

License Renewal

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Your Alabama Real Estate license must be renewed online through the Alabama Real Estate Commission's website – arec.alabama.gov. Licenses must be renewed by August 31, 2024 to avoid the late fee. CE must be completed by September 30, 2024 to avoid an inactive license.

Every two years a total of fifteen (15) clock hours of continuing education prescribed by the Alabama Real Estate Commission (AREC) is required for renewal of an active license.

- One, 3-hour Commission-approved course entitled "Risk Management: Initial Contact to Accepted Offer" (New Risk Management course now required for license activation and renewal)
- For Brokers! One, 3-hour Commission-approved mandatory course entitled "Mandatory Brokers CE Course (Any licensee may take this course as an elective CE class).
- 12 hours of elective CE courses approved by the Commission
- Overall total = 15 CE hours

According to the Birmingham Association of REALTORS (BAR) Bylaws: REALTOR® members are required to complete the NAR Code of Ethics class every THREE years. As a requirement of membership to the REALTOR® organization, the current cycle started January 1, 2022 and will end December 31, 2024.

BAR will only accept completion of the Code of Ethics class(es) as follows:

- A live "in classroom" or virtual Code of Ethics class scheduled by and instructed by an AREC and BAR approved instructor in the BAR School. BAR must approve class content of all Instructors in our school.
 - NAR's online options for Code of Ethics classes through the NAR website – nar.realtor.com
 - New and Existing Members - FREE (No CE)
 - Complete NAR's C2EX Program and keep up with annual enhancements.
 - NAR & BAR cannot/will not accept completion of any live "in the classroom" Code of Ethics classes offered by a brokerage firm/school or any online Code of Ethics class provided by any online/distance education school provider unless approved by AREC and BAR. A complete list of our current approved education partners can be found on the BAR website – birminghamrealtors.com.
 - The CE Shop
 - WebCE
 - McKissock Learning and their sister brands: Real Estate Express and Hondros Education Group
 - NAR's Commitment to Excellence online program - Completion of and moving forward by maintaining NAR's Commitment to Excellence (C2EX) program counts towards the completion of your Code of Ethics through December 31, 2024.
- ▶ All Code of Ethics classes must be provided through either the National Association of REALTORS®, Alabama Association of REALTORS®, a local Association of REALTORS® in order to count toward the NAR Code of Ethics requirements.

For information on how to become a BAR approved instructor or a list of approved BAR Code of Ethics instructors please visit our website: birminghamrealtors.com.