



DRE Industry Advisory

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COVID-19 Licensee and Examinee Extensions Expire June 30, 2021

Use eLicensing to beat the last-minute rush

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom issued four executive orders that extended some deadlines for certain DRE licensees and pending applicants. The most recent order, N-83-20, extended some fee payment and license requirements until June 30, 2021. **That deadline is quickly approaching!**

Below is a summary of the affected groups:

1. Those whose DRE four-year license expired on or after April 16, 2020

You have until June 30, 2021 to submit your renewal application, renewal fee, and continuing education (CE) requirements.

2. Those whose DRE license rights expired on or after April 16, 2020

Licensees have two years after expiration to renew their license on a “late” basis. *In cases where that two-year period ended on April 16, 2020 or after, you have until June 30, 2021 to submit your renewal application, late fee, and CE requirements.*

Licensees in this group who do not complete their renewal requirements by June 30, 2021, and who want to have a real estate license again any time after that date, will be required to go through the entire application and licensing process, including examination.

3. Those who are in the two-year window to pass the license exam

For examinees whose two-year window to pass the exam ended on April 16, 2020 or after, you have until June 30, 2021 to schedule your license exam.

4. Those who have passed their exam, but not applied for their license

For those who passed the exam and whose one-year deadline to apply for a license expired on April 16, 2020 or after, you have until June 30, 2021 to apply for licensure.

You do not have to wait until the end of June to submit your application and fee. Also, you will not be penalized because you missed the original deadlines noted above, as long as you submit both the completed application and fee to DRE through either [eLicensing](#) or the U.S. mail by June 30, 2021.

eLicensing Renewals

Licensees are strongly encouraged to use DRE's [eLicensing system](#). The secure system offers expedited processing of salesperson, broker, and officer license renewals 24/7. eLicensing is easy to use, paperless, and interactive.

Licensees simply enter the information needed for license renewal, including the course number and completion date of any required CE classes. (All required CE must be completely satisfied in order to renew through eLicensing.) Acceptable methods of payment include VISA, MasterCard, and American Express credit cards, or debit cards bearing a VISA or MasterCard logo.

Please note that eLicensing is not available for either officers renewing after the four-year license expiration date or any restricted licensees.

Renewal applications being submitted by U.S. mail should be sent to:

**Department of Real Estate
P.O. Box 137003
Sacramento, CA 95813-7003**

Your renewal is considered on-time if your eLicensing transaction is completed or your mailed completed application is postmarked before midnight on June 30, 2021.

If you mail your renewal on time, Business and Professions Code Section 10156.2 permits you to continue operating under your existing license after its expiration date, unless DRE notifies you otherwise.

Please note: For those already licensed, the renewal extensions noted above do not change or extend the next expiration date for your license. That will continue to be four years from your license's last expiration date.