



Steps to Becoming a Licensed Real Estate Salesperson or Broker

Salesperson

Step 1: Determine if eligible

To become a licensed real estate salesperson you must be at least 18 years old, have a Social Security number or an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), and have proof that you completed at least three college-level courses in specific subject matter.*

*Except for members of the California State Bar

Step 2: Complete Application (Exam Only)

[Apply online](#) or complete the [Salesperson Examination Application \(RE 400A\)](#).

Step 2: Complete Application (Exam and License)

[Apply online](#) or complete the combined [Salesperson Exam/License Application \(RE 435\)](#).

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After DRE approves your application (approx. 4-8 weeks), you must pass a computer-based multiple choice exam. Reasonable accommodation ([form RE 413](#)) to take the exam is available.

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Broker

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To become a licensed real estate broker you must be at least 18 years old, have a Social Security number or an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), have proof that you completed at least eight college-level courses in specific subject matter,* and 1) have two years of full-time licensed salesperson experience within the last five years or two years of full-time equivalent non-licensed experience, or 2) have a degree from a four-year university with a major or minor in real estate.

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Step 2: Complete Application (Exam Only)

[Apply online](#) or complete the [Broker Examination Application \(RE 400B\)](#).

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[Apply online](#) or complete the combined [Broker Exam/License Application \(RE 436\)](#).

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** Please refer to *Exam, Licensing and Petition Fees* ((RE 206) form for current fees.