

82.32 MS 2002 [Renumbered 82.40]

82.32 LICENSING: CONTINUING EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION.

(a) All real estate salespersons and all real estate brokers shall be required to successfully complete 30 hours of real estate continuing education, either as a student or a lecturer, in courses of study approved by the commissioner, during the initial license period and during each succeeding 24-month license period. At least 15 of the 30 credit hours must be completed during the first 12 months of the 24-month licensing period. Licensees may not claim credit for continuing education not actually completed as of the date their report of continuing education compliance is filed.

(b) The commissioner may adopt rules defining the standards for course and instructor approval, and may adopt rules for the proper administration of prelicense instruction as required under section 82.29, subdivision 8, and continuing education as required under this section and sections 82.29; 82.31, subdivisions 5 and 6; 82.33, subdivisions 1 and 4 to 6; and 82.44. The commissioner may not approve a course which can be completed by the student at home or outside the classroom without the supervision of an instructor except accredited courses using new delivery technology, including interactive technology, and the Internet. The commissioner may approve courses of study in the real estate field offered in educational institutions of higher learning in this state or courses of study in the real estate field developed by and offered under the auspices of the National Association of Realtors, its affiliates, or private real estate schools. Courses in motivation, salesmanship, psychology, or time management shall not be approved by the commissioner for continuing education credit. The commissioner may approve courses in any other subjects, including, but not limited to, communication, marketing, negotiation, and technology for continuing education credit.

(c) Any program approved by Minnesota continuing legal education shall be approved by the commissioner of commerce for continuing education for real estate brokers and salespeople if the program or any part thereof relates to real estate.

(d) As part of the continuing education requirements of this section and sections 82.29; 82.31, subdivisions 5 and 6; 82.33, subdivisions 1 and 4 to 6; and 82.44, the commissioner shall require that all real estate brokers and salespersons receive:

(1) at least one hour of training during each license period in courses in laws or regulations on agency representation and disclosure; and

(2) at least one hour of training during each license period in courses in state and federal fair housing laws, regulations, and rules, other antidiscrimination laws, or courses designed to help licensees to meet the housing needs of immigrant and other underserved populations.

Clauses (1) and (2) do not apply to real estate salespersons and real estate brokers engaged solely in the commercial real estate business who file with the commissioner a verification of this status along with the continuing education report required under paragraph (a).

(e) The commissioner is authorized to establish a procedure for renewal of course accreditation.

(f) Approved continuing education courses may be sponsored or offered by a broker of a real estate company and may be held on the premises of a company licensed under this chapter. All continuing education course offerings must be open to any interested individuals. Access may be restricted by the sponsor based on class size only. Courses must not be approved if attendance is restricted to any particular group of people. A broker must comply with all continuing education rules prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall not approve any prelicense instruction courses offered by, sponsored by, or affiliated with any person or company licensed to engage in the real estate business.

(g) Credit may not be earned if the licensee has previously obtained credit for the same course as either a student or instructor during the same licensing period.

(h) The real estate education course completion certificate must be in the form set forth by the commissioner.

Students are responsible for maintaining copies of course completion certificates.

History: 1973 c 410 s 6; 1975 c 38 s 3,4; 1976 c 197 s 4; 1977 c 215 s 2,3; 1979 c 144 s 3; 1983 c 284 s 14; 1983 c 328 s 9; 1984 c 552 s 11-14; 1985 c 251 s 9; 1986 c 358 s 9-11; 1986 c 444; 1Sp1986 c 1 art 7 s 5; 1987 c 336 s 23; 1989 c 347 s 18-22; 1991 c 75 s 1,2; 1991 c 233 s 48-51; 1992 c 555 art 1 s 3; 1993 c 309 s 13,14; 1994 c 632 art 4 s 36,37; 1996 c 439 art 3 s 9; 1997 c 222 s 35; 2000 c 483 s 44; 2001 c 208 s 14; 2002 c 387 s 8,9; 2004 c 203 art 2 s 48,61