

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND TITLE SEARCH DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST WHEN REPRESENTING SELLERS/LANDLORDS

This checklist includes due diligence activities related to property ownership and title searches that real estate professionals should undertake when representing sellers/landlords. It is not an exhaustive list. Due diligence activities that need to be performed in relation to a potential or actual real estate transaction may vary. Real estate professionals should ensure they document in writing all due diligence activities they perform, including situational details, such as the date, time, manner and where the activity was performed.

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Search current Certificate of Title for property	
Review Certificate of Title carefully before listing property	
Determine if dealing with all property owners	
If sole individual on title:	
 Ask if there is untitled spouse (may have Dower rights) 	
If trustee/executor on title:	
 Determine if he/she has legal right to act for party/estate 	
If attorney under POA on title:	
 Verify scope of duties and decision-making requirements 	
If seller/landlord is corporation:	
Determine if dealing with individual who can act for corporation and has authority	
to enter into real estate transactions for corporation	
Search all registered interests on property's title	
Review all registered interests carefully before listing property	
Determine if any interests in property not registered on title	
Review Certificate of Title/registered interests with seller/landlord	
 Explain item(s) in Certificate of Title/registered interests 	
 Address any issues identified in Certificate of Title/registered interests with 	
seller/landlord:	
 Easements 	
 Encroachment Agreement 	
 Covenants running with the land 	
– Liens	
– Leases	
– Other	
 Determine if any pending issues affecting title after closing 	
Advise seller/landlord of option to obtain legal counsel/expert advice	
Document for brokerage file details of information received from seller/landlord	
Provide brokerage all trade and property-related documents for its records	