Purpose

The purpose of the *HPO Registration Form - Detached Dwelling Unit* is to ensure new homes are enrolled in a mandatory, third party home warranty insurance plan that meets the requirements of the Home Protection Act and that such homes are constructed by a Licensed Residential Builder.

Background

The *Homeowner Protection Act* provides for the mandatory licensing of residential builders and makes third-party warranties mandatory on new home construction throughout the province.

The licensing and warranty systems work together to ensure that builders meet minimum standards and consumers are protected with a strong, third-party warranty should a construction defect occur.

The main exemption from licensing and warranty regulations is owner-builders. An "owner-builder" is defined as an individual who builds a detached self-contained dwelling unit for their own personal use not more than once in any 18-month period. If an applicant is seeking the owner-builder exemption from licensing and warranty regulations see *MR 2000-09 Owner-Builder Declaration and Disclosure Notice*.

Requirements

**Content:** Standard 3 part *HPO Registration Form - Detached Dwelling Unit* available from Planning Engineering Parks & Regulatory Services or Home Protection Office.

**Timing:** Must be submitted prior to issuance of a building permit.

**Owner:** Owner is required to retain a Licensed Residential Builder, obtain home warranty insurance and submit to the District a fully completed *HPO Registration Form - Detached Dwelling Unit*.

Related Requirements/Documents/Forms
MASTER Requirement 2000-9: Owner Builder Declaration and Disclosure Notice

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