## Find out if you must take TREC's new broker-responsibility course

Are you a broker who sponsors a salesperson? A designated broker of a business entity? A salesperson or broker who supervised at least one licensee for six months or more during the term of your current license?

If you answered *yes* to any of those questions and you renew your license after Aug. 31, 2012, the Texas Real Estate Commission requires you to take a new six-hour broker-responsibility course to renew your license.

Here are a few Q&As to clarify this new requirement:

I was a designated supervisor, not a broker, and my license expires Sept. 30, 2012. I supervised one agent for about six months (September 2011 through March 2012), but am no longer doing so. Do I have to take this course?

Yes. Per the requirements outlined above, if you renew your license after Aug. 31, 2012, and you've supervised another licensee for at least six months during your current license's term.

I am a broker who doesn't sponsor any salespeople, but my license expires after Aug. 31, 2012. Do I have to take this course?

No. As long as you're not the designated broker of a business entity, you don't have to take this course because you don't sponsor anyone.

I'm the designated broker of a licensed LLC and that license expires after Aug. 31, 2012. I don't sponsor any salespeople. Do I have to take this course?

Yes. Even though you don't sponsor any salespeople, you are required to take the course if you renew after Aug. 31, 2012, because you're a designated broker of a business entity.

I sponsor salespeople and my license expires Sept. 30, 2012. But I completed the 15 hours required to renew my license in May. Do I still have to take this course if I renew after Sept. 1?

Probably not. TREC has proposed an exemption for licensees who complete all the MCE necessary for license renewal before July 1. The earliest this exemption could be approved is August 13.

I'm a broker who's exempt from MCE requirements. Do I have to take this course? No. You do not have to take the broker-responsibility course if you're exempt from the continuing education requirements per Section 1101.456 of The Real Estate License Act.