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## Special Notice for North Carolina Real Estate Exam Candidates:

### **RENEWAL AND CE REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES WHO PASS THE EXAM PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2025**

Please read carefully the following information that applies to **persons seeking a real estate license by examination who pass the license examination prior to July 1, 2025**. Because the current real estate license period ends June 30, 2025, the date you pass the examination determines when your new license will be issued, when you will first renew your newly-issued license, and when you must complete continuing education.

#### **Applicants Who Pass the Examination on or before May 31, 2025**

Your license will be issued within approximately 4-7 business days following the examination if there are no character issues requiring special consideration, but the new license will expire on June 30, 2025, unless you renew the license prior to that date. You may NOT delay issuance of your license until July. You will be sent a license renewal reminder. You must renew electronically on the Commission's website ([www.ncrec.gov](http://www.ncrec.gov)) no later than June 30, 2025, to avoid having your newly-issued license expire on that date.

You do NOT have to take continuing education (CE) in order to renew your license on active status (or to be eligible for active status) in June 2025. However, you must complete required CE between July 1, 2025, and June 10, 2026, to be eligible for active status after your license renewal in June 2025. See the *\*Postlicensing Education Reminder* at the end of this notice.

#### **Applicants Who Pass the Examination between June 1 and June 30, 2025**

If there are no character issues requiring special consideration, **your real estate license will be issued during the first few days in July 2025**, or within seven (7) business days of passing the examination, whichever is later. In either event, your license will expire on June 30, 2026.

To renew your license on active status in June 2026, you will NOT have to complete any continuing education (CE) during the July 1, 2025, - June 30, 2026, license period. You will have to complete the required CE between July 1, 2026, and June 10, 2027, to be eligible for active status after your license renewal in June 2027. See the *\*Postlicensing Education Reminder* at the end of this notice.

**Important Note:** The applications of persons with character issues require special review after the applicants pass the examination. See the section on "Character" in the *Real Estate Licensing in North Carolina (RELINC)* booklet for a description of procedures for such applications.

#### **\*Postlicensing Education Reminder:**

In addition to CE, brokers on provisional status (PBs) are subject to Postlicensing education requirements. You must complete all three (3) prescribed 30-hour Postlicensing courses during the first eighteen (18) months following the date of your initial licensure in order to retain your eligibility to actively engage in real estate brokerage. More information about the Postlicensing requirement is available on the Commission's website at [www.ncrec.gov](http://www.ncrec.gov).