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RE: Underused Housing Tax (UHT)

The Underused Housing Tax is an annual 1% tax on the ownership of vacant or underused housing in Canada that took effect on January 1, 2022. The tax usually applies to non-resident, non-Canadian owners. In some situations, however, it also applies to Canadian owners.

The STEP Canada Tax Technical Committee has summarized some of the key considerations in the following <u>report</u>.

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