Official sources: construction deposits and refunds

General information to help you organise your paperwork. Not legal advice.

How to use this list

These are official government and court sources for construction deposits and refunds, grouped by province and territory. ArtBuild checked each link on the date shown. Always read the current official version for your project; laws and forms change.

Your province or territory decides most of the rules: liens, holdback, prompt payment, consumer protection and the courts. Federal law adds bankruptcy and insolvency, and prompt payment on federal property.

Sources for this topic

OPC Cancelling a Contract

Quebec residential consumer renovation · checked 2026-10-24 · https://www.opc.gouv.qc.ca/en/consumer/good-service/housing-renovation/home-renovations/renovation-work/cancelling-contract

Office of Consumer Affairs Home renovations

Canada general consumer guidance · checked 2026-10-24 · https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/office-consumer-affairs/en/buying-and-leasing-big-ticket-items/home-renovations?Open=1&wbdisable=true

Alberta

All Alberta construction resources on ArtBuild

ArtBuild Resource Centre · https://artbuildcorporation.com/resources/alberta

Civil claims, Alberta Court of Justice

Alberta Courts · checked 2026-10-23 · https://www.albertacourts.ca/cj/areas-of-law/civil

Find corporation details (Alberta Corporate Registry)

Government of Alberta · checked 2026-10-23 · https://www.alberta.ca/find-corporation-details

British Columbia

All British Columbia construction resources on ArtBuild

ArtBuild Resource Centre · https://artbuildcorporation.com/resources/british-columbia

Small claims, Provincial Court of British Columbia

Provincial Court of British Columbia · checked 2026-10-23 · https://provincialcourt.bc.ca/navigating-court-case/small-claims

BC Civil Resolution Tribunal

BC Civil Resolution Tribunal · checked 2026-10-23 · https://civilresolutionbc.ca/

Businesses and incorporated companies (BC Registries)

Province of British Columbia · checked 2026-10-23 · https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/managing-a-business/permits-licences/businesses-incorporated-companies

Manitoba

All Manitoba construction resources on ArtBuild

ArtBuild Resource Centre · https://artbuildcorporation.com/resources/manitoba

Small claims, Manitoba Court of King's Bench

Manitoba Courts · checked 2026-10-23 · https://www.manitobacourts.mb.ca/court-of-queens-bench/court-proceedings/small-claim-information-claims-filed-after-january-1-2015/

Manitoba Companies Office

Government of Manitoba · checked 2026-10-23 · https://companiesoffice.gov.mb.ca/

New Brunswick

All New Brunswick construction resources on ArtBuild

ArtBuild Resource Centre · https://artbuildcorporation.com/resources/new-brunswick

Small Claims Court (New Brunswick)

Government of New Brunswick · checked 2026-10-23 · https://www.gnb.ca/en/topic/laws-safety/courts-jails/court-fees-forms/small-claims-court.html

Corporate Registry of New Brunswick (Service New Brunswick)

Service New Brunswick · checked 2026-10-23 · https://www2.snb.ca/content/snb/en/sites/corporate-registry.html

Newfoundland and Labrador

All Newfoundland and Labrador construction resources on ArtBuild

ArtBuild Resource Centre · https://artbuildcorporation.com/resources/newfoundland-and-labrador

Small Claims Court, Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador

Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador · checked 2026-10-23 · https://www.court.nl.ca/provincial/courts/small-claims-court/small-claim-processes/

Companies and Deeds Online (CADO), Newfoundland and Labrador

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador · checked 2026-10-23 · https://cado.eservices.gov.nl.ca/

Nova Scotia

Small Claims Court of Nova Scotia

Courts of Nova Scotia · checked 2026-10-19 · https://www.courts.ns.ca/courts/small-claims-court

Search the Registry of Joint Stock Companies (Nova Scotia)

Government of Nova Scotia · checked 2026-10-19 · https://www.novascotia.ca/search-business-or-non-profit-information-filed-registry-joint-stock-companies

Northwest Territories

Civil claims, Territorial Court of the Northwest Territories

Courts of the Northwest Territories · checked 2026-10-19 · https://www.nwtcourts.ca/en/courts/territorial-court/civil-claims/

Corporate Registries (Northwest Territories)

Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Justice · checked 2026-10-19 · https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/corporate-registries/

Nunavut

Nunavut Court of Justice

Nunavut Court of Justice · checked 2026-10-19 · https://www.nunavutcourts.ca/

Ontario

All Ontario construction resources on ArtBuild

ArtBuild Resource Centre · https://artbuildcorporation.com/resources/ontario

Small Claims Court, Ontario Superior Court of Justice

Ontario Superior Court of Justice · checked 2026-10-23 · https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/areas-of-law/small-claims-court/

Ontario Business Registry

Government of Ontario · checked 2026-10-23 · https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-business-registry

Quebec

Small Claims Division, Court of Québec

Gouvernement du Québec · checked 2026-10-19 · https://www.quebec.ca/en/justice-and-civil-status/small-claims/filing-claim/applications-types/eligibility

Enterprise register (Registraire des entreprises du Québec)

Gouvernement du Québec · checked 2026-10-19 · https://www.quebec.ca/en/businesses-and-self-employed-workers/find-information-about-enterprise/search-enterprise-register

Régie du bâtiment du Québec (RBQ)

Régie du bâtiment du Québec · checked 2026-10-19 · https://www.rbq.gouv.qc.ca/en/

Saskatchewan

All Saskatchewan construction resources on ArtBuild

ArtBuild Resource Centre · https://artbuildcorporation.com/resources/saskatchewan

Small Claims Court, Provincial Court of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Courts · checked 2026-10-23 · https://sasklawcourts.ca/provincial-court/small-claims-court/

Corporate Registry (Saskatchewan, ISC)

Information Services Corporation (ISC) · checked 2026-10-23 · https://www.saskregistries.ca/corporateregistry

Yukon

Small Claims Court (Yukon Courts)

Yukon Courts · checked 2026-10-19 · https://www.yukoncourts.ca/en/small-claims-court

How to use the Yukon Corporate Online Registry

Government of Yukon · checked 2026-10-19 · https://yukon.ca/en/doing-business/businesses-societies-and-securities/how-use-yukon-corporate-online-registry

Federal (Canada)

All Federal (Canada) construction resources on ArtBuild

ArtBuild Resource Centre · https://artbuildcorporation.com/resources/federal

Search for a Federal Corporation (Corporations Canada)

Corporations Canada · checked 2026-10-23 · https://ised-isde.canada.ca/cc/lgcy/fdrlCrpSrch.html

Not listed

No checked source on this topic yet for: Prince Edward Island. A missing entry does not mean there is no law on the subject; use the government website for the province or territory.

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