

# Small Claims Court

*Are you suing someone or being sued for “small claims” in BC Provincial Court? For debt, damages, personal property or specific performance of a contract? Read these resources.*

**Note:** There were important changes to BC laws on Small Claims on **June 1, 2017**. Most claims up to \$5000 will be resolved online with the **Civil Resolution Tribunal (CRT)**, and Small Claims Court (BC Provincial Court) hears cases between \$5001 and \$35,000. See **Important Changes** for more.



## **Small Claims BC** | *good overview of Small Claims process*

Settling out of court (includes Online Dispute Resolution), Filing a Notice of Claim, Replying to a Claim, How to file court forms, Collecting on Judgment, Appeals.



## **CRT Small Claims Solution Explorer** | *for disputes \$5000 and under*

The first step in the Civil Resolution Tribunal process. Find free legal information and self-help tools, and also apply for dispute resolution for claims \$5000 and under.



## **Being Sued in Small Claims Court** | *your options if you are sued*

Do not ignore a Notice of Claim. What are the different ways to respond?



## **Small Claims Court Factsheets** | *21 varied factsheets*

Includes definitions, steps in a small claims lawsuit, and help on preparing paperwork.



## **Small Claims – Procedural Guides** | *Ministry of Justice booklets*

Titles include: What is Small Claims, Making & Replying to a Claim, Serving Documents, Getting Ready for Court, Mediation, Getting Results (enforcing payment orders).

**Step-by-step instructions** on how to fill out a **Notice of Civil Claim**, with examples.

## **Small Claims Court Forms** | *Ministry of Justice forms*

PDF programmed forms for Small Claims. Links to the **Small Claims Filing Assistant** and explains how to file electronically through **Court Services Online (CSO)**.



## **Understanding a Small Claims Court Trial** | *detailed explanation of trial*

How to Prepare for trial, Court Trial Procedure, and Types of Evidence to use.

## **Preparing for Small Claims Court** | *shorter checklist for trial prep*

You are responsible for knowing the Rules and for preparing and presenting your case. Available in Punjabi, Korean, traditional and Simplified Chinese.

## **Organizing Documents for Small Claims Court** | *get your documents in order*

Have your evidence organized as early as possible – it can save you work later on.

**Clicklaw HelpMap:** Find people who can help with small claims matters.

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