**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 3: Submit Application and Required Fees**
Completed applications must include the appropriate fee ($60) and evidence you meet the education requirement.

**Step 4: Schedule an Exam**
After DRE approves your exam application (approx. 2-4 weeks), you must pass a computer-based multiple choice exam. Reasonable accommodation (form RE 413) to take the exam is available.

**Step 5: Apply for License**
After passing the exam, you’ll be eligible to download your license application from eLicensing on DRE’s website. Submit the completed application, required fees ($245) and Live Scan fingerprints.

**Step 6: License Issued!**
After DRE approves your license application, you can print your license certificate from DRE’s website. You will receive a license pocket card in the mail within a few weeks.

### Broker

**Step 1: Determine if eligible**
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), and 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 combined Salesperson Exam/License Application (RE 435).

**Step 3: Submit Application and Required Fees**
Completed applications must include the appropriate fee ($305), evidence you meet the education requirements, and Live Scan fingerprints.

**Step 4: Schedule an Exam**
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.

**Step 5: License Issued!**
Once your license is issued, you can print your license certificate from DRE’s website. You will receive a license pocket card in the mail within a few weeks.