



CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE BROKER LICENSE

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REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM AGE

- Must be at least 18 years old

LEGAL STATUS

- Must be a lawful resident of the United States

EDUCATION

- 8 college-level, DRE-approved courses
(each at least 3 semester units)

EDUCATION EXPLAINED

Applicants for a real estate broker license examination must have successfully completed the following eight college-level courses:

1. Real Estate Practice*; and
2. Legal Aspects of Real Estate; and
3. Real Estate Finance; and
4. Real Estate Appraisal; and
5. Real Estate Economics or Accounting**; and
6. Three more courses

**Practice* is required for the Salesperson license and is counted again for the Broker license. Revised in 2024, licensees who completed *Practice* before January 1, 2024 must retake the course for credit toward the Broker License

**If both *Real Estate Economics* and *Accounting* are taken, only two courses remain (a college-level *Economics* course will substitute for *Real Estate Economics*)



Source: DRE

REQUIREMENTS (CONT'D)

EXPERIENCE

- At least 2 years of full-time licensed salesperson experience within the last 5 years
OR
- Equivalent experience as approved by DRE

LICENSING EXAM

- Must successfully pass the written California Real Estate Broker Exam
 - The exam consists of 200 questions
 - The qualifying score is 75%

APPLICATION & FEES

- Must complete the application form and pay applicable fees.

REQUIREMENTS (CONT'D)

BACKGROUND CHECK

- Applicants must submit to fingerprinting and DOJ/FBI background checks

HONESTY

- Must be honest and truthful
- Conviction of a crime may result in the denial of a license

RESIDENCY

- California residency IS NOT a requirement, but out-of-state applicants must complete additional form(s)

LIST OF RELEVANT FORMS

DRE Number	Description	Fees
RE 436	Broker Exam/License Application	\$600
RE 237	Live Scan Service Request	\$98*
RE 228	Experience Certification	-
RE 227	Non-Licensed Experience Verification	-
RE 208	Broker Renewal Application	\$450
	Broker Renewal - Late Penalty	\$225

*Note: live scan, DOJ and FBI fees are paid directly to the live scan service provider, not the DRE

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