



Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation



Emergency
ManagementBC

- Modernize emergency management legislation and regulations to align with:
 - Lessons learned from 2017 and 2018 disasters and 2020 global pandemic
 - Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy
 - *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*
- Enable a shift in the emergency management system to manage disaster risk rather than managing emergencies; align practice with UN Sendai Framework
- Better address the human impacts of emergencies, including needs of vulnerable people

Jan. – Oct. 2019

Initial consultations & policy work

Oct. – Jan. 2020

[Discussion Paper](#) posted; 172 engagement sessions & 239 submissions

Mar. – Jul. 2020

Began drafting legislation; work delayed due to COVID

Aug. – Sep. 2020

[What We Heard Report \(WWHR\)](#) posted & additional engagement

Sept. – Feb. 2021

BC election called; engagement paused; ongoing COVID response

NEXT STEPS
(Feb. – Jun. 2022)

Renewed engagement; legislative development; confirm legislative direction from government (mid 2021); implementation planning

Policy areas

- ✓ Role of the Minister
- ✓ Provincial Emergency Management Organization
- ✓ Ministries
- ✓ Crown & Public Sector Agencies
- ✓ Local Authorities
- ✓ First Nations
- ✓ Compliance & Enforcement
- ✓ Critical Infrastructure
- ✓ States of Emergency
- ✓ State of Emergency Powers
- ✓ Recovery Transition Period
- ✓ Reporting Requirements
- ✓ Volunteers & NGOs
- ✓ Personal Information



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Information Hub



Emergency Support Services Program



Emergency Support Services is a Provincial Program delivered by First Nations and Local Authorities that meets the basic needs of British Columbians impacted by disasters by providing short-term support in a compassionate manner.

ESS Modernization Project



A holistic approach centered around the evacuee, improving the experience for the entire ESS community including the Local Emergency Programs, responders and suppliers.

Project Benefits



Evacuee/
Registrant



ERA User Login

ERA Users who are responding to an active emergency, or who would like to access the Emergency Response Training Environment, choose your login below.

ERA User Login

ERA User Training Login

Local
Emergency
Program
Responder



ESS Suppliers

EMBC Suppliers who are registered to provide goods/services to evacuees during an emergency can submit their invoices/receipts by clicking the button below.

Submit Invoices/Receipts

Watch Training Video

ESS
Supplier



The Province

Project Goals



Empower evacuees to make decisions to support themselves.



Decrease time required to process financials at all levels.



Provide evacuees self-service options to improve accessibility to goods & services.



Increase financial accountability.



Decrease time required to register evacuees.



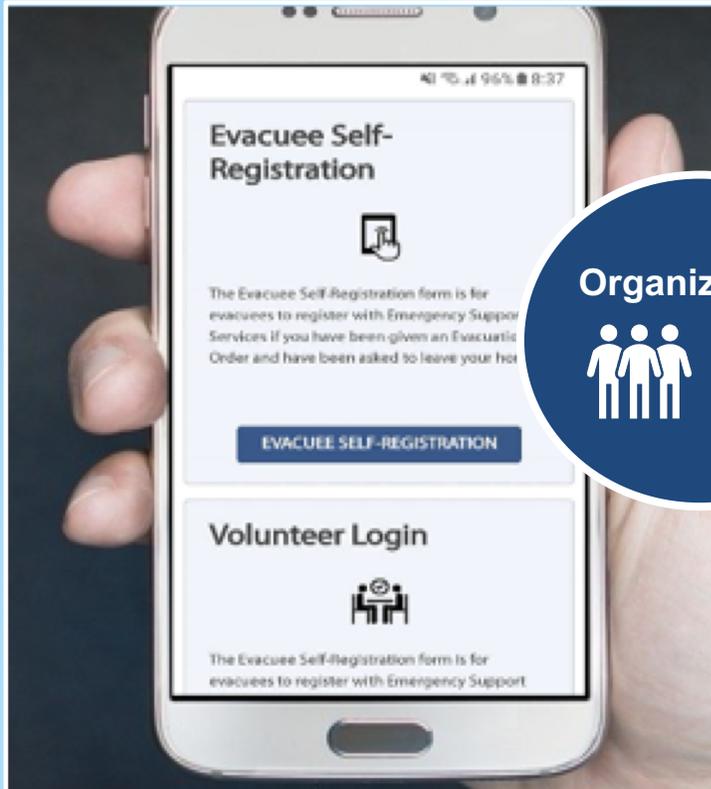
Develop systems to collect and analyze data to facilitate informed decision making.

Project Milestones



The Evacuee Registration & Assistance (ERA) Tool

(April 2020 – March 2021)



Organizations



413 Users Trained



96 Training Sessions



760 Active Users



ESS Events



Self-Registered



983 Finalized Evacuees

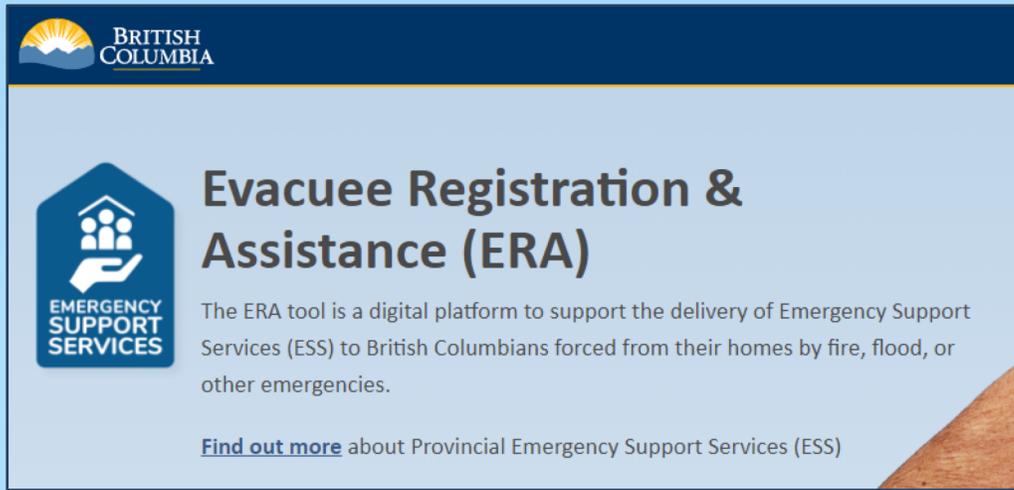


849 ESS Provided



The ERA Tool in 2021

ERA 1.0: the Current Version



The screenshot shows the landing page for the Evacuee Registration & Assistance (ERA) tool. It features the British Columbia logo at the top left, followed by the title "Evacuee Registration & Assistance (ERA)" and a brief description of the tool's purpose. A "Find out more" link is provided at the bottom.

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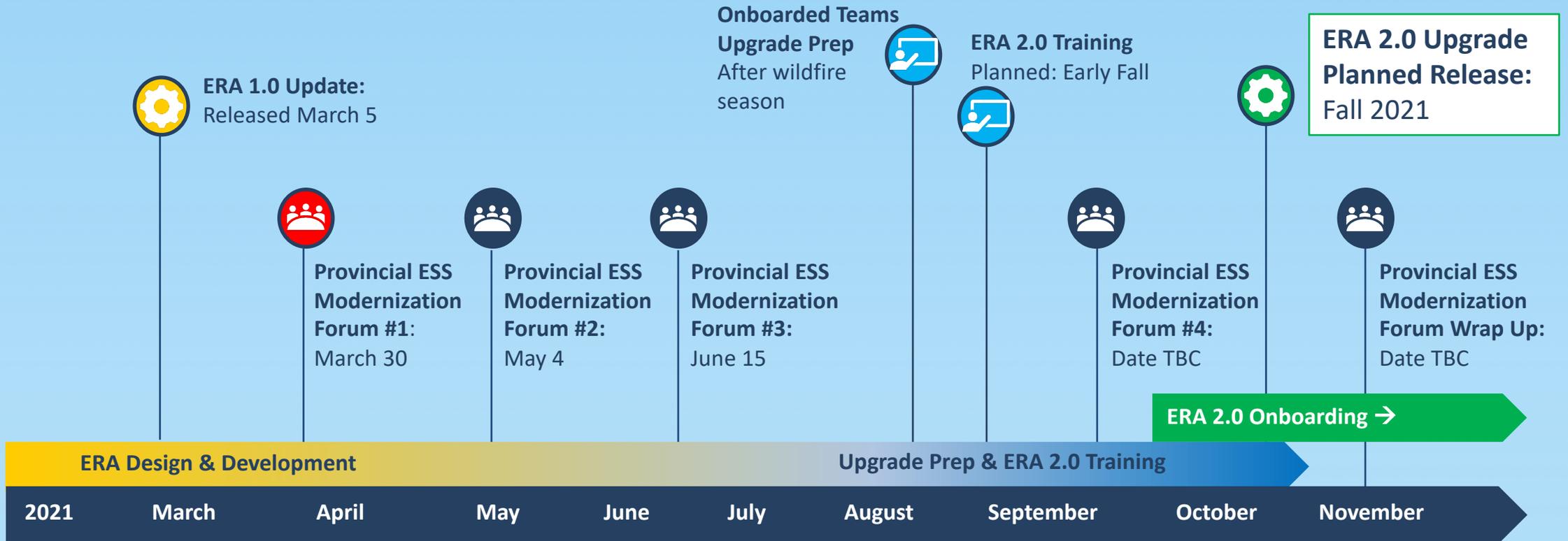
 **Evacuee Registration & Assistance (ERA)**

The ERA tool is a digital platform to support the delivery of Emergency Support Services (ESS) to British Columbians forced from their homes by fire, flood, or other emergencies.

[Find out more](#) about Provincial Emergency Support Services (ESS)

- ERA 1.0 access supported until ERA 2.0 upgrade
- Response-related requests for ERA ad hoc support and training via PREOC/PECC
- Scheduled ERA Onboarding & Orientation sessions on hold until Fall 2021
- Improvements made to ERA landing page language and embedded text

ESS Modernization: The Road Ahead



TODAY



Additional Updates

- ESS Field Guide will stand through Summer
 - Program Guide + Operational Guide for Fall
- ESS Training
 - Shifting in-person courses online (hybrid & self-paced)
 - NEW: access to select EM courses sponsored by ESS
- ESS Community2Community webinar series



Key Links

All located on EMBC Website – hyperlinks provided below

- [ESS COVID-19 Guidance](#)
- [Guides & Manuals](#)
 - Field Guide & Logo/Branding
- [Evacuation Operational Guidelines](#)
- [ERA Landing Page](#)



Thank you!

Questions and Discussion

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