



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective Date: *31 Jul 2015*

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NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

TERMINATION OF SMALL CLAIMS RULE 7.2 COURT MEDIATION PROGRAM

Purpose

To clarify the transition process for scheduling and conducting Small Claims Rule 7.2 mediations through to October 31, 2015, on which date the Small Claims Rule 7.2 Court Mediation Program is terminated pursuant to amendments to the *Small Claims Rules*, B.C. Reg. 261/93.

Notice

1. The *Small Claims Rules*, B.C. Reg. 261/93 are amended pursuant to [Order in Council 400/2015](#).
2. Effective July 31, 2015, the Rule 7.2 Registries (Nanaimo, North Vancouver, Surrey, and Victoria) will no longer refer cases to the Court Mediation Program (the "Program") for mediation except as follows:
 - a. The Program will conduct mediations for cases already scheduled through to October 31, 2015.
 - b. Cases scheduled for mediation before October 31, 2015 that do not proceed will only be re-set for mediation where it can be accommodated within the existing Program. Otherwise, the case will be scheduled for a Settlement Conference before a Provincial Court Judge.
3. Commencing August 1, 2015, Settlement Conferences will be scheduled for all cases in accordance with Small Claims Rule 7.

History of Notice to the Profession and Public

- Original Notice to the Profession and Public dated July 31, 2015.

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