

# Steps to Get Your New York Real Estate License Cheat Sheet

GOVERNING AGENCY:

[New York Department of State \(NYDOS\)](#)

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## New York State Legal Requirements

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

**Criminal Record:** Eligibility will be difficult for persons with felony or sex offense convictions. Submit the [Certificate of Relief from Disabilities](#) or [Certificate of Good Conduct](#) form for review with the NYDOS.

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## Complete Prelicensing Coursework

- 77 hours
- Attorneys are exempt from education
- College credit can be considered toward prerequisite hours

**Reciprocity:** New York has no reciprocity with other states. But if you have completed a qualifying education outside of NY, you can request an education waiver. Submit a course description, proof of course completion, and a detailed outline listing the topics and hours completed to [dosedmailing@dos.ny.gov](mailto:dosedmailing@dos.ny.gov). [Real Estate License Reciprocity & Portability Guide](#)

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## Take the Real Estate Exam

- Multiple-choice
- 75 questions
- 1.5-hour time limit
- \$15 fee

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

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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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## Apply for Your License

**Requirements:**

- \$65 fee
- Passing exam score
- Certificate of completion from real estate education
- Submit [paper application](#) or [apply online](#)

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**Start Your New York Real Estate Career!**