



## Quick tips

1. Be sure to confirm the registration of your real estate professional by using the registrant search feature on RECO's website. In Ontario, in order to trade in real estate, brokers and salespersons must be registered under REBBA 2002.
2. Remember to read everything before you sign and ask questions if the information is not clear. Agreements are legally binding contracts so it's important you understand the terms and conditions. It may be helpful to include someone you trust during the negotiation process to translate unfamiliar documents for you.
3. Ask your family or friends about their real estate experiences and if they would recommend a particular real estate professional to you.

## Looking for more information?

For more information on how RECO protects the public interest, please visit our website at [www.reco.on.ca](http://www.reco.on.ca) or call us toll free at 1-800-245-6910.



Visit our consumer information section for a list of resources and recommended industry links. Please note the content available on RECO's website is available in English only.

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## How does RECO help consumers?

### RECO Promotes Education

Before individuals can obtain registration with RECO, they must complete the pre-registration education courses that RECO requires. Once registered, they are also required to continue their education throughout their career by completing continuing education courses approved by RECO.

### RECO Gives Consumers Peace of Mind

All real estate professionals are insured through RECO's insurance program. This insurance program includes consumer deposit insurance, which protects consumers from losing deposit money if a brokerage has financial trouble.

### RECO Administers REBBA 2002

All real estate professionals are required to comply with REBBA 2002, including the Code of Ethics. These rules help create a standard for business practices.

### RECO Investigates

RECO investigates complaints, monitors brokerages through inspections and when necessary, conducts disciplinary hearings. RECO publishes public advisories and news releases related to enforcement activities.

### Finding Help

A search feature on RECO's website allows consumers to verify the registration details of their real estate professional. The search results will disclose if the person is registered, their brokerage location and provide up-to-date contact information. RECO also publishes consumer publications on its website and provides contact information for the public who may have questions or a complaint.

*For more information about how RECO can assist, please visit [www.reco.on.ca](http://www.reco.on.ca).*

## About RECO

*The Real Estate Council of Ontario (RECO) administers the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act, 2002 (REBBA 2002) on behalf of the provincial government. REBBA 2002 provides the standards and rules for all real estate professionals in Ontario. RECO protects the public interest by regulating the activity of trading in real estate. In Ontario, in order to trade in real estate, an individual must be registered under REBBA 2002.*



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