

South Carolina Education Requirements for Existing Real Estate Licensees

- CONTINUING EDUCATION TO REMAIN A LICENSEE
- REALTOR REQUIRED TRAINING (All licensees are not REALTORS)

CONTINUING EDUCATION TO REMAIN A LICENSEE

Continuing education involves two separate but sometimes interrelated requirements for most practitioners, MCE and REALTOR Training:

- Mandatory Continuing Education (MCE) for ALL licensees consisting of ten (10) hours of MCE is required by state law to renew real estate licenses every two years before June 30:
- Four (4) hours must be the basic CORE class as mandated by REC which changes every two years in odd numbered years. This leaves six (6) hours of Electives required for most licensees.
- However, BICs must use four (4) of their elective hours for a BIC CORE course developed by the Commission (*BIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES*), leaving BICs only two (2) hours of electives required.
- Fully exempt licensees who are fully exempt are not required to complete any continuing education or core courses (approved for exemption prior to January 1 2017).
- Partially exempt licensees (approved after January 1 2017) are required to complete the basic Core course, but no elective. However, those who hold a BIC license are only exempt from the 2 hour elective, and are required to complete both the 4 basic CORE and 4hr mandatory BIC CORE courses.

All licensees are not REALTORS. Realtors are only those licensees who join the NAR. If you are not a REALTOR, you can ignore the following:

REALTOR REQUIRED TRAINING

Code of Ethics (COE) Training Requirements

Training on the Code of Ethics is required by the NAR for all members by December 31 of even numbered years. This is NOT an MCE/SCREC legal requirement, but is a global REALTOR membership renewal requirement. All licensees are not REALTORS. If you are not a REALTOR, you can ignore this requirement. This is the same NAR program as in previous years, but is now

required every two years instead of every four years. Why? Because Realtors are subject to the REALTOR Code of Ethics which confers serious legal and financial obligations of which they must be aware.

Local Realtor Association Training Requirements

Some local REALTOR associations require additional member training. For instance, the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors mandates an additional six (6) hours of training for their members every renewal period. Again, this is NOT an MCE/SCREC legal requirement, but is a local REALTOR membership renewal requirement. Check with your local association if you have any questions about local requirements.