

Key Things to Know about Open Education Resources (OER)

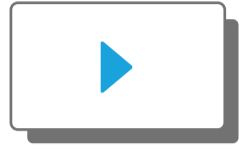
OERs CAN BE



Course Materials



Open Textbooks



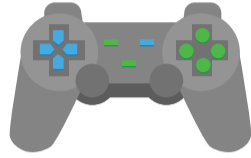
Videos



Lesson Plans



Software



Games

Full courses, learning objects, tests or any other tools, materials, or techniques that support access to knowledge.

BENEFITS FOR FACULTY



Increases student retention by reducing costs



Assures academic freedom to modify or add content to your specifications



Extends your academic profile



Provides more relevant and engaging materials for your students

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS



Low cost or free



Easy to find and access -- even before classes start



More customised and relevant

MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING 5Rs

Reuse: Content can be reused in its unaltered form

Retain: Users have the right to make, archive, and "own" copies of the content



Revise: Content can be adapted, adjusted, modified or altered

Remix: The original or revised content can be combined with other content to create something new

Redistribute: Copies of the content can be shared with others in its original, revised or remixed form

SOME FACTS



82%
Textbook costs rose 82% between 2003 and 2013

65%



of students report **NOT** purchasing a textbook because of its high price

Since 2012, Open Textbooks have saved BC postsecondary students over

\$500,000

4X the rate of inflation in overall consumer prices (CPI) during the same time

HUNDREDS

of textbooks have already been adopted across Canada by faculty!

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