

KnowBC

Part 1	
Resource Type (Digital or Application)	Digital
Application/Software Title (with links)	KnowBC.com https://www-knowbc-com.bc.idm.oclc.org/
Developer/Vendor	Harbour Publishing, Inc.
Privacy Policy, Terms of Use (Links)	None
Description of Application and its Educational Value (Refer to "About Us" page, if applicable) <i>What is the initiative? Describe your initiative in enough detail that a reader who knows nothing about your work will understand the purpose of your initiative and who your partners and other stakeholders are. Describe what you're doing, how it works, who is involved and when or how long your initiative runs.</i>	KnowBC is the digital version of the original Encyclopedia of BC learning resource. It is home to facts, photos, and general information about British Columbia, including full length novels, field guides for plants and animals, and more (Focused Ed).
Part 2	
Is this initiative a data-linking program under FOIPPA? <i>If yes, this PPIA must be submitted to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC). A data linking program is when multiple distinct data sets are used in conjunction with each other. (E.g. MyED information used in School Messenger)</i>	No
Is this initiative a common or integrated program or activity (CIPA)? <i>If yes, this PPIA must be submitted to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC). A CIPA is a program or activity that provides one or more services through a public body either working collaboratively or on behalf of other public bodies or agencies.</i>	No
What Personal Information (PI) is involved? <i>List all the PI elements that will be collected, used, and/or stored through the use of this app by (but not limited to): students, staff, parents, and vendors, even unintentionally. If the answer is 'none', then skip to PART 5 and submit this PPIA to the Privacy Officer for completion.</i>	N/A
Use <i>What is the PI used for (purpose)? Will the PI be used to make decisions that directly affect individuals? Does the vendor/provider use collected PI for other purposes, e.g., to advertise its services to students, teachers or parents?</i>	N/A
Disclosure <i>Who will/might access the PI?</i>	N/A

How might the vendor/provider share the collected PI? What disclosure to 3rd parties might occur (which 3rd parties) and the type of PI being disclosed/shared. How might disclosed PI be used (see above)?	
Security Describe the measures put in place, including those implemented internally and by the provider, to secure the PI and to prevent unauthorized access to the PI. Describe the technical and physical measures in place to protect the PI.	N/A
Part 3	
Will any PI be stored outside Canada? Yes or No. If No, skip to PART 4	N/A
Is any of the PI 'sensitive'? Click on link above to determine if PI is considered sensitive	N/A
Where is the PI being stored? Where, what regions are the PI being stored in, including backups. What hosting providers are being used?	N/A
Part 4	
Ownership and Retention of PI Who owns the PI, according to applicable contracts/agreements. Describe the provisions, controls and guarantees in place on the retention of PI: storage before expiry, backups, destruction/deletion of PI	N/A
Accuracy of PI Describe the provisions that allow individuals to request corrections to their PI held within the application/service	N/A
Part 5	
Recommendation Recommendation for Approval , Abeyance/Suspension (pending further review) or Rejection , based on a review and assessment of Privacy Risk. For an approval, provide any applicable conditions of use and/or other risk mitigation measures advised to achieve an acceptable level of privacy risk	Approved.
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