

HELPFUL INFORMATION ON REQUIRED CLASSES

Transition Course

Every licensee who obtained a license before July 1, 2010 must complete a 3-hour Transition Course before renewing their license after June 30, 2010. (Licensees only have to take this course once; it is not required for subsequent renewals). This course explains the changes to the real estate license law that are effective as of July 1, 2010. It covers the new licensing requirements, the duties and responsibilities of each new type of licensee, new business practices, and how these new requirements affect real estate firms. We will offer this course every other month at the SAR starting on June 11, 2010. You may also take this course online. Just remember, by your next renewal starting on July 1, 2010 you must have taken the Transition Course.

Core Curriculum

The Washington State Real Estate Commission and Department of Licensing have adopted new rules that will require the completion of 3 clock hours of prescribed core curriculum beginning with renewal dates on or after June 1, 2004. Prescribed core curriculum is defined as a specific course of study, recommended by the real estate commission for approval by the director that provides practical information on contemporary issues relating to the practice of real estate. The 3 mandatory core clock hours must be included in the 30 clock hours required for active licensees. You may see the course offered as a separate 3 hour course, or the 3 clock hour curriculum may be contained within a 30 or less clock hour course. It is important that the course you are taking states that it is the Core Curriculum as no other course counts as this course. (NO, the Code of Ethics course is not the Core Curriculum course). The SAR offers the Core Curriculum course as a 3 hour class. Or, you may also take it online at www.warealtor.com by clicking on Education, Virtual University, Course Catalog and then select the Core Curriculum course "Current Issues in Washington Residential Real Estate". Remember, you must take this class every 2 years. It will be updated & re-written every 2 years and you must have it for your license renewal.

NAR's Code of Ethics

During the 1999 National Convention of the National Association of REALTORS®, the Board of Directors approved Mandatory Quadrennial Code of Ethics Training for Existing Members, which provides that REALTORS® are required to complete quadrennial (every four years) ethics training of not less than two hours and thirty minutes of instructional time. All REALTOR® members are required to complete a REALTOR® Code of Ethics course during each four year period. The first cycle started January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2004. We are now into our 3rd cycle starting January 1, 2009 and ending December

31, 2012. *Please note for new agents, completing their first 2 year renewal, you must first take the 7.5 hour Code of Ethics Class, within 3 months of joining the SAR, and then you will be eligible for ethics training of not less than two hours and thirty minutes of instructional time during the next four year cycle. The NAR Code of Ethics Class offered at the SAR is a 4 hour class called "Getting Coded and Fair Housing to Boot". Please call Debbie at 326-9222 with any questions.

Purchase & Sale Agreement

The Spokane Association of REALTORS® Education Committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, making the Spokane Association of REALTORS® 7.5 clock hour Purchase & Sale Agreement Class required for all residential members every four years beginning in 2005. Note, this class is now a required class and it is on the same time frame as the Code of Ethics class. January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012 covers this four year cycle.

A list of classes is displayed at www.spokanerealtor.com. Use the MEMBERS ONLY LOGIN area on the left and click on ENTER. Enter your User Name, (most often it will be your full name all together with no spaces). On the second line enter your password. If you have forgotten your login or password you can use the FORGOT links or call the SAR for help.

Once you are logged in, locate the Products & Services menu, and then click on Education on the pull down menu. A Calendar of Events will display with the list of classes. You may register online using your credit card or even print out a registration form and mail in your check. **Don't wait until the last minute to sign up for a class as it could be completely full.** For a complete list of elective classes being offered through-out the state, please visit www.warealtor.com/education. You may take online classes there as well. Audio classes are also available through Washington REALTOR® by calling 800-748-7053 for more information.