

# What is the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)?

BC's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ([FIPPA](#)) is a provincial law that sets out how public bodies must both protect personal information and provide access to information through Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. As a public sector organization, CNC must follow FIPPA.

CNC's Privacy Office is responsible for overseeing FIPPA compliance at the college and is available to answer questions and provide support. The Privacy Office also delivers online [FIPPA training](#) for all staff.

## Who oversees privacy law in BC?

The *Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner* ([OIPC](#)) provides independent oversight to make sure BC's access and privacy laws are followed. The OIPC receives and investigates privacy complaints and can issue legally binding orders and decisions. The OIPC also provides tools and resources to help organizations follow access and privacy laws.

## What privacy rights does FIPPA provide?

FIPPA gives you the right to:

- Access your own personal information.
- Request correction of your own personal information if you believe it is inaccurate.
- Be informed about how your personal information is collected, used, and shared.
- Complain to the OIPC if you feel your personal information has been collected, used, or shared improperly.

## Who must follow FIPPA at CNC?

- FIPPA must be followed by all CNC employees and volunteers. Those who provide services to CNC (for example, consultants and contractors) must also comply with FIPPA.
- Students do not have to follow FIPPA, unless they are acting as an employee, volunteer, or service provider of CNC.
- FIPPA also does not apply to private organizations, such as the CNC Students' Union unless they are contracted to provide services for CNC.

## What if I have more questions?

Reach out to the Privacy Office at  
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