# BCOER

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#### **OERs CAN BE**







Course Materials

**Open Textbooks** 

**Videos** 







Games

**Lesson Plans** 

Software

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 .....

**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 Textbook cost savings for BC students since 2012

\$352,988

**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!

#### Supported by





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