



DRE Industry Advisory

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Options for DRE Licensees and Examinees who Missed June 30, 2021 Deadline for COVID-19 Extensions

SACRAMENTO (July 1) – The California Department of Real Estate (DRE) is offering the following guidance for licensees and examinees who missed the June 30, 2021 deadline for COVID-19 extensions.

The extensions, established in a series of four executive orders signed by Governor Gavin Newsom, effected four groups.

Below are the four groups and options, if any, now that the June 30, 2021 deadline has passed.

Group #1	
Those whose DRE four-year license expired between April 16, 2020 and June 29, 2021	
What the Executive Orders Meant	You received extensions of time to meet all of your license renewal requirements and renew your license “on-time” by June 30, 2021.
What Happened When You Missed the Deadline?	If you failed to submit your renewal application packet, including your renewal fee and completion of continuing education (CE) requirements by June 30, 2021, your license expired. There are no additional extensions to renew your license on an “on-time” basis.
Can You Continue to Work?	No, you cannot perform any activities requiring a real estate license until your license has been renewed.
What Option(s) do You Have Now?	You may renew your license on a “late” basis by submitting your renewal application, fee, and CE requirements in a timely fashion. Please note, you can only renew your license on a “late” basis for two years from your original license expiration date , not from the June 30, 2021 extension date. For example, if your original expiration date was January 11, 2021, your two-year window to renew on a “late” basis ends on January 10, 2023.

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Can You Take Care of This Online?	<p>Yes, most “late” renewals can be taken care of online. The eLicensing system on DRE’s website (www.dre.ca.gov/elicensing) is the fastest and most-efficient way to renew your license on a “late” basis.</p> <p>Simply enter the information needed for license renewal, including required CE course information. (All required CE must be completely satisfied in order to renew through eLicensing.)</p> <p>Acceptable methods of payment include VISA, MasterCard, and American Express credit cards, or debit cards bearing a VISA or MasterCard logo.</p> <p>Note: If you have a restricted license, or an officer’s license that is beyond the four-year expiration date, you cannot renew online.</p>
Can You take Care of This Through U.S. Mail?	<p>Yes, all “late” license renewals, including restricted licenses, can be submitted by U.S. mail. Send your completed renewal packet to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Department of Real Estate P.O. Box 137003 Sacramento, CA 95813-7003</p>
What Happens Next?	<p>If you complete your “late” renewal through eLicensing, the renewal takes place immediately.</p> <p>If you send your completed “late” renewal application packet by mail, DRE will need to process that paperwork and complete your renewal before you can resume working.</p> <p>You can check your license status on the DRE website to verify that your license has been renewed.</p> <p>DRE also will notify you when your “late” renewal is completed, or if your renewal application is missing any required information.</p>
Other Notes:	<p>If you renew your license on a “late” basis your license will expire four years from the date DRE processed it.</p>

Group #2	
Those whose DRE license “late” renewal rights expired on or after April 16, 2020	
What the Executive Orders Meant	The Executive Orders extended the length of time a DRE licensee could renew their license on a “late” basis. The law gives licensees two years from their original expiration date to renew license on “late” basis. The Executive Orders extended to June 30, 2021 that window for any license that originally expired between the period of April 16, 2018 and June 29, 2019.
What Happened When You Missed the Deadline?	You can no longer renew your DRE license; even on a “late” basis.
What Option(s) Do You Have Now?	You will need a new license and must begin the entire licensing process again, including passing the licensing exam.

Group #3	
Those who applied for a license exam and were in their two-year window to schedule an exam	
What the Executive Orders Meant	When you applied for your DRE license exam, you were given two years to schedule your exam. If your two-year window ended between April 16, 2020 and June 29, 2021, your deadline was extended to June 30, 2021.
What Happened When You Missed the Deadline?	Your application is now expired and you’re no longer able to schedule or take the license exam related to your existing application.
What Option(s) Do You Have Now?	You will need to begin the entire licensing process again, including applying for and passing the licensing exam.

Group #4	
Those who passed their exam, but did not apply for their license within one year window	
What the Executive Orders Meant	If you submitted an exam-only application, the Executive Orders extended the one-year window that you had to apply for your license. This applied to those whose window to apply for a license ended between April 16, 2020 and June 29, 2021.
What Happened when You Missed the Deadline?	Your application is now expired and you're no longer able to schedule or take the license exam related to your existing application.
What Option(s) Do You Have Now?	You will need to begin the entire licensing process again, including applying for and passing the licensing exam.

Other Resources

- [Salesperson Renewal Application \(RE 209\)](#)
- [Broker Renewal Application \(RE 208\)](#)
- [Corporation Officer Renewal Application \(RE 207\)](#)
- [Continuing Education Course Verification \(RE 251\)](#)
- [List of DRE Fees](#)
- [Executive Order N 52-20](#)
- [Executive Order N 69-20](#)
- [Executive Order N 71-20](#)
- [Executive Order N 83-20](#)

Visit <https://www.dre.ca.gov> to learn more about the process to get or renew a real estate license, and to manage your real estate license 24/7 with DRE's eLicensing Online System.

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