

NEBRASKA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

# Tell Us What You Think

This survey originally appeared on our website, by printing it in this newsletter the Commission is hoping to expand the participation in the survey. Please answer the survey, fold it as indicated to create the mailer and return to the Commission. Your participation is appreciated. Please do not respond if you already completed the online survey

## Tell Us What You Think

**This survey is intended to be taken by Nebraska real estate licensees only.** The Nebraska Real Estate Commission is constantly reviewing processes and procedures as well as the laws that govern the real estate profession in Nebraska. Your input is important to this process. Below is a brief survey relating to current issues before the Commission. Please note that the items referred to in the survey are being asked about for informational and policy research purposes and may or may not be implemented.

### I. Licensing and Online Services

**1. As a licensee would you prefer**

The current system of a one year renewal cycle

A two year renewal cycle, with renewals done in the same year your continuing education is due

**2. Many private and governmental agencies have gone online with services and information processing for license renewal, would you rather receive:**

A full paper renewal packet as is currently the practice

A postcard renewal reminder with simple instructions on how to renew online, with the option of requesting a paper renewal packet if needed via phone, fax or e-mail.

**3. Would you like to receive e-mail notifications of Commission matters, filing reminders etc.**

Yes     No

**4. Would you be willing to keep your e-mail address updated in the Commission database through a self service online option?**

Yes     No

**5. Do you use the Commission's online licensing and renewal services?**

Yes     No

**6. If you do not use the Commission's online licensing and renewal services why not?**

Always prefer using paper

Didn't know it was available

Can't easily find the online services on the Commission website

Have used your online services and don't like them.

7. If you answered that you do not like the online services and would like to provide further detail, please explain.

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## II. Continuing Education

8. Regarding the adequacy of the continuing education requirement of twelve –clock hours every two years, is it:

Just right     Too many hours     Too few hours

9. If you answered too few hours above, how many hours every two years should the requirement be?

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10. What subject matter would you like to see included in future continuing education offerings?

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11. In your experience, student evaluations of the courses and instructors are requested

Rarely     Sometimes     Most of the time     Always

12. Have you accessed your continuing education history online?

Yes     No

13. If you answered that you have not accessed your continuing education history online, why not?

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## III. Pre-license Education

Currently, there are two ways in which an individual can qualify to take the broker licensing examination; 1) through a combination of two years of experience in activity requiring a salesperson license and two pre-license courses (in addition to the two taken for the sales license) OR 2) by completing 6 pre-license courses. Either way, the individual must then pass the broker licensing examination.

14. What is your position regarding Nebraska-specific education?

Nebraska-specific coursework should be mandatory for all individuals seeking a real estate license.

Nebraska-specific coursework should remain available and optional.

15. If you answered that Nebraska-specific coursework should be mandatory, should those 15 hours be in addition to the currently required number of hours of pre-license education?

Yes     No

# Stop: If you are not a broker you have completed the survey.

## IV. Broker pre-licensing requirements [This section should be filled out by only those who hold a broker license.]

Currently, individuals may choose from a curriculum of approved pre-license courses in order to meet their pre-license education requirement. One of the available courses includes approximately 15 hours of Nebraska-specific real estate license law, agency law and fair housing law, the other courses do not contain Nebraska-specific material. Therefore, individuals may or may not avail themselves of Nebraska-specific coursework. However, all individuals are required to pass a Nebraska-specific section of the licensing examination demonstrating an entry-level knowledge of the material before they can be licensed.

### 16. What do you believe should be required of an individual prior to taking the broker licensing examination?

- experience in activity which requires a salesperson license, only
- pre-license education, only
- a combination of experience and education
- OK as currently required (either pre-license education only, or a combination of education and experience)

### 17. If you believe experience should be required, how many years or experience? \_\_\_\_\_

### 18. If you believe education should be required, how many pre-license courses? \_\_\_\_\_

### 19. Would you change the current number of courses or years of experience required for a broker's license?

Yes     No

20. If yes, what would you change? \_\_\_\_\_  
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