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### **HOMEOWNER PROTECTION ACT RESPONSIBILITIES TRANSFERRED**

VICTORIA – As part of government’s review of Crown corporations, the Province will transfer a number of the key responsibilities under the Homeowner Protection Act effective April 1, 2010.

The transfer of responsibilities includes:

- Transferring the residential builder and building envelope renovator licensing, owner builder authorization and the research and education responsibilities to BC Housing.
- Transferring the administration of the Reconstruction Program to the Ministry of Finance. HPO stopped accepting new applications for this program in July 2009.

As of June 30, 2010 the PST Relief Grant for owners of homes with completed building envelope repairs will be terminated in conjunction with the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). Applications for the grant will be accepted at the current HPO address until 4 p.m. on June 30, 2010.

Requirements for licensing, owner builder authorizations and home warranty insurance under the Homeowner Protection Act will remain unchanged.

The HPO website will continue to provide online licensing, new home registration, owner builder authorization, Building Smart seminar registration, and research and education information for the residential construction industry and consumers.

For the latest information about the transfer of the Homeowner Protection Act responsibilities, visit [www.hpo.bc.ca](http://www.hpo.bc.ca).

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