

# Key Things to Know about Open Education Resources (OER)

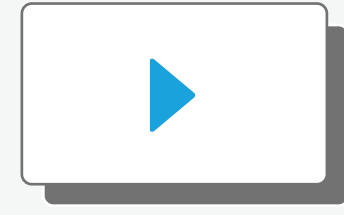
## OERs CAN BE



Course Materials



Open Textbooks



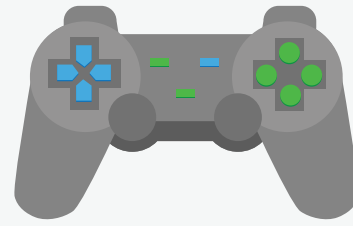
Videos



Lesson Plans



Software



Games

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

## 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

## BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS



Low cost or free



Easy to find and access -- even before classes start



More customised and relevant

## BENEFITS FOR FACULTY



Increases student retention by reducing costs



Assures academic freedom to modify or add content to your specifications



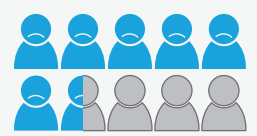
Extends your academic profile



Provides more relevant and engaging materials for your students

## SOME FACTS

65%



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



82%

Textbook costs rose 82% between 2003 and 2013

4X

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

Since 2012, Open Textbooks have saved BC postsecondary students over **\$500,000**

**HUNDREDS**

of textbooks have already been adopted across Canada by faculty!

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