

Post-License Education Begins in Kentucky on January 1, 2016

All sales associate licensees who are issued a license after January 1, 2016, will be required to complete a forty-eight (48) hour post-license education ("PLE") program within two (2) years of obtaining a real estate license. The new law is codified in KRS 324.085. All persons licensed prior to January 1, 2016, WILL NOT be subject to PLE.

The 48 Hour Post-License course curriculum consists of 32 Mandatory hours and 16 Elective hours. The Mandatory hours must cover the following topics as listed below:

COURSE TOPIC	NUMBER OF HOURS
Commission Compliance Course	3
Agency	6
Contracts	6
Finance	3
Advertising	3
Disclosure	3
Fair Housing	3
Technology & Data Security	3
Risk Management	2

Post-License Education Q & A:

The introduction of Post-License Education in Kentucky has created many questions from both educators and licensees. Some of the common questions and answers are set forth below:

Q: Who is required to take Post-License Education (PLE)?

A: New sales associate licensees that have received and activated their real estate license after January 1, 2016. New broker licensees are not required to complete PLE. Sales associate licensees who receive their license through the license recognition process are also required to take PLE.

Q: What if a licensee immediately places a new sales associate license into escrow, do they have to take PLE?

A: Not until the new licensee activates the license from escrow. The 2-year deadline for the PLE requirement begins to run once a new sales associate licensee affiliates with a principal broker. **IMPORTANT:** *Once a licensee affiliates as a new sales associate with a principal broker, the 2-year clock to complete the 48 hour requirement begins to run and cannot be paused or stopped because the licensee goes into escrow.*

Q: What happens if a licensee does not complete the 48 hours of PLE by the end of the 2-year deadline?

A: The license will be canceled.

Please visit the Education Section of the Commission website (krec.ky.gov) for more detailed information regarding the Post-License Education requirements.

**324.085 Continuing education requirements -- Qualifications of instructors --
Administrative regulations.**

- (1) All actively licensed agents except those licensees exempt under KRS 324.046(5), shall successfully complete six (6) classroom hours of continuing education each year. Three (3) of the six (6) hours shall be in real estate law. The commission shall promulgate administrative regulations to establish procedures for implementing this requirement.
- (2) In order to qualify to teach continuing education courses, all continuing education instructors shall maintain a minimum rating as prescribed by the commission by the promulgation of administrative regulations.

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