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DRE Advising Those Interested in Getting California Real Estate License About Upcoming Changes to Pre-License Education Course Requirements

Changes in effect for all exam applications received starting January 1, 2024

In September, 2022, the California Legislature passed and Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 1495. This bill adds new required content to the pre-license real estate practice course. SB 1495 also repealed course changes made the previous year under SB 263.

The new real estate practice course content requirements will apply to everyone who submits an application to take the real estate salesperson or broker examination that is received by the California Department of Real Estate (DRE) on or after January 1, 2024.

Below is a synopsis of the changes to the pre-license education course requirements:

Currently, all applicants for either the salesperson or broker examination must complete a three semester or quarter equivalent course in real estate practice in order to qualify for the examination. Beginning January 1, 2024, all applicants for the real estate salesperson or broker examination will need to complete a *revised* statutory course in real estate practice. The revised course must contain the following content:

- A component on implicit bias, including education regarding the impact of implicit bias, explicit bias, and systemic bias on consumers, the historical and social impacts of those biases, and actionable steps students can take to recognize and address their own implicit biases.
- A component on federal and state fair housing laws as those laws apply to the practice of real estate. The fair housing component shall include an interactive participatory component, during which the applicant shall role play as both a consumer and real estate professional.

DRE is working with California state colleges and universities, as well as with DRE private course providers to ensure their updated real estate practice course meets the new requirements. Please check DRE's [Education Course Availability](#) page for information on approved courses.

In the coming month, updates, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's), will be posted on [DRE's website](#).