

Steps to Become a North Carolina Real Estate Agent

In North Carolina, individuals commonly referred to as "real estate agents" are officially designated as "real estate brokers." All real estate brokers begin their careers as Provisional Brokers. Learn the four key steps to start your career as a real estate broker in North Carolina.



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Take and Pass a Pre-License Course

To obtain a real estate license and become a real estate broker in North Carolina, you are required to complete a 75-hour pre-licensing course.

In North Carolina, real estate broker licensing courses can be completed online with a state-approved school. The course certification is valid for three (3) years from the date of completion.



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Request a Criminal Background Check

Order a criminal background report online through the North Carolina Real Estate Commission's exclusive provider. Once the report is ready, it will automatically be attached to your application in the next step.

If you have a criminal history, your application will be reviewed on its own merit to determine if the good moral character requirement has been met.



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Submit Your Application

Applicants must submit a license application along with all required documents. You must be at least 18 years of age and be a US citizen or a qualified alien under federal law.

Apply for your license entirely online via the Commission's website.

Schedule and Pass the State Licensing Exam

After your license application and criminal record check are approved, you'll get an email with your Exam Eligibility Notice. From then, you have 180 days to sit for the exam.

You can schedule your licensing exam online via PearsonVue, the official exam provider for North Carolina. The test must be taken at a PSI testing facility within the state.

The real estate examination in North Carolina, with a duration of 4.5 hours, consists of 140 questions. This includes 80 questions that cover national real estate principles and practices, and 60 questions that are specifically tailored to the real estate laws and regulations of North Carolina.



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