



DRE Industry Advisory

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Department of Real Estate Alerts Licensees and Examinees to June 30, 2021 Expiration of COVID-19 Deadline Extensions

Most can use eLicensing to Beat Expected Last-Minute Rush

Last year, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom issued four executive orders that extended deadlines for certain DRE licensees and pending applicants. The most recent order, N-83-20, extended some fee payment and license requirement deadlines until June 30, 2021.

That deadline is quickly approaching!

The Department of Real Estate (DRE) is urging licensees and examinees in the following four groups to take action now to beat the upcoming deadline:

Group #1	
Those whose DRE four-year license expired between April 16, 2020 and June 29, 2021	
What This Means	If your DRE license expired anytime between April 16, 2020 and June 29, 2021, you received a one-time deadline extension to renew your license until June 30, 2021. That has enabled you to continue working as a licensed real estate broker or salesperson without renewing your license.
What You Have To Do by June 30, 2021	Submit your renewal application packet to DRE. This packet must include your renewal fee and completion of continuing education (CE) requirements.
Can You Take Care of This Online?	<p>Yes, most renewals can be taken care of online. The eLicensing system on DRE's website (https://secure.dre.ca.gov/elicensing/) is the fastest, most-efficient way to renew your license.</p> <p>Licensees simply enter the information needed for license renewal, including required CE course information. (All required CE must be completely satisfied in order to renew through eLicensing.)</p> <p>Acceptable methods of payment include VISA, MasterCard, and American Express credit cards, or debit cards bearing a VISA or MasterCard logo.</p> <p>For this extension, you must complete your eLicensing transaction by midnight on June 30, 2021.</p>

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	Note: If you have a restricted license, or an officer’s license that is beyond the four-year expiration date, you cannot renew online.
Can You take Care of This Through U.S. Mail?	<p>Yes, all license renewals, including restricted licenses can be submitted by U.S. mail. Send your completed renewal packet to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Department of Real Estate P.O. Box 137003 Sacramento, CA 95813-7003</p> <p>For this extension, the completed packet must be postmarked before midnight on June 30, 2021.</p>
What Happens Next	<p>If you renew your license through eLicensing, the renewal takes place immediately.</p> <p>If you send your completed renewal application packet by mail, the real estate law permits you to continue working while DRE processes that paperwork. (Business & Professions Code section 10156.2).</p> <p>DRE will notify you when your renewal is completed, or if your renewal application is missing any required information.</p>
Other Notes:	<p>This was a one-time deadline extension. It did not change or extend your license’s next expiration date. That will continue to be four years from your license’s prior expiration date.</p> <p>For example, if your license expired on January 11, 2021, your next expiration date will be January 11, 2025.</p>

Group #2

Those whose DRE license “late” renewal rights expired on or after April 16, 2020

What This Means	<p>When a DRE license expires, the licensee has two years from the expiration date to renew the license on a “late” basis.</p> <p>If the two-year period for your expired DRE license ended anytime between April 16, 2020 and June 29, 2021, you received a one-time deadline extension until June 30, 2021 to renew your license on a “late” basis.</p>
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<p>What You Have To Do by June 30, 2021</p>	<p>Submit your renewal application packet to DRE. This packet must include your “late” renewal fee and completion of continuing education (CE) requirements.</p> <p>If you do not complete your “late” renewal by June 30, 2021, and want to have a real estate license again any time after that date, you will be required to go through the entire examination and licensing process.</p>
<p>Can You Take Care of This Online?</p>	<p>Yes, most “late” renewals can be taken care of online. The eLicensing system on DRE’s website (https://secure.dre.ca.gov/elicensing/) is the fastest, most-efficient way to renew your license.</p> <p>Licensees simply enter the information needed for “late” license renewal, including required CE course information (All required CE must be completely satisfied in order to renew through eLicensing.) Acceptable methods of payment include VISA, MasterCard, and American Express credit cards, or debit cards bearing a VISA or MasterCard logo.</p> <p>For this extension, you must complete your eLicensing transaction by midnight on June 30, 2021.</p> <p>Note: If you have a restricted license, you cannot renew online. Also, officers who are late in renewing their license, cannot use eLicensing.</p>
<p>Can You take Care of This Through U.S. Mail?</p>	<p>Yes, you can mail your completed renewal packet to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Department of Real Estate P.O. Box 137003 Sacramento, CA 95813-7003</p> <p>For this extension, the packet must be postmarked before midnight on June 30, 2021.</p>
<p>What Happens Next</p>	<p>If you complete your “late” renewal through eLicensing, the renewal takes place immediately and you can start working. Your new license expiration date will be four years from the date you renewed through eLicensing.</p> <p>If you renew by mail, you must wait until DRE notifies you that the “late” renewal has been processed before you start working. DRE also will notify you if there are problems with your renewal. Your new license expiration date will be four years from the date DRE processed your renewal.</p>
<p>Other Notes</p>	<p>This was a one-time deadline extension.</p>

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Group #3

Those who applied for a license exam and are in the two-year window to schedule an exam

What This Means	After applying for a DRE real estate license exam, an examinee has two years to schedule to take their exam. If the two-year window ended from April 16, 2020, through June 29, 2021, you received a one-time extension to June 30, 2021 to schedule your exam. You do not have to take and pass your exam by this date.
What You Have To Do by June 30, 2021	Go to DRE's website (see link below) and schedule your licensing exam. You can also schedule your exam by phone at (877) 373-4542, or via fax at (916) 263-8943. DRE should have already contacted you by email to schedule your exam.
Can You Take Care of This Online?	Yes, the fastest, most efficient way to schedule your exam is on the DRE website: https://www.dre.ca.gov/Examinees/HowWhereScheduled.html . For this extension, you must schedule your license exam by midnight on June 30, 2021.
Can You take Care of This Through U.S. Mail?	Yes, you can request an exam through mail. For this extension, the request must be postmarked before midnight on June 30, 2021. Send your request to: Department of Real Estate P.O. Box 137001 Sacramento, CA 95813-7001
What Happens Next	You can prepare and take your licensing exam.
Other Notes	Do not wait until the last minute to try and schedule your exam! You will be competing against thousands of others for limited exam spaces. Plus, the closer you wait until June 30 th , the more difficult it will be to secure an exam date.

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Group #4	
Those who have passed their exam, but have not applied for their license	
What This Means	<p>If you used an exam-only application to apply for your DRE licensing exam, you have one year after passing the exam to apply for your license.</p> <p>If your one-year window to apply ended from April 16, 2020 through June 29, 2021, you received a one-time extension to June 30, 2021 to apply for your license.</p>
What You Have To Do by June 30, 2021	<p>To apply for your license, you need to complete your application packet and submit it by mail to DRE.</p> <p>Just log into your eLicensing account. Under examination information go to your latest exam date details to download either a Salesperson Original License application (RE 202) or a Broker Original License application (RE 200). Please mail this application, appropriate fee and copy of your completed Live Scan Service Request Form (RE 237) to DRE.</p> <p>If you do not apply for your license by June 30, 2021 and want to get your real estate license any time after that date, you will be required to take and pass the licensing exam again.</p>
Can You Take Care of This Online?	No, all applications must be filed through the U.S. mail.
Can You take Care of This Through U.S. Mail?	<p>Yes, all applications must be mailed to DRE. Send your completed application packet to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Department of Real Estate P.O. Box 137002 Sacramento, CA 95813-7002</p>
What Happens Next	DRE will notify you if there are any deficiencies associated with your license application. Once the license is issued, you will be notified via email.

Visit <https://www.dre.ca.gov> to learn more about the upcoming deadlines and to manage your real estate license 24/7 with DRE's eLicensing Online System.

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