



Rules of Practice and Procedure

Amendment May 1, 2026

The British Columbian Human Rights Tribunal *Rules of Practice and Procedure* effective January 15, 2016 (amended November 14, 2024) are amended as follows effective May 1, 2026:

1. The rules will be named *Rules of Practice and Procedure* effective January 15, 2016 (amended May 1, 2026).
2. Rule 19 is replaced with the following:

Rule 19 –Dismissal of a Complaint under Section 27

Tribunal discretion

- (1) Nothing in this rule limits the tribunal’s discretion to dismiss a complaint under s. 27(1) of the *Code*.
- (2) The tribunal may seek submissions from the parties, any time after a complaint is filed, about whether it should dismiss a complaint under section 27(1) of the *Code*.

Limitation

- (3) A respondent may make only one request to file a dismissal application, unless new information or circumstances, that form the basis of a further request, come to that party’s attention.

Request to file a dismissal application

- (4) The tribunal will notify the parties of the deadline for a request to file a dismissal application.
- (5) Subject to rule 19(6), a respondent who wants to file a dismissal application must file a Form 7.5 – Request to File Dismissal Application and deliver a copy of the Form 7.5 to any other party within the deadline set by the tribunal.
- (6) A respondent may file a Form 7.5 – Request to File Dismissal Application and deliver a copy of the completed form to any other party if:
 - (a) the request is based on new information or circumstances that would form the basis for an application to dismiss the complaint;
 - (b) the request is filed within two weeks from the date on which the new information or circumstances come to the respondent’s attention; and

(c) the request is filed no later than four months before the date set for the hearing.

Extension of time

(7) To request an extension of the time to file a form under this rule, the respondent must notify the tribunal of the length of the extension requested and either that the other parties consent or the reasons for the request.

3. In Rule 28(1)(a)(ii), the words “, including an order extending the time to file a dismissal application” are deleted.