

# Steps to Get Your North Carolina Real Estate License Cheat Sheet

GOVERNING AGENCY:  
[North Carolina Real Estate Commission \(NCREC\)](#)

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## North Carolina State Legal Requirements

- At least 18 years old
- High school diploma or GED
- US citizen or lawfully admitted resident

**Criminal Record:** Your application will be forwarded to the Division of Criminal Justice Information Systems and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Upon investigation, each applicant will be considered on their own merits based on a [Character and Fitness Review](#).

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## Complete Prelicensing Coursework

- 75 hours
- Active NC bar members are exempt from education requirements

**Reciprocity:** NC has no reciprocity with other states. However, applicants with an active license in the past three years can apply for provisional status and be exempt from education requirements. [Real Estate License Reciprocity & Portability Guide](#)

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## Get Background Check

- Order online via [NCREC Criminal Record Checks](#) or by mail or fax
- [Less than \\$50](#)

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## Apply for Your License

### Requirements:

- \$100 fee
- Complete application via the [NCREC Portal](#)

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## Take the Real Estate Exam

- Receive email approval for exam eligibility
- Multiple-choice
- 120 questions (80 national, 40 state-specific)
- Four-hour time limit
- \$56 fee

**Test Provider:** Apply online at [PSI](#)

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## Pick a Company to Work For

- Find sponsoring brokerages close to your location using a Google and/or Yelp search
- Set up interviews to speak with brokerages

**Resource for Assistance:** [How to Choose a Real Estate Company to Work For \(+ Evaluation Rubric\)](#)

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## Finalize Application

- Submit passing exam score
- Add sponsoring brokerage affiliation on the [NCREC website](#)

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**Start Your North Carolina Real Estate Career!**