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The Power of the Group

The Real Estate Institute of British Columbia (REIBC) is a professional organization of diversified real estate professionals in all sectors of the real estate industry. The mission of the Institute is to advance the highest standards of education, knowledge, professional development, and business practice.

The three types of memberships* available (Student, Associate, Professional) represent all levels of real estate individuals. The Student membership caters to those enrolled in specific real estate programs; the Associate membership caters to individuals who want to learn more about issues affecting the real estate industry. The Professional membership holds the majority of members and the R.I.(B.C.) designation, recognized throughout the real estate industry for its prestige.

The Institute recognizes the following educational programs toward membership qualification.

- Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Urban Land Economics, UBC
- Urban Land Economics Diploma, UBC
- Bachelor of Business in Real Estate, UBC
- Commercial Real Estate Studies Diploma, BCIT
- AACI Designation, Appraisal Institute of Canada
- Membership in the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), with the General Practice or Planning Option
- Diploma from previously offered

Langara College Real Estate Studies Program

A successful applicant must also be employed full-time in the real estate industry for a minimum of three of four years before the date of application, with one of these years spent in British Columbia.

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Why Become an R.I.(B.C.)

The professional R.I.(B.C.) designation is granted in recognition of the achievement of rigorous standards of education and experience. It is a guarantee of a high level of real estate knowledge, to both clients and employers.

Sharing collective knowledge and experience is the *power of the RI group*. Members of REIBC call upon each other when needed. Employers and government agencies recognize individuals with the R.I.(B.C.) designation as an important and valuable asset to their organization. And, as a member, you have access to the top real estate specialists province-wide, for networking and problem-solving. Interaction between/among members takes place over various media, including the Internet, with a members-only discussion forum on the REIBC Website (www.reibc.org).

The Institute works hard at keeping its members informed of the current trends within the industry. *Input* magazine, published three times a year, delivers expertise to members' doorsteps. More frequent information is disseminated to the membership via the monthly email newsletter, *What's New*.

The Institute continues to keep its members educated through seminars, workshops, and conferences. Most recently, in cooperation with the City Program at Simon Fraser University, REIBC presented the two-day conference, *Land Use Perspectives 2001*.

A unique organization within the real estate industry, REIBC puts the diversity of the RI group to work by connecting real estate professionals throughout the province. You become a member of a first class organization when you become a member of REIBC. ▲

* For more information on the membership categories, please visit www.reibc.org.

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