BC Assessment

2014 Quality Initiative Bulletin:

Data Cleansing of Suppress Assessment and Tax Notice Flags

Background

In the past, BC Assessment (BCA) has "suppressed" the delivery of assessment and tax notices for exempt properties when requested by the owner of the property.

BCA Legal Services recommended that both the suppress assessment and tax notice flags be removed for the majority of properties. This decision was based on the *Assessment Act*, section 3(1)(b) and the *Taxation (Rural Area) Act*, section 21(0.1)(2).

As such, this activity was kicked off in 2013 and will continue in 2014 to improve the overall quality of the 2014 and 2015 Assessment Rolls and in compliance with the *Assessment Act*, the *Taxation (Rural Area) Act* and requests from the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) and the Property Taxation Branch (PTB) of the Ministry of Finance.

Only in very limited cases will BCA suppress assessment and/or tax notices. These may include:

- Specific Canadian National Railway properties, identified in Ministry of Finance or First Nation agreements;
- City of Vancouver residential properties with *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act* (*MEVA*) registered leases;
- Oil and gas well site leases on private property;
- Properties in Jurisdiction 199 – Westbank F.N. Exempt Properties; and
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) properties (i.e. Crown Provincial bulk mail codes CP01, CP19, CP22, CP38, CP49, CP55, CP58, CP69, and CP97).

Timing

The correction of the suppress Tax Notice flag portion will be completed in one day, on June 15, 2014 for the 2015 Assessment Rolls & Notice production. The suppress Assessment Notice flag portion of this quality initiative was completed in December 2013 for the 2014 Assessment Rolls & Notice production.

Impact

The correction activity taking place on June 15th will not impact the delivery of the Weekly and Monthly Data Advice and RC900 Folio Activity Reports as scheduled. However, the reporting period included in the Data Advice will end 1 day earlier, as follows:

Product	Scheduled Reporting Period Dates	NEW Reporting Period Dates
Weekly Data Advice	June 8 – June 15	June 8 - 14
Monthly Data Advice	May 16 – June 15	May 16 – June 14
Weekly RC900	June 8 – June 15	June 8 - 14
Monthly RC900	May 16 – June 15	May 16 – June 14

The exclusion of June 15th from the above reporting periods will allow BCA to produce a **special** Data Advice to capture **only** the corrections related to the suppress Tax Notice flag being removed. This allows our clients the flexibility to choose to update their systems with the changes related to this initiative. BCA strongly recommends that all clients upload this special Data Advice run, and will provide this option in a separate Data Advice. If you choose to upload the special Data Advice it may result in tax notices being produced for property owners which had previously been suppressed. The special Data Advice should be uploaded in date order, ie upload prior to the next Monthly or Weekly Data Advice dated on or after June 16th.

Please Note: For all clients who receive the Ownership (OWN) record, these changes will be also reflected in all future annual Data Advice uploads (e.g.. Completed, Revised, Revised + Supp 1).

Contact Information

If you have any Data Advice questions or concerns, please contact our Information Services department:

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Previous Related Quality Initiatives or Bulletins

Continuation of 2013 Quality Initiative: Data Cleansing of Suppress Assessment and Suppress Tax Notice Flags