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Upcoming Changes to Continuing Education Course Requirements
Changes necessary due to passage of Senate Bill 263

SACRAMENTO – In September 2021, the California Legislature passed and Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 263 (Rubio). The legislation changed the continuing education (CE) course requirements for Department of Real Estate (DRE) licensees effective January 1, 2023. SB 263 did not change the overall 45 hours needed of continuing education.

As part of their first license renewal, salespersons and brokers will be required to complete a two-hour CE course in implicit bias training. The required three-hour fair housing course has been amended to include an interactive participatory component during which the licensee shall role-play as both a consumer and a real estate professional.

For all subsequent renewals, licensees may complete a nine-hour CE survey course that includes topics in ethics, agency, trust fund handling, fair housing, risk management, management and supervision, and implicit bias training, or they may complete these topic areas as individual courses.

These new requirements apply to all licensees whose license expires on or after January 1, 2023, or those who renew on a late basis within their two-year renewal right on or after January 1, 2023.

DRE staff have begun to work with private course providers to ensure that licensees will have sufficient time to complete the new approved CE requirements prior to January 1, 2023, and expects to post updated information on the [DRE website](http://www.dre.ca.gov) in July 2022.

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