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This loose leaf service examines the process of incorporating non-share capital corporations for federal, provincial, and territorial corporations. This publication covers all aspects of corporate maintenance and examines select practice issues relevant to the operation of charitable and not-for-profit corporations, including charities operating outside of Canada, intellectual property, provincial investment power, privacy law, issues when drafting restricted charitable purpose trusts, antiterrorism and money laundering issues for charities, and a discussion on the need for a practice approach to advising charities.

This release features updates to Appendix SL (Selected Legislation), including the CRA Gifts and Income Tax 2024. This release also features updates to the addition of the Ontario *Business Names Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. B.17, and updates to the Ontario Rules for Not-for-Profit and Charitable Corporations, Guide to the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010—Transition Considerations, and Cost and time required to register, change or search for a business name, corporation or not-for-profit.

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- Selected Legislation Ontario Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act Guides Guide to the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 This guide provides basic information about Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010. It is intended to be used by members, directors, officers, administrators and others supporting organizations that are thinking of incorporating as a not-for-profit corporation but may not have not-for-profit experience. This guide is also useful for identifying what has changed from the Corporations Act or a corporation that was previously governed under this act. The Act sets out how not-for-profit corporations are created, governed and dissolved.