



How to get your California Real Estate License



Step 1: To qualify for a real estate license (Salesperson) in California, you must meet all the state's requirements as outlined on the [California Department of Real Estate](#) website.

They include:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be honest and come clean about past criminal record(s) as most states require background check or criminal history report as part of your application. If you decide to lie or refuse to admit to being a past felon, you can be rejected or have your real estate license revoked later. Transparency and honesty show your state's commission that you can be trusted, and this can go a long way to demonstrate that you truly deserve a chance in the real estate Industry.

Step 2: Complete an approved [135 hours](#) of [pre-licensing education](#) at an accredited school.

Step 3: Apply for the [salesperson examination](#).

- There is a special Information for non-California residents. Read <https://www.dre.ca.gov/Examinees/OutOfState.html>

Step 4: Submit fingerprints for a criminal background check. Review the [Current Application Processing Time frames page](#) to have clear understanding of time frame.

Step 5: Successfully pass the California real estate licensing exam by earning a score of at least 70% or higher.

Step 6: You can then proceed to obtain sponsorship from a licensed California broker. Are you curious about [how to choose the right broker for you?](#)

Step 7: Complete the [California real estate license application](#).

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