouraged to join the Branch in your area, however in order to be a Branch member you **must** first belong to the Provincial Organization. **You may not belong to a branch if you do not have Provincial Membership.**

<b>PROVINCIAL</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	CRANBROOK	\$10.00	LANGLEY	\$10.00	QUESNEL	\$5.00
ABBOTSFORD	\$5.00	CRESTON	\$5.00	LOWER VAN. ISLAND	\$7.00	RICHMOND	\$10.00
ALBERNI	\$0.00	DELTA	\$5.00	NAN./LADYSMITH	\$5.00	RIDGE MEADOWS	\$5.00
BOUNDARY AREA	\$5.00	ELK VALLEY	\$5.00	NEW WESTMINISTER	\$10.00	SHUSWAP&DIST.	\$5.00
BURNABY	\$10.00	GULF ISLANDS	\$5.00	NORTH COAST	\$5.00	SOUTH OKANAGAN	\$5.00
CAMPBELL RIVER	\$5.00	SEA TO SKY	\$0.00	NORTH SHORE	\$10.00	SUNSHINE COAST	\$10.00
CARIBOO/CHILCOTIN	\$5.00	KAMLOOPS	\$5.00	PARKSVILLE/QUAL.	\$10.00	SURREY	\$5.00
CHILLIWACK	\$10.00	CENTRAL OKANAGAN	\$5.00	PEACE RIVER N.	\$5.00	VANCOUVER	\$12.00
COMOX VALLEY	\$5.00	KIMBERLEY	\$8.00	PEACE RIVER S.	\$5.00	VERNON	5.00
COQUITLAM	\$5.00	KOOTENAY/COL.	\$5.00	POWELL RIVER	\$7.00	POST-SECONDARY	
COWICHAN VALLEY	\$5.00	KOOTENAY LAKE W.	\$10.00	PRINCE GEORGE	\$10.00	EDUCATORS	\$5.00
		KITIMAT	\$5.00	MISSION	\$0.00		

## Postscript

With your BCRTA membership you will receive four newsletters per year to keep you informed on items of current interest and concern: pension, medical, and dental information; travel opportunities and experiences; and other articles of general interest.

If your spouse is also a BCRTA member, check here should you prefer to have only one copy sent to your household.

One copy only please

Name of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

## Privacy Statement

***The BCRTA is committed to respecting member privacy and complies with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act. Your Social Insurance Number and personal information are used ONLY when communicating with the Teachers' or College Pension Plans or when representing you with service providers. This information is not shared with other outside agencies. If you have concerns please contact the Privacy Officer, Patricia Laursen at the provincial office.***

***We invite you  
to become a member  
of our Association***

## Contact Information

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***THE BCRTA:  
Working for You,  
Working with You.***

## History

The B.C. Retired Teachers' Association was incorporated as a Society in 1955 with its main objective "to guard the interests and to promote the welfare of its members." Through the efforts of many dedicated people, the Association has grown to a large influential organization with Branches throughout the Province.

## Provincial Organization

The Directors of the BCRTA are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Their role is to carry out the directions of the AGM and take initiative in serving the aims of the Association.

Membership in the BCRTA provides a means of protecting the economic interests of its members, as well as keeping in touch with former colleagues and friends through the Branches of the Association.

The BCRTA is an affiliate member of the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers' and of the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations. These groups, strong in number, lobby federal, provincial, and local governments regarding issues affecting members. Your membership in the BCRTA enhances the strength of the collective voice of these organizations.

## Services

The BCRTA is the voice of retired educators. As membership grows so does our ability to serve our members. The services provided to members of the BCRTA are determined by our membership. The BCRTA is independent of the Teachers' Pension Board of Trustees and the College Pension Board of Trustees.

## Provincial Office

Our provincial office is the service centre of the Association. The office administrator and staff give assistance to members on the many issues related to their welfare. Toll-free lines provide members throughout the province with office access.

## Services

### Pensions

The BCRTA assists in retirement planning seminars and holds support seminars for retired educators.

BCRTA members represent the Association on the BCTF Pension Committee and on the Teachers' Pension Plan Advisory Committee. These committees represent the interests of all active and retired BC educators. One BCRTA representative is always appointed to the Teachers' Pension Board of Trustees.

For pension information or assistance contact the BC Pension Corporation at 1-866-876-8877

### Medical/Dental

The BCRTA provides information and assistance regarding the Medical Services Plan of BC (MSP), EHB, and dental plans with Pacific Blue Cross.

### Travel Insurance

MEDOC travel insurance, through Johnson Inc., provides comprehensive coverage for medical emergencies, travel cancellation, or delay while traveling outside of BC. Pre-existing medical conditions do not exclude members from coverage. Insurance is available only to BCRTA members.

### Other Insurance Plans

Offering members affordable, comprehensive benefits at group rates are other BCRTA plans administered through Johnson Inc.: Home Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, and Life Insurance & Legacy Planning

For information related to all of these insurance plans, including MEDOC, contact Johnson Inc. at 1-866-799-0000 or visit the website at: [www.johnson.ca](http://www.johnson.ca)

# BC RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for membership in the BCRTA (check one category ONLY)

### Active Membership

- I am receiving a pension from the BC Teachers' Pension Plan; or  
 I am a spouse of a deceased Active Member.

### Affiliate Membership

- I am receiving a pension from the BC College Pension Plan; or  
 I am receiving a pension from a post-secondary pension plan outside of B.C.; or  
 I am a retired public system educator receiving a pension from outside BC

### Associate Membership

- I am a spouse of an Active Member; or  
 I am retired from a staff position with the BCTF, a BCTF Local, BCSSA (BC School Superintendents Association) BCP&VPA, FPSE (Post-Secondary Educators), the College of Teacher or the BCRTA ; or  
 I am a retired educator of an independent or private school.

## PLEASE PRINT

Title:(Mr. Mrs. Ms) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

I retired from: \_\_\_\_\_ (District, Institute, Staff) SIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Application must be signed and the Branch Application on the reverse side completed)

## Privacy and Consent

I hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information except SIN, to the Teachers' Pension Plan or College Pension Plan, Pacific Blue Cross, Johnson Inc., MSP or other service providers to the BCRTA. The SIN is only disclosed to identify members for automatic deduction of fees and to make enquiries to service providers when initiated by members. **This information is not shared with outside parties.**

If I am receiving a pension from the BC Teachers' Pension Plan or the BC College Pension Plan, I authorize the BC Pension Corporation to deduct my Provincial and Branch fee from each September pension payment until such time as I revoke this authority in writing to the BCRTA.

If I am NOT receiving a pension from the BC Teachers' Pension Plan or the BC College Pension Plan, my cheque for the BCRTA fee is enclosed and is due on June 30 each subsequent year.