The following chart contains the continuing education requirements under current law for real estate salespersons renewing their license for the first time, real estate brokers renewing their license for the first time, and brokers and salespersons renewing their licenses for a second or subsequent time.

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| Salespersons Renewing for the First Time | Real estate salespersons who are renewing an original license for the first time, must complete 45 clock hours of DRE-approved continuing education consisting of:  
  • Five separate three-hour courses in the following subjects: Ethics, Agency, Trust Fund Handling, Fair Housing, and Risk Management;  
  • A minimum of 18 clock hours of consumer protection courses; and  
  • The remaining clock hours required to complete the 45 hours of continuing education may be related to either consumer service or consumer protection courses. |
| Brokers Renewing for the First Time | Real estate brokers renewing an original license for the first time must complete 45 clock hours of DRE-approved continuing education consisting of:  
  • Six separate three-hour courses in the following subjects: Ethics, Agency, Trust Fund Handling, Fair Housing, Risk Management and Supervision;  
  • A minimum of 18 clock hours of consumer protection courses; and  
  • The remaining clock hours required to complete the 45 hours of continuing education may be related to either consumer service or consumer protection courses. |
| Salespersons and Brokers – Second and Subsequent Renewals | For subsequent renewals effective on or after 1/1/2016, all real estate brokers and salespersons must complete 45 clock hours of DRE-approved continuing education consisting of:  
  • Either 15 hours of continuing education courses in the following subjects: Ethics, Supervision, Agency, Trust Fund Handling, Fair Housing, and Risk Management OR one eight-hour survey course that covers the five mandatory subjects (Ethics, Agency, Trust Fund Handling, Fair Housing, and Risk Management);  
  • At least 18 clock hours of consumer protection courses; and  
  • The remaining clock hours required to complete the 45 hours of continuing education may be related to either consumer service or consumer protection courses. |
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| 70/30 Continuing Education Exemptions for Long-Time Licensees (Brokers and Salespersons – 70 years old or older and licensees in “good standing” for 30 continuous years) | Pursuant to Business and Professions (B&P) Code Section 10170.8, real estate licensees who submit satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner that they are 70 years of age or older and have been “licensees in good standing” for 30 continuous years in California are exempt from the continuing education requirements for license renewal.  
  
A “licensee in good standing” is one who holds an active license which has not been suspended, revoked or restricted because of disciplinary action.  
  
To request a continuing education exemption under B&P Code Section 10170.8, complete a Continuing Education Extension/Exemption Request (RE213) and submit it with your application for license renewal. Include a copy of your birth certificate or driver’s license to verify your age along with supporting documentation which indicates the number of years you have been licensed. Please note that if you are applying for the exemption for the first time, your renewal application must be submitted by mail or in person. If an exemption has been granted, you may file your renewal application using eLicensing.  
  
As laws and regulations do change, it is advised that you keep up to date by reading the Real Estate Bulletin and voluntarily taking CE courses as needed. |