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Property Tax Appeal Board Extends Deadline to File Appeals

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Pursuant to Ministerial Order No. M086 issued under the *Emergency Program Act* on March 26, 2020 (the “Ministerial Order”), the Property Tax Appeal Board of British Columbia (the “Board”) has issued an Order extending the deadline for appeals to the Board from April 30, 2020 to June 1, 2020.

The Board's Order¹ specifies that the extension is valid only for appeals required to be filed by April 30, 2020.

Pursuant to section 50(3) of the Assessment Act, the deadline for appeals to the Board is April 30 following the sitting of the review panels. Section 3 of the Ministerial Order allows tribunals, such as the Board, to waive, suspend a mandatory time period.

The extension of the appeal deadline to June 1, 2020 will not give property owners an automatic right to appeal their property taxes. As the deadline is only for appeals to the Board, in most cases, only participants that had already filed a Notice of Complaint to the Property Appeal Review Panel (the “Review Panel”) by the statutory deadline of January 31, 2020 and are unsatisfied with the decision of the Review Panel will be able to take advantage of the extension.



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¹ <http://www.assessmentappeal.bc.ca/application/files/6615/8578/0094/COVID19.Appeal.extension.final.pdf>