

BELOW IS A COPY OF AN EMAIL THAT WAS SENT BY THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022, TO ALL REAL ESTATE LICENSEES

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Dear Real Estate Licensee:

New laws regarding continuing education for real estate salespersons and brokers were recently adopted. The new laws require as part of the 22.5 hours of continuing education required to renew, both real estate salespersons and brokers licenses, at least 2 hours of instruction pertaining to implicit bias awareness and understanding, and at least two hours of cultural competency training.

Therefore, effective September 21, 2022, all licensees will be required to successfully complete 22.5 hours of approved continuing that includes at least 2.5 hours on the subject of ethical business practices, at least 1 hour of recent legal matters, at least 3 hours of instruction pertaining to fair housing and/or discrimination in the sale or rental of real property or an interest in real property, at least 1 hour of instruction pertaining to law of agency except in the case of the initial two-year licensing term for real estate salespersons 2 hours of agency related instruction, **at least 2 hours of instruction pertaining to implicit bias awareness and understanding, and at least two hours of cultural competency training.** Instruction must be completed within the two-year period immediately preceding a renewal.

For purposes of implementing the changes, the new requirements are effective on the actual date the license expires rather than the date the renewal application is submitted for processing. If the expiration date printed on your license is on or after September 21, 2022 or you submit your application after September 21, 2022, you must meet the new requirements prior to renewal.

To review the changes regarding implicit bias training, [click here](#). To review the changes regarding cultural competency training, [click here](#).

SPECIAL NOTICE TO BROKERS: A recent legislative amendment REMOVED the 15-year real estate broker continuing education exemption and now requires all brokers who were previously exempted to complete continuing education.

If you have any questions, please feel free to submit your inquiry to eAccessNY@dos.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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