

# 2026 California Real Estate

## California Real Estate Salesperson License Exam — 2026 Edition

Complete Guide to Exam Content, Requirements & How to Pass (Updated for 2026)

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Source: Department of Real Estate (DRE) Official Website | Updated March 2026

## 1. Exam at a Glance

Item	Details
Exam	California Real Estate Salesperson Exam
Administered by	Department of Real Estate (DRE)
Testing vendor	DRE-administered
Questions	150 multiple-choice questions
Time allowed	3 hours
Passing score	70% (at least 105 correct)
Format	Computer-based at DRE testing centers
Language	English
Pass rate	~51%

## 2. Eligibility Requirements

### Age

You must be at least 18 years old.

### Education

Required pre-license education: 135 hours

3 DRE-approved college-level courses (45 hrs each): RE Principles (required), RE Practice (required), plus one elective. Each course requires minimum 18 days.

### Other Requirements

- U.S. citizenship not required, but must provide proof of legal presence
- Live Scan fingerprint background check (~\$49)

## 3. Costs and Fees

Item	Cost
Exam application fee	\$100
License fee	\$350
Live Scan fingerprinting	~\$49

Item	Cost
Pre-license courses (135 hrs)	\$200-\$600
Estimated total	\$699-\$1,099

## 4. What's on the Exam

- Property Ownership & Land Use Controls — ~15%
- Laws of Agency & Fiduciary Duties — ~17%
- Property Valuation & Financial Analysis — ~14%
- Financing — ~9%
- Transfer of Property — ~8%
- Practice of Real Estate & Disclosures — ~25%
- Contracts — ~12%

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## 5. How to Pass

- [\*] Top priority: Practice & Disclosures (25%) + Agency Law (17%) = over 40% of your score
- [\*] Focus on CA-specific laws: Transfer Disclosure Statement, Natural Hazard Disclosure
- [\*] Math questions may appear - consider saving them for last
- [\*] Use the 2026 Real Estate Law book from DRE as your go-to reference

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- CA DRE: <https://www.dre.ca.gov/>
- eLicensing: <https://secure.dre.ca.gov/elicensing/>
- Exam Content: <https://www.dre.ca.gov/examinees/SalesExamContent.html>

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