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Title 605. OKLAHOMA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
CHAPTER 10. REQUIREMENTS, STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

SUBCHAPTER 3. EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

605:10-3-1. Prelicensure education requirements

(a) On and after July 1, 1993, as evidence of an applicant's having satisfactorily completed those education requirements as set forth in Sections 858-302 and 858-303 of the Code, each applicant for licensure shall present with his or her application a certification showing successful completion of the applicable course of study approved by the Commission as follows:

(1) To qualify an applicant for examination and licensure as a provisional sales associate, the course shall consist of at least ninety (90) clock hours of instruction or its equivalent as determined by the Commission. In order for a provisional sales associate to obtain a sales associate license, the provisional sales associate must, following issuance of a provisional license, complete additional education as required in Section 858-302 of the Code. The prelicensure course of study shall be referred to as the Basic Course of Real Estate, Part I of II and shall encompass the following areas of study:

- (A) Real Estate Economics and Marketing
- (B) Nature of Real Estate
- (C) Rights and Interest in Real Estate
- (D) Legal Descriptions
- (E) Title Search, Encumbrances, and Land Use Control
- (F) Transfer of Rights
- (G) Service Contracts
- (H) Estimating Transaction Expenses
- (I) Value and Appraisal
- (J) Marketing Activities
- (K) Fair Housing
- (L) Contract Law Overview
- (M) Contract Law and Performance
- (N) Offers and Purchase Contracts
- (O) Financing Real Estate
- (P) Closing a Transaction
- (Q) Regulations Affecting Real Estate
- (R) Disclosures and Environmental Issues
- (S) Property Management and Leasing
- (T) Risk Management
- (U) Professional Standards of Conduct
- (V) Law of Agency

(2) To qualify an applicant for examination and licensure as a broker, the course shall consist of at least ninety (90) clock hours of instruction or its equivalent as determined by the Commission. Such course of study shall be referred to as the Advanced Course in Real Estate and shall encompass the following areas of study:

- (A) Laws and Rules Affecting Real Estate Practice
- (B) Broker Supervision

- (C) Establishing a Real Estate Office
- (D) Professional Development
- (E) Business, Financial, and Brokerage Office Management
- (F) ~~Office Financial Management~~ Oklahoma Broker Relationships
- (G) Anti-Trust and Deceptive Trade
- (H) Risk Management and Insurance
- (I) Mandated Disclosures, Hazards, and Zoning
- (J) Real Estate Financing
- (K) Specialized Property Operations and Specialty Areas
- (L) ~~Transaction Management~~ Trust Accounts and Trust Funds
- (M) Closing a Real Estate Transaction
- (N) Closing Statements
- (O) Professional Standards of Conduct
- (P) Property Ownership
- (Q) Land Use Controls and Regulations
- (R) Valuation and Market Analysis
- (S) Law of Agency
- (T) Contracts
- (U) Transfer of Property
- (V) Practice of Real Estate
- (W) Real Estate Calculations

(b) As evidence of an applicant's having successfully completed those education requirements as set forth in Section 858-304 of the Code, each applicant shall present a certified transcript from an institution of higher education, accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or the corresponding accrediting agency of another state jurisdiction.

(1) The basic course of real estate shall be limited to Basic Real Estate Principles and Practices; provided, however, that a course or combination of courses not so titled may be accepted if the course content has been determined by the Commission to be equivalent as one and the same as enumerated in this Section.

(2) The advanced course of real estate shall be limited to Advanced Real Estate Principles and Practices; provided that a course or combination of courses not so titled may be accepted if the course content has been determined by the Commission to be equivalent as one and the same as that enumerated in this Section.

(3) The Commission shall accept in lieu of a certified transcript a course completion certificate as prescribed by the Commission.

(c) **Entities allowed to seek approval.** The education courses required of this Section shall be satisfied by courses approved by the Commission and offered by:

- (1) The Commission
- (2) An area vocational-technical school
- (3) A college or university
- (4) A private school
- (5) The Oklahoma Association of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors, or any affiliate thereof,
- (6) The Oklahoma Bar Association, American Bar Association, or any affiliate thereof; or
- (7) An education provider.

(d) **Attendance and successful completion required for in-class credit.** To complete any in-class offering, a person must physically be present during all of the offering time and successfully complete all course requirements to include an examination.

(e) **Successful completion of materials and examination required for distance education credit.** To complete a distance education course offering, a person must successfully complete all course requirements to include all modules and an examination.

605:10-3-5. Examinations

(a) **Applicant must appear in person.** When an application for examination has been submitted to the Commission, the applicant shall be required to appear in person, at a time and place to be designated by the Commission, and answer questions based on the required subject matter as prescribed elsewhere in the rules of this Chapter. ~~Unless otherwise directed by the Commission, all examinations will be conducted in Oklahoma City.~~ On and after August 1, 2001, each broker examination fee shall be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) and each provisional sales associate/sales associate examination fee shall be Sixty Dollars (\$60.00).

(b) ~~Computer and written examinations~~ **Special Accommodations.** ~~In the event a computer is available and in working order, the Commission shall administer the examination by computer. If an applicant requests to take the examination in a written form and a computer is available, a charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) in addition to the regular examination fee will be assessed the applicant. In the event a written request is made by a handicapped individual, the Commission may waive the fee. In cases where special accommodations are necessary under the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, applicants must notify the examination supplier in advance by submitting a written request, on a form prescribed by the Commission, describing the disability and necessary accommodations.~~

(c) **Failure to pass examination.** If an applicant fails to pass the examination prescribed by the Commission, the Commission may permit subsequent examinations upon receipt of a new examination fee for each examination to be attempted.

(d) **Applicant request to view failed examination.** An applicant who fails the examination may, within thirty (30) days of the date of the examination, personally visit the Commission office and view his or her ~~has the option of reviewing their missed questions at the end of their examination. If, as a result of such viewing, the applicant is of the opinion incorrect grading was the cause for his or her receiving a failing grade, he or she may within ten (10) days request a review by the Commission of his or her examination. The purpose of such a review by the Commission shall be to determine whether or not such examination was correctly graded.~~ An applicant may challenge the validity of any question(s) they identify as incorrectly graded. A challenge to a question that pertains to the Oklahoma law portion of the examination will be sent to the Commission by the examination supplier. A challenge to a question that pertains to the national portion will fall under the review policy of the examination supplier. In either case, both the examination supplier and/or the Commission shall have five (5) business days in which to review and issue a response to the applicant. Applicants will be allowed up to one (1) hour to review their exam and the applicant will not be allowed to test on the same day they review a failed examination. No notes, pencils, or electronic devices will be allowed during review nor will they be allowed to leave the examination area with the examination questions.

(e) **Application valid for one year.** The original examination application shall be valid for one (1) year from date of filing. ~~A request to write an examination submitted more than one (1) year from the most recent original application filing must be accompanied by a new original application form. After such date, an applicant must complete a new original application form.~~

(f) **Passing percentile of examination.** A score of seventy-five percent (75%) or more shall be considered a passing grade on the broker or provisional sales associate/sales associate examination.

(g) **Validity period of examination results.**

~~(1) **Approved or incomplete application.** The results of an examination wherein an applicant scored a passing grade shall be valid for ninety (90) days~~ one (1) year from the date of such examination.

~~(2) **Unapproved application.** The results of an examination wherein an applicant scored a passing grade shall be valid for ninety (90) days from the date the application has received final approval but shall not be valid for more than one year from the date of examination.~~

~~(h) **Extension of examination grade validity period.** An applicant may request in writing for an extension of the validity period, showing cause why such period should be extended. At the discretion of the Commission, such validity period may be extended.~~

~~(i) (h) **Disciplinary examination fee.** A fee shall be charged for an examination which is directed by Order of the Commission as disciplinary action.~~

~~(j) **Broker applicants.** A broker applicant who completes an entire broker examination and who is unsuccessful, may, if he or she retakes the examination within thirty (30) days, elect not to complete the written closing statement portion again, but be given his or her first written closing statement and re-enter his or her multiple choice closing statement answers.~~

605:10-3-6. Continuing education requirements

(a) **Definition.** Continuing education shall be defined as any real estate oriented education course or equivalent, hereinafter called offering(s) intended:

- (1) To improve the knowledge of licensees.
- (2) To keep licensees abreast of changing real estate practices and laws.
- (3) To help licensees meet the statutory requirements for license renewal.

(b) **Purpose.** The purpose of continuing education is to provide an educational program through which real estate licensees can continually become more competent and remain qualified to engage in real estate activities for which they are licensed. Such activities involve facts and concepts about which licensees must be knowledgeable in order to safely and confidently conduct real estate negotiations and transactions in the public's best interest.

(c) **Goals.** The goals of continuing education are:

- (1) To provide licensees with opportunity for obtaining necessary current information and knowledge which will enable them to conduct real estate negotiations and transactions in a legal and professional manner in order to better protect public interest.
- (2) To assure that the licensees are provided with current information regarding new and/or changing laws and regulations which affect the real estate business.
- (3) To ensure that the consumers interest is protected from unknowledgeable licensees.

(d) **Objectives.** The objectives of continued education are as follows:

- (1) For licensees to expand and enhance their knowledge and expertise so as to be continually effective, competent, and ethical as they practice real estate.
- (2) For licensees to review and update their knowledge of federal, state and local laws and regulations which affect real estate practices.

(e) **Entities allowed to seek approval.** The Commission may approve and/or accept any offering provided by an entity which meets the purposes, goals, and objectives of the continuing education requirement. The Commission may accept the following offerings as proof of meeting the continuing education requirement:

- (1) Any offering which is approved and presented by those entities enumerated in paragraph B, of 858-307.2 of the "Code".

(2) Any offering in real estate, or directly related area, approved and/or accepted by the real estate regulatory agency in another state; provided such offering is not excluded elsewhere in this Chapter.

(3) Any offering in real estate, or directly related area, not accepted in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this subsection, which can be determined by the Commission to be in compliance with the intent of the rules of this Chapter.

(4) Completion of an approved ~~seventy-five (75)~~ ninety (90) hour prelicense broker course or an approved forty-five (45) hour provisional sales associate postlicense course, or its respective equivalent as determined by the Commission shall suffice for 21-hours of continuing education credit for a licensee. An individual segment of an approved prelicense broker course or an approved provisional sales associate postlicense course shall suffice for continuing education credit provided such individual segment has also been separately approved for continuing education credit.

(f) Ineligible courses.

(1) The following offerings will not be considered by the Commission to meet continuing education requirements:

(A) General training or education not directly related to real estate or real estate practices.

(B) Offerings in mechanical office and business skills such as typing, speed reading, memory improvement, report writing, and personal motivation that is not directly related to real estate.

(C) Sales promotion or other meetings held in conjunction with the general real estate brokerage business.

(D) Meetings which are a normal part of in-house training.

(E) That portion of any offering devoted to breakfast, luncheon, dinner, or other refreshments.

(F) Prelicense general training and education to obtain a provisional sales associate or sales associate license or license examination refresher courses for provisional sales associate/sales associate or broker.

(2) The list in (1) of this subsection does not limit the Commission's authority to disapprove any offering which fails to meet the adopted purposes, goals and objectives.

(g) List of approved entities. The Commission shall maintain a list of approved entities.

(h) Licensee responsible for notification to Commission. Each licensee shall be ultimately responsible to the Commission to furnish evidence of having successfully completed the continuing education requirements for license renewal, activation, or reinstatement, as set forth elsewhere in this Chapter. Each licensee shall present to the Commission evidence of completion of a minimum of twenty-one (21) clock hours of continuing education offerings acceptable by the Commission. As evidence of having completed the requirement each licensee shall present:

(1) A certificate, and/or documents, statements and forms, as may reasonable be required by the Commission, or

(2) A certified transcript; provided, however, if such offering is taken as an accredited C.E.U. (Continuing Education Unit) a certificate may be accepted in lieu of the transcript.

(i) Attendance and successful completion required for in-class credit. To complete any in-class offering, a person must physically be present during all of the offering time and successfully complete all course requirements.

(j) Successful completion of materials and examination required for distance education credit. To complete a distance education course offering, a person must successfully complete all course requirements to include all modules and an examination.

(k) Course limitations.

(1) A particular course offering may not be taken for continuing education credit more than once from the same entity and/or instructor during a renewal period.

(2) Educational courses taken for disciplinary reasons shall not count towards the normal continuing education requirements for licensees.

(1) **Required number of continuing education hours.** The required number of continuing education hours for a licensee shall be as follows:

~~(1) Beginning July 1, 1996, the number of continuing education hours needed by a licensee for license renewal, reinstatement or activation, with the exception of those exempt as set out in Title 59, O.S. Section 858-307.2, shall be twenty one (21) clock hours of Commission approved subject matter, or its equivalent, as determined by the Commission. Each licensee shall be required to complete and include as part of said twenty one (21) clock hours of continuing education nine (9) clock hours of courses conducted on required subjects as approved by the Commission.~~

~~(2) As a condition of an active license renewal, each license with an expiration date of June 30, 2005 and thereafter, with the exception of those exempt as set out in Title 59, 858-307.2, shall provide evidence of completion of twenty one (21) clock hours of Commission approved subject matter, or its equivalent, as determined by the Commission. Such hours shall have been taken during the license term preceding the license term for which the license is to be renewed, and wherein such hours have not been used for license activation or active reinstatement.~~

~~(3) (1) As a condition of a license activation or active reinstatement, each license with an expiration date of June 30, 2005 and thereafter, with the exception of those exempt as set out in Title 59, 858-307.2, shall provide evidence of completion of twenty-one (21) clock hours of Commission approved subject matter, or its equivalent, as determined by the Commission. Such hours shall have been taken in the same license term for which the license is to be issued, with the exception of a licensee whose hours were not used in the preceding license term. In that case, the hours taken in the preceding license term shall count towards an applicable license activation or active reinstatement.~~

~~(4) (2) Each licensee shall have completed of said twenty-one (21) clock hours of continuing education twelve (12) clock hours of required subject matter as directed by the Commission.~~

~~(5) (3) The required subject matter, or its equivalent, as determined by the Commission, shall consist of all following subjects each license term: Professional Conduct, Broker Relationships Act, Fair Housing, and Current Issues including Code and Rule Updates. The remaining nine (9) clock hours may consist of elective subject matter as approved by the Commission.~~

~~(4) Any licensee may complete the Broker in Charge course as approved by the Commission consisting of fifteen (15) clock hours in lieu of the required subject matter.~~

~~(5) A licensee who maintains the license type of Broker Manager (BM), Proprietor Broker (BP), or Branch Broker (BB) during any portion of a license term shall be required to successfully complete the Broker in Charge course as approved by the Commission consisting of fifteen (15) clock hours, or its equivalent, as approved by the Commission, each license term beginning with those licenses that expire on June 30, 2012. In addition, to complete the continuing education requirement of twenty-one (21) clock hours such broker shall complete at least two (2) of the four (4) required subject matter, equal to at least six (6) clock hours, as referenced in paragraph (3) of this subsection.~~

SUBCHAPTER 5. INSTRUCTOR AND ENTITY REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

605:10-5-1. Approval of prelicense course offerings

(a) **Course approval.** Any person or entity seeking to conduct an approved course of study shall make application and submit documents, statements and forms as may reasonably be required by the Commission. The request shall include the following:

- (1) Completed course application.
- (2) Application fee of One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) for each course.
- (3) An approved course syllabus encompassing the contents enumerated in 605:10-3-1 and divided by instructional periods, the name, author and publisher of the primary textbook, or a statement stating the entity will use the OREC syllabus and other items as may be required by the Commission.

(b) Course offering requirements.

(1) An entity not conducting an applicable approved course within any thirty-six (36) month period shall automatically be removed from approved status. In such event, the person and/or entity must re-apply as an original applicant.

(2) If a course of study is to be conducted in the name of a corporation, the application shall include the names and addresses of all directors and officers.

(3) An approved entity shall immediately report any changes in information in regards to the application previously filed with the Commission.

(c) Denied applications. No portion of the fees enumerated in this Section is refundable. If an instructor, entity or course application is not approved, the applicant may appeal the decision by filing a written request for a hearing before the Commission. The hearing procedure shall be that as outlined in 605:10-1-3 titled "Appeal of administrative decisions; procedures."

(d) Advertising course offerings. No person or entity sponsoring or conducting a course of study shall advertise that it is endorsed, recommended or accredited by the Commission. Such person or entity may indicate that a course of study has been approved by the Commission.

(e) Instructor application and approval requirements. An individual determined by the Commission to possess one or more of the following qualifications may, upon receipt of an application and evidence of education and/or experience, be considered for approval as an approved instructor. Each application for approval must be accompanied by a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25.00) ~~One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00)~~ application fee, and documentation required for compliance necessary to verify citizenship, qualified alien status, and eligibility under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. In order to qualify, an individual must possess proof of one of the following:

(1) A bachelor's degree with a major in real estate from an accredited college or university.

(2) A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and at least two (2) years active experience within the previous ten (10) years as a real estate broker.

(3) A real estate broker licensed in Oklahoma with a minimum of five (5) years active experience within the previous ten (10) years as a real estate broker and proof of high school education or its GED equivalent.

(4) An individual determined by the Commission to possess a combination of education and/or active broker experience in real estate or real estate related fields which ~~constitute~~ constitutes an equivalent ~~to~~ of one or more of the qualifications in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection.

(f) Course content examination. Final approval will be considered after the instructor applicant has paid the appropriate examination fee and successfully completed an applicable Commission administered course content examination with a passing score of 80% or more. ~~An instructor shall be allowed to successfully complete the applicable examination one time without charge; thereafter, the applicable examination fee shall be charged for each examination.~~ If an instructor applicant fails to pass the examination prescribed by the Commission, the Commission may permit subsequent examinations upon receipt of the applicable examination fee for each examination to be taken. If an instructor applicant has successfully taken an applicable license examination with a passing score of 80% or more within thirty (30) days of filing an instructor application, such passing score may be utilized to meet the applicable examination requirement in this section. If however, the instructor applicant does not obtain approval within 90 days of filing an instructor application, due to no fault on the part of the Commission, the instructor will be required to take the applicable examination again.

- (g) **Instructor renewal requirements.**
- (1) In order to maintain approved status, an instructor must comply with the following:
 - (A) Attend a Commission directed Instructor Renewal Course every twelve (12) months. Instructors approved solely for distance education offerings must complete three (3) hours every twelve (12) months of instructor training as accepted by the Commission and sign a statement that changes to current law and rules have been reviewed and that the instructor has made applicable amendments to the course material.
 - (B) Furnish evidence that the instructor has taught a Commission approved prelicense course, or any other real estate related course(s) the Commission determines to be equivalent, within a required thirty-six (36) month period.
 - (2) Any instructor not meeting the requirements of this subsection will be required to re-apply as an original instructor applicant.
- (h) **Guest instructors.** Guest instructors may be utilized for in-class instruction provided an approved instructor is also present during presentations. Total guest instruction and lectures shall not consume more than thirty percent (30%) of the total course time.
- (i) **Instructor and entity requirements.**
- (1) **Instructor must be present.** An approved instructor must be present in the same room during all in-class course instruction for students to receive credit toward course completion.
 - (2) **Retention of records.** An instructor/entity shall maintain ~~a record of~~ enrollment records and roll sheets which include number of hours attempted by each student.
 - (3) **Course completion certificate.** Each individual successfully completing a course of study approved by the Commission shall be furnished a certificate prescribed or approved by the Commission certifying completion. The Commission shall accept from a college or university a certified transcript or a course completion certificate as prescribed by the Commission.
 - (4) **Commission authorized to audit and inspect records.** A duly authorized designee of the Commission may audit any offering and/or inspect the records of the entity at any time during its presentation or during reasonable office hours or the entity may be required to provide the records to the Commission.
 - (5) **Clock hours and breaks.** Not more than one clock hour may be registered within any one sixty (60) minute period and no more than ten (10) minutes of each hour shall be utilized for breaks.
 - (6) **Class size limited.** Instructor ratio to students shall not exceed sixty (60).
- (j) **Facility approval requirements.** Before an approved course offering can be presented at a location, the person or group presenting the course must seek approval of the facility to be used for presentation of the course. A Commission approved application must be completed and accompanied by a Seventy-five Dollar (\$75.00) application fee.
- (1) The application fee may be waived if the facility request for approval has been approved for use as a classroom by the State Department of Education, State Regents of Higher Education, or State Vocational and Technical Education.
 - (2) The application fee may be waived if an entity is requesting to utilize a facility that is currently approved by the Commission as an active facility site.
 - (3) The Commission shall act on a facility application within thirty (30) days of receipt of application.
- (k) **Disciplinary action.** An approved course of study, director, instructor and/or facility may be withdrawn or disciplined as outlined in Title 59, O.S., Section 858-208, paragraph 6 either on a complaint filed by an interested person or the Commission's own motion, for

the following reasons, but only after a hearing before the Commission and/or a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission:

- (1) In the event the real estate license of a director is suspended or revoked, the course of study shall automatically be revoked.
- (2) In the event the real estate license of an instructor is suspended or revoked.
- (3) Failure to comply with any portion of the Code or the rules of this Chapter.
- (4) Failure of an approved entity to maintain a 50% or better pass/fail ratio on the Commission examinations.
- (5) Falsification of records and/or application(s) filed with the Commission.
- (6) False and/or misleading advertisement.
- (7) Any other improper conduct or activity of the director, instructor, or entity as may be determined by the Commission to be unacceptable.

605:10-5-2. Approval of continuing education offerings

(a) **Approval and expiration of application.** An entity seeking to conduct an approved continuing education offering shall make application for the approval or renewal of each offering. Such approval or renewal shall expire at the end of the twenty-fourth (24) month including the month of issuance.

(b) **Application form.** Each application by a sponsoring entity for approval of an offering or group of offerings not exceeding thirty-six (36) hours covered by the same application must be accompanied by a non-refundable Seventy Dollar (\$70.00) application fee. Such application shall be made on a form prescribed by the Commission. The application shall include, but not limited to, the following information:

- (1) The name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s) of the sponsoring entity, the owner(s), and the coordinator/director responsible for the quality of the offering.
- (2) The title(s) of the course offering or offerings.
- (3) A complete description of or copies of all materials to be distributed to the participants except that if materials provided by the Commission are to be used, a complete description shall not be required.
- (4) The number of hours in each course offering.
- (5) The tuition/registration fee and cancellation/refund policy.
- (6) A copy of each offering's curriculum, or revised curriculum with revisions noted, including comprehensive course objectives, detailed outline of the course subject matter, instructor for each segment, and teaching technique used in each segment.
- (7) The method of evaluation of the course offering which will be used by the entity.
- (8) The procedure for monitoring attendance.
- (9) A personal resume indicating name(s) and qualifications of the instructor(s).
- (10) The number of years the entity has been offering real estate related education.
- (11) Any other relevant information useful in determining that the entity is presenting an offering which will meet the definition, purposes, goals and objectives adopted by the Commission.
- (12) A statement attesting to the fact that in accepting approval as a continuing education offering entity, the entity will protect and promote the purposes, goals and objectives of continuing education as stated in the License Code and Rules.

(c) **Commission course approval notice.** The Commission shall within sixty (60) days after receipt of an application inform the entity as to whether the offering has been approved, denied, or whether additional information is needed to determine the acceptability of the offering.

(d) **Course renewal requirements.** An application for renewal of any offering or group of offerings by an entity shall also be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for a twenty-four (24) month period. Renewal applications shall be subject to the same requirements as original applications, but may cross-reference an earlier application regarding previously approved course offerings to the extent that items have not changed since a previous application.

- (e) **Change of information notice requirement.** Whenever there is any change in an offering, the entity shall notify the Commission prior to the effective date of the change. Such change shall not be considered approved until written notice is received from the Commission.
- (f) **Advertising of course offering.** An entity advertising an offering as being approved for continuing education credit shall state in such advertisement, "Approved by the Commission for (correct number) hours of continuing education credit."
- (g) **Course requirements and limitations.**
- (1) An offering approved pursuant to this Section shall be open to all licensees, except as may otherwise be approved by the Commission upon request of the offering entity.
 - (2) An offering will not be approved by the Commission if its duration is less than two (2) consecutive clock hours or its equivalent as determined by the Commission.
 - (3) To meet the statutory requirement, a clock hour shall equal sixty (60) minutes, with no more than ten minutes of each hour utilized for breaks.
 - (4) An entity conducting an offering shall, within five (5) days of the completion thereof, submit to the Commission on a form prescribed by the Commission, a list of the names and license numbers of those licensees who successfully completed the said offering, along with other information which may reasonably be required.
 - (5) Each licensee successfully completing an offering shall be furnished a certificate, prescribed or approved by the Commission, certifying completion.
 - (6) Each offering shall be presented in such facilities and on such premises as shall be necessary to properly present the course as determined by the Commission.
 - (7) An approved instructor must be present in the same room during all course instruction for students to receive credit toward course completion. If an instructor is presenting a Commission approved course offering which is delivered to the licensees by way of television, the Commission may require that each delivering entity have a monitor in lieu of a Commission approved instructor.
- (h) **Recruitment disallowed.**
- (1) A coordinator/director or instructor shall not allow the premises or the facilities to be used by anyone to advertise and/or recruit new affiliates for any company. The coordinator/director shall cause the following statement to be posted at the premises or the facilities in such a manner as will be readable by all participants: "No recruiting for employment opportunities for any real estate brokerage firm is allowed in this class or on the premises. Any recruiting on behalf of, or permitted by, the Instructor should be promptly reported to the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission."
 - (2) An instructor shall not wear any identification relating to a specific name or identity of a real estate company, a group of companies or franchises while in the class or on the premises.
- (i) **Instructor application and approval requirements.** An individual determined by the Commission to possess one or more of the following qualifications may, upon receipt of an application and evidence of education and/or experience, be considered for approval as an approved instructor. Each application for approval must be accompanied by a Ten Dollar (\$10.00) application fee, and documentation required for compliance necessary to verify citizenship, qualified alien status, and eligibility under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. In order to qualify, an individual must possess proof of one of the following:
- (1) Possession of a bachelor's degree in a related field.
 - (2) Possession of a valid teaching credential or certificate from Oklahoma or another state authorizing the holder to teach in an applicable field of instruction.
 - (3) Five (5) years full-time experience out of the previous ten (10) years in a profession, trade, or technical occupation in the applicable field of instruction.
 - (4) An individual determined by the Commission to possess a combination of education and/or experience, in a related field to that in which the person is to teach, which constitute an equivalent to one or more of the qualifications in (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection.
- (j) **Denied application; appeal.** If the Commission shall be of the opinion that a proposed continuing education offering does not qualify under the Code and/or Rules of the Commission,

the Commission shall refuse to approve the offering and shall give notice of that fact to the party applying for approval within fifteen (15) days after such decision. Upon written request from such party, filed within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice of denial, the Commission shall set the matter for hearing to be conducted within sixty (60) days after receipt of such request. The hearing procedure shall be that as outlined in 605:10-1-3, titled "Appeal of administrative decisions; procedures."

(k) **Disciplinary action.** The Commission may withdraw or discipline as outlined in Title 59, O.S., Section 858-208, paragraph 6 the approval of a coordinator/director, instructor, offering or entity either on a complaint filed by an interested person or on the Commission's own motion, for any of the following reasons, but only after a hearing before the Commission and/or a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission:

- (1) In the event the real estate license of an instructor and /or coordinator/director is revoked or suspended.
- (2) Failure to submit all documents, statements and forms as may be reasonably required by the Commission.
- (3) Falsification of records and/or applications filed with the Commission.
- (4) False and/or misleading advertising.
- (5) Failure to revise an offering so as to reflect and present current real estate practices, knowledge, and laws.
- (6) Failure to maintain proper classroom order and decorum.
- (7) Any conduct which gives the coordinator/director, instructor or entity presenting the offering an unfair advantage over other brokers and/or real estate companies.
- (8) Failure to comply with any portion of the Code or rules of this Chapter.
- (9) Any other improper conduct or activity of the director, instructor, or entity the Commission determines to be unacceptable.

(l) **Retention of records.** An instructor/entity shall maintain a record of enrollment records and roll sheets which include number of hours attempted by each student.

(m) **Commission authorized to audit.** A duly authorized designee of the Commission may audit any offering and/or inspect the records of the entity at any time during its presentation or during reasonable office hours or the entity may be required to provide the records to the Commission.

(n) **Licensee/Instructor course credit.**

- (1) A licensee who shall instruct an approved offering for continuing education shall be credited with one (1) hour for each hour of actual instruction performed.
- (2) An instructor may not receive continuing education credit for instructing an offering more than one time during a license term.
- (3) Records of such instruction shall be reported and maintained in the same manner as prescribed for participants elsewhere in the rules of this Chapter.

(o) **Guest instructors.** Guest instructors may be utilized for in-class instruction provided an approved instructor is also present during presentations. Total guest instruction and lectures shall not consume more than thirty percent (30%) of the total course time.

605:10-5-3. Standards for Commission approved real estate courses

(a) **Approved instructor.** Each in-class course offering shall be conducted by a Commission approved instructor. Each entity conducting a distance education course offering shall have available a Commission approved instructor. The instructor shall be available during normal business hours as posted by the instructor to answer questions about the course material and provide assistance as necessary.

(b) **Student must attend entire in-class instruction or complete all modules required for distance education instruction.** In order for an entity to certify a student as passing an approved course the student must either:

- (1) attend the required number of hours of in-class instruction; or
- (2) complete all instructional modules required for distance education instruction.

(c) **Student must successfully complete a prelicense, postlicense or distance education course offering examination.**

In order for an entity to certify a student as passing an approved prelicense, postlicense or distance education course, the student must successfully complete an examination covering the contents of the course material.

(d) **Student transfers.** Except with the prior approval of the Commission, a student transferring from one course to another may not count any portion of the student's attendance or work in the former course toward passing the course. A student who enrolls in an entity which offers a Commission approved course may not transfer credit for a course or courses completed in that series to another entity unless the new entity offers the identical series of courses.

(e) **Course examinations.** Every approved prelicense and postlicense course offering shall conclude with an end-of-course examination consisting of no less than one hundred and thirty (130) questions administered by the approved entity. Every approved distance continuing education course offering shall conclude with an end-of-course examination consisting of no less than ~~ten (10)~~ seven (7) questions for each clock hour. End-of-course examination questions may not be the same as any previously used questions covering the respective course content.

(f) **Successful completion.** In order for a student to successfully complete a prelicense, postlicense or distance education course, the entity must require that the student complete all class material and/or modules and achieve a passing score of at least seventy-five percent (75%) on final examination. An entity shall require the student to complete sufficient material or modules to ensure mastery of the course offering, and shall require the student to complete the end-of-course examination. An entity may allow any student who fails to achieve a passing score the opportunity to take another examination without repeating instruction.

(g) **Grading standards.** In order for an entity to certify a student as passing an approved course, the student must meet the minimum grading standards established by this Section and the entity. On graded examinations for which this Section sets specific requirements, the entity's policy shall at least equal those requirements as listed in this Section. Other grading standards shall be in accordance with generally accepted educational standards. An entity shall publish grading standards and give them to a student in a written form at the beginning of the course.

(h) **Commission may impose sanction.** The Commission may impose any sanction permitted by law or Rules of the Commission on the approval of any entity, director and/or instructor which fails to provide proper security for their course evaluation or examination and for failing to comply with standards as set out in this Chapter.

(i) **Each entity must post notice.** Each entity must post or provide a notice that is easily observed by any person desiring to enroll in a prelicense course. The notice must at least include the following language: "If you have been convicted of any crime, or if charges are pending, or if you have delinquent unpaid child support or unpaid student loans, please check with the Real Estate Commission before enrolling in this class. The Commission will allow you to seek preapproval prior to enrolling in a prelicense course."

(j) **Additional distance education course requirements.**

- (1) Each course shall contain suitable learning objectives.
- (2) Overview statements must be included for each course providing a quick preview of what is contained in the offering.
- (3) An answer key for all examinations must be provided to the Commission with each course application. An answer key for examinations may not be included in any course materials provided to the student.
- (4) From the date of enrollment, the course shall have a validity period of six (6) months in which to allow successful completion to be attained.
- (5) Entities must include information with the course material that clearly informs the student of the completion time frame, passing and examination requirements, and any other relevant information necessary to complete the course.
- (6) Each course must include a statement that the information presented in the course should not be used as a substitute for competent legal advice.
- (7) Course offerings must be sufficient in scope and content to justify the hours requested for approval.

(k) Each entity shall promote the Basic Course of Real Estate as Part I of a two part series and the Provisional Postlicense Course of Real Estate as Part II of that series. Applicants are to be

advised that Part II of the series is not to begin until after license issuance and shall be completed prior to their first license expiration.

SUBCHAPTER 7. L LICENSING PROCEDURES AND OPTIONS

605:10-7-2. License terms and fees; renewals; reinstatements

(a) **License term and fees.** Each original license issued under the Code on and after July 1, 1981, shall be issued to expire at the end of the thirty-sixth (36) month including the month of issuance. Each original provisional sales associate license issued under the Code on and after August 1, 2001 shall be issued to expire at the end of the twelfth (12th) month including the month of issuance. On and after August 1, 2001:

(1) For an original broker license and each subsequent license renewal, to include corporations, associations or partnerships, the fee shall be Two Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$210.00).

(2) For an inactive original broker license and each subsequent inactive license renewal, with the exception of corporations, associations or partnerships, the fee shall be One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00.) In order to activate such license that was renewed inactive in the same license term, the licensee shall pay One Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$130.00.) Thereafter, any future request to activate in the same license term shall be in accordance with Rule 605:10-7-4.

(3) For an active original sales associate license and each subsequent active license renewal the fee shall be One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00.)

(4) For an inactive original sales associate license and each subsequent inactive license renewal the fee shall be Ninety-five Dollars (\$95.00.) In order to activate a sales associate license that was renewed inactive in the same license term, the licensee shall pay One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00.) Thereafter, any future request to activate in the same license term shall be in accordance with Rule 605:10-7-4.

(5) For a non-renewable original provisional sales associate license the fee shall be Seventy Dollars (\$70.00.)

(6) For an original branch office license and each subsequent license renewal the fee shall be One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00.)

(7) For each duplicate license or pocket card, where the original license is lost or destroyed, and a written request is made, a fee of Seven Dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) shall be charged.

(8) An additional Fifteen Dollar (\$15.00) fee, the Education and Recovery Fund fee, shall be added and payable with the license fee for an original license and subsequent license renewal for each license with the exception of a provisional sales associate license which fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) for their twelve (12) month license term and a branch office which shall not pay the fee.

(b) **Terms cannot be altered.** Terms shall not be altered except for purposes of general reassignment of terms which might be necessitated for the purpose of maintaining an equitable staggered license term system.

(c) **Expiration date.** The actual expiration date of a license shall be midnight of the last day of the month of the designated license term. A person who allows their license to expire shall be considered an applicant and subject to a national criminal history record check, as defined by Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

(d) **Late penalty.** All renewals shall be filed on or before midnight of the tenth day of the month in which said license is due to expire, except in the event that date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday; in such case, the next Commission working day shall be considered the due date for all renewals except electronic online renewal wherein this exception would not apply. Any such renewal application filed after such date shall be subject to a late penalty fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

(e) **Actual filing of license renewal.** A license shall lapse and terminate if a renewal application and required fees have not been filed with the Commission by midnight of the date on which the license is due to expire, except in the event that date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday; in

such a case, the next Commission working day shall be considered the due date. A renewal application and required fees are considered filed with the Commission on the date of the United States postal service postmark or the date personal delivery is made to the Commission office.

(f) **Reinstatement of license.** Any licensee whose license term has expired shall be considered for reinstatement of such license upon payment of an amount equal to the current examination fee in addition to the license and late penalty fee(s) for each delinquent license period(s). The following documents and fees must be submitted:

(1) **Lapsed less than one year.** In the case of a license lapsed less than one year:

- (A) License and late penalty fee.
- (B) Reinstatement fee.
- (C) Documents as required by the Commission.

(2) **Lapsed more than one year but less than two years.** In the case of a license lapsed more than one year but less than two years.

- (A) License and late penalty fee.
- (B) Reinstatement fee.
- (C) A completed reinstatement application.
- (D) A statement that the applicant has read a current License Code and Rules booklet.
- (E) If applicable, a statement as to why the license fee was not paid in a timely manner.
- (F) Documents as required by the Commission.

(3) **Lapsed more than two years.** In the case of a license lapsed more than two years.

- (A) License and late penalty fee(s).
- (B) Reinstatement fee(s).
- (C) A completed reinstatement application.
- (D) Successful completion of the appropriate licensing examination.
- (E) Documents as required by the Commission.

(4) **Lapsed more than five years.** If such late application is submitted more than five (5) years subsequent to the most recent year of licensure, the applicant shall be regarded as an original applicant.

(5) **May apply as an original if lapsed more than two years.** In the case of a license lapsed more than two (2) years but less than five (5) years, the applicant may at his or her option apply as an original applicant provided evidence is submitted to show that the applicant has successfully completed the appropriate prelicense course(s). A person who does not possess a valid license may be considered for re-license only through the provision for reinstatement unless such license has been lapsed more than two (2) years. In the case of a provisional sales associate, the applicant would be required to repeat and successfully complete the postlicense requirement. If this option is elected by a previously licensed sales associate, the sales associate shall be regarded as an original applicant.

(g) **Reinstatement of a provisional sales associate license wherein postlicense education was completed prior to license expiration date.** On and after June 1, 1996, an applicant who successfully completed the postlicense education requirement before their first license expiration date and failed to renew their license on or before such date shall be eligible to reinstate the license as a sales associate according to 605:10-7-2 (f), (1) through (5).

(h) **Reinstatement of a provisional sales associate license wherein postlicense education was not completed prior to license expiration date.** On and after June 1, 1996, an applicant who has not successfully completed the postlicense educational requirement prior to the first license expiration date shall not be eligible to reinstate such license and shall apply and qualify as an original applicant.

(i) **Reinstatement of revoked license.** An applicant may not apply for re-license or reinstatement of license for a minimum of three (3) years from the effective date of license revocation. Upon the passage of the three (3) year period, the applicant shall be required to comply with the requirements of an original applicant.

(j) **Reinstatement of a surrendered or cancelled license.** A surrendered or cancelled applicant may be reinstated provided the applicant has received approval for re-issuance from the Commission. The following forms and fees must be submitted:

(1) **Reinstatement with term of license still current.** A surrendered or cancelled applicant whose license term is still current:

(A) Applicable reinstatement fee.

(B) Re-issuance fee.

(C) Documents as required by the Commission.

(2) **Reinstatement with term of license expired.** A surrendered or cancelled applicant whose license term has expired shall be required to comply with the requirements of (f) of this Section.

(3) **Reinstatement of provisional sales associate with term of license expired.** A surrendered or cancelled provisional sales associate whose license term has expired shall be required to comply with the following:

(A) If a provisional sales associate completed the postlicensing requirement on or before the first license expiration date, the applicant shall be eligible to reinstate the license according to 605:10-7-2 (f), (1) through (5).

(B) If a provisional sales associate did not complete the postlicensing requirement on or before the first license expiration date, the applicant shall be required to apply and qualify as an original applicant.

(k) **Continuing education requirement.** On and after July 1, 1984, each licensee with the exception of those as listed in Title 59, O.S., Section 858-307.2 (D) seeking renewal of a license must submit evidence that he or she has completed the continuing education requirements enumerated in Section 858-307.2 of Title 59. Further, on and after July 1, 1984, an applicant seeking active reinstatement of a lapsed license must submit evidence that he or she has completed continuing education requirements. The applicant must meet the continuing education requirement for each term in which an active license is requested.

(l) **Sales to broker license fee prorated.** If a real estate sales associate or provisional sales associate shall qualify for a license as a real estate broker, the unused license fee shall be credited to the broker license fee. The unused license fee credit shall commence with the first full month following the month in which the broker license is to be issued.

(m) **Licensed prior to effective date of national criminal history check and license expires ~~however eligible for reinstatement.~~**

(1) ~~A~~ Any licensee who allows their license to expire after January 1, 2008, shall be required to submit to a national criminal history check; however, such individual shall be allowed to proceed with reinstatement of such license pending receipt by the Commission of a completed fingerprint card, application Part A, and fee as stated elsewhere in these rules for the background search. If, the Commission does not receive a completed Part A of the application, completed finger print card and fee within thirty (30) days from the date their license was reinstated, the license will be placed inactive and a hold placed on the license until receipt by the Commission of the aforementioned items. Therefore, upon receipt by the Commission, the license may be reactivated so long as appropriate reactivation forms and fees, as stated elsewhere in the rules, have been received by the Commission.

(2) A Provisional Sales Associate who fails to renew and/or complete the post licensing education requirement shall be eligible to apply under the requirement under paragraph (m) (1) of this section. However; after a period of five (5) years from the date of the license expiration such applicant shall no longer be eligible to apply under this section.

(n) **Issuance of license from provisional sales associate to sales associate if licensed on and after August 1, 2001.** A provisional sales associate is required to furnish to the Commission evidence of successful completion of the Provisional Postlicense Course of Real Estate, Part II of II education requirement as set forth in Section 858-302 of Title 59, of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon successful completion of the Provisional Postlicense Course of Real Estate, Part II of II education requirement, the provisional sales associate must submit the appropriate document(s) to the Commission prior to the provisional sales associate's license expiration date for issuance

of a renewable sales associate license. The Commission shall not issue the provisional sales associate a renewable sales associate license until the end of the provisional sales associate's license term and until the provisional sales associate has successfully completed the Provisional Postlicense Course of Real Estate, Part II of II education requirement and has initiated a renewal for a renewable sales associate license.

(o) **Active status requested, however, Commission unable to activate for reasons as stated in statutes elsewhere.** In the event a licensee requests an active original license or subsequent license renewal to be issued on active status and for reasons beyond the Commission's control the licensee is unable to obtain an active license at that time, the fees as received by the Commission shall be retained and not refunded. Once the licensee corrects the problem with the appropriate regulatory agency and such agency authorizes the issuance of an active license, the Commission will then, upon receipt of an activation fee and required documentation, initiate the issuance of an active license within the respective license term.

(p) **Active sales associate to inactive broker license — no remaining credit to be given.** On and after August 1, 2001, in the event an active sales associate within six (6) months of obtaining their original license, reinstatement or license renewal qualifies for an inactive broker license, the Commission shall not credit the difference in the license fees.

605:10-7-9. Nonresident licensing

(a) **Nonresident licensed in another state jurisdiction.** A nonresident applicant may apply to the Commission for a license to operate as a nonresident by submitting all appropriate documents as required by the Commission and furnish evidence that the applicant possesses a current active license in their resident state jurisdiction or another state jurisdiction in which the applicant has qualified for a license. All nonresidents shall be required to complete the appropriate examination as required by the Commission. If, in the opinion of the Commission, there is question as to the competence of the nonresident applicant, such individual ~~may~~ shall be required to successfully complete additional educational courses ~~and/or the Oklahoma examination.~~ No inactive license experience may be credited to qualify under this Section. The Commission, at its discretion, may issue a nonresident license if, in the opinion of the Commission, such nonresident has qualified and maintains a license in another state jurisdiction and meets the following qualifications:

(1) A nonresident applicant who has been actively licensed as a sales associate or broker respectively for a minimum of two (2) years out of the previous five (5) years.

(A) A nonresident applicant that applies under this paragraph must complete and submit the following:

(i) ~~Appropriate application~~ application(s) along with application fee.

(ii) ~~Certificate~~ certification of licensure from the ~~state(s)~~ jurisdiction in which the applicant has held and/or currently holds a license.

(iii) Examination fee and successfully complete the state portion of the examination.

(iv) Consent for service of jurisdiction form.

(B) Upon the Commission granting approval to the nonresident applicant for licensure in this state jurisdiction, the applicant must complete and submit the following:

(i) Appropriate license application form(s) along with license and education and recovery fund fees.

~~(ii) Consent for service of jurisdiction form.~~

(2) A nonresident applicant who has been actively licensed less than two (2) years as a sales associate or broker respectively out of the previous five (5) years must successfully complete the appropriate examination.

(A) A nonresident applicant applying under this paragraph must complete and submit the following:

- (i) ~~Appropriate application application(s) along with examination fee.~~
- (ii) ~~Certificate certification~~ of licensure from the ~~state(s) jurisdiction~~ in which the applicant has held and/or currently holds a license.
- (iii) ~~Successfully Examination fee and successfully complete the entire~~ appropriate examination.
- (iv) ~~Consent for service of jurisdiction form.~~

(B) Upon the Commission granting approval to the nonresident applicant for licensure in this ~~state jurisdiction~~, the applicant must complete and submit the following:

- (i) Appropriate license application form(s) along with license and education and recovery fund fees.
- (ii) ~~Consent for service of jurisdiction form.~~

(b) **Nonresident agreement.** The Commission may enter into a nonresident agreement with another ~~state jurisdiction~~ and thereby qualify actively licensed nonresident applicants for licensing in this ~~state jurisdiction~~ provided the Commission determines that the educational and experience requirements of the other ~~state jurisdiction~~ are equivalent or equal to this ~~state jurisdiction~~.

(c) **Nonresident applicant that is inactive or unlicensed in another state jurisdiction.** A nonresident applicant that holds an inactive license in another ~~state jurisdiction~~ and is unable to meet the requirement under paragraph (a) of this section or an applicant who is unlicensed in another ~~state jurisdiction~~ may apply to the Commission for a license to operate as a nonresident provisional sales associate or broker by submitting all appropriate documents and successfully completing all requirements as required by the Commission.

(1) The nonresident applicant must complete and submit the following:

- (A) Appropriate ~~application application(s) along with examination fee.~~
- (B) Qualify as an original applicant by submitting proof of appropriate required education.
- (C) ~~Successfully Examination fee and successfully complete the entire~~ appropriate examination.
- (D) If applicable, ~~certificate certification~~ of licensure from the ~~state(s) jurisdiction~~ in which the applicant has held a license.
- (E) ~~Consent for service of jurisdiction form.~~

(2) Upon the Commission granting approval to the nonresident applicant for licensure in this ~~state jurisdiction~~, the applicant must complete and submit the following:

- (A) Appropriate license application form(s) along with license and education and recovery fund fees.
- (B) ~~Consent for service of jurisdiction form.~~

(d) **Consent for service of jurisdiction.** Prior to the issuance of a license to a nonresident, such nonresident shall file with the Commission a designation in writing that appoints the Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission to act as his or her licensed agent, upon whom all judicial and other process or legal notices directed to such licensee may be served. Service upon the agent so designated shall be equivalent to personal service upon the licensee. Copies of such appointment, certified by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission, shall be deemed sufficient evidence thereof and shall be admitted into evidence with the same force and effect as the original thereof. In such written designation, the licensee shall agree and stipulate that any notice or instrument which is served upon such agent shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served upon the licensee, and that the authority shall continue in force so long as any liability remains outstanding in this state. Upon receipt of any such process or notice the Secretary-Treasurer shall forthwith

mail a copy of the same, by certified mail, to the last known business address of the licensee.

(e) **License history and application requirements.** Prior to the approval of the application, the nonresident must file with the Commission a ~~certificate~~ certification of licensure from the real estate licensing jurisdiction of the licensee's resident state jurisdiction and/or other ~~state(s)~~ jurisdictions in which the applicant has held or currently holds a license. ~~The applicant shall and~~ pay the Commission the same examination fee and license fee as provided in the "~~Code~~" "Rules" for the obtaining of a resident sales associate or broker license in this state jurisdiction. The ~~certificate~~ certification of licensure shall be valid for sixty (60) days from date of issuance.

(f) **Approved application valid for ninety (90) days.** An approved application shall be valid for ninety (90) days.

(g) **Stipulations.** Nonresident licenses granted under the provisions of this Section shall remain in force, ~~unless suspended or revoked by the Commission for just cause, or for failure to pay the renewal fee,~~ only as long as such nonresident remains licensed in good standing in this state jurisdiction, in his or her resident state jurisdiction and/or any other state jurisdiction in which the nonresident is or has been licensed.

(h) **Co-brokerage arrangements.** A broker of this state jurisdiction may participate in a cooperative brokerage arrangement with a broker of another state jurisdiction provided that each broker conducts real estate activities only in the state jurisdiction in which they are licensed.

(i) **Request for license transfer.** In the event a nonresident Oklahoma licensee desires to transfer the license and obtain a resident Oklahoma license or desires to transfer the license to another ~~state or~~ jurisdiction, the nonresident licensee shall be required to meet all applicable requirements and pay the appropriate change of address fee and submit all appropriate documents as required by the Commission. In the event a resident Oklahoma licensee desires to transfer the license and obtain a nonresident Oklahoma license, the licensee shall be required to pay the appropriate change of address fee and complete and submit all appropriate documents as required by the Commission.

(j) **Continuing education.** If a nonresident licensee satisfies a continuing education requirement in another state jurisdiction for license renewal, the Commission will exempt the nonresident licensee from the continuing education requirement in this state jurisdiction. In order to qualify for the exemption, the nonresident licensee must file with the license renewal of this state jurisdiction a ~~certificate~~ certification from the state jurisdiction in which the continuing education was satisfied stating that the nonresident licensee has completed the continuing education requirement for license renewal in that state jurisdiction. The ~~certificate~~ certification from the state jurisdiction verifying the nonresident's compliance with continuing education in the other state jurisdiction must be received by the Commission within sixty (60) days of issuance by the other state jurisdiction and must be received in conjunction with license renewal.

605:10-7-10. Resident applicants currently or previously licensed in other states jurisdictions

(a) **Requirements.** In order to qualify under previously licensed procedures, an applicant must complete and submit all appropriate documents as required by the Commission and furnish evidence that the applicant possesses or has possessed a license in good standing in another ~~state(s)~~ jurisdiction. ~~No inactive license experience may be credited to qualify under this Section.~~ The Commission, at its discretion, may issue the applicant a license if such previously licensed applicant meets all of the requirements of either paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (4) of this subsection:

(1) If a nonresident agreement exists between Oklahoma and the jurisdiction in which the applicant qualified for a license, the Commission shall qualify the licensed applicant through the nonresident agreement. In order to qualify under this paragraph an individual must furnish

- evidence that the license from the former state jurisdiction has not been inactive more than six (6) months prior to application to this state jurisdiction.
- (A) An applicant applying under this paragraph must complete and submit the following:
- (i) ~~Appropriate application~~ application(s) along with application fee.
 - (ii) License certification from the state(s) jurisdiction in which the applicant has held or currently holds a license.
 - (iii) Examination fee and successfully complete the state portion of the examination.
- (B) Upon the Commission granting approval to the applicant for licensure in this state jurisdiction, the applicant must complete and submit the appropriate license application form(s) along with license and education and recovery fund fees.
- (C) An applicant qualifying under this paragraph will be issued either a sales associate, broker associate or broker license.
- (2) If a nonresident agreement does not exist, the applicant shall be required to furnish evidence of two (2) years of active experience respectively as a sales associate or broker out of the previous five (5) years. In order to qualify under this paragraph an individual must furnish evidence that the license from the former state jurisdiction has not been inactive more than six (6) months prior to application to this state jurisdiction.
- (A) An applicant applying under this paragraph must complete and submit the following:
- (i) ~~Appropriate application~~ application(s) along with application fee.
 - (ii) License certification from the state(s) jurisdiction in which the applicant has held or currently holds a license.
 - (iii) Examination fee and successfully complete the state portion of the examination.
- (B) Upon the Commission granting approval to the applicant for licensure in this state jurisdiction, the applicant must complete and submit the appropriate license application form(s) along with license and education and recovery fund fees.
- (C) An applicant qualifying under this paragraph will be issued either a sales associate, broker associate or broker license.
- (3) An applicant who does not possess the required two (2) years active experience out of the previous five (5) years respectively as a sales associate or broker, or an applicant who does not meet all of the requirements of either paragraphs (1) or (2) of this subsection, but obtained the appropriate license in the other state jurisdiction within the past five (5) years, shall be required to take and successfully complete the entire appropriate examination.
- (A) An applicant applying under this paragraph must complete and submit the following:
- (i) ~~Appropriate application~~ application(s) along with examination fee.
 - (ii) License certification from the state(s) jurisdiction in which the applicant has held or currently holds a license.
 - (iii) ~~Successfully~~ Examination fee and successfully complete the entire appropriate examination.
- (B) Upon the Commission granting approval to the applicant for licensure in this state jurisdiction, the applicant must complete and submit the appropriate license application form(s) along with license and education and recovery fund fees.
- (C) An applicant qualifying under this paragraph will be issued either a sales associate, broker associate or broker license.
- (4) An applicant who has not been actively licensed during any portion of the previous five (5) years in the other state jurisdiction shall be regarded as an original applicant; ~~however, if an applicant successfully completed the appropriate real estate course approved in another state for real estate licensure and such course's duration is equivalent to Oklahoma's hourly course requirements, the applicant may be granted to sit for the appropriate examination and shall be regarded as an original applicant.~~
- (A) An applicant applying under this paragraph must complete and submit the following:
- (i) ~~Appropriate application~~ application(s) along with examination fee.
 - (ii) License certification from the state(s) jurisdiction in which the applicant has held or currently holds a license.
 - (iii) Qualify as an original applicant by submitting appropriate required education.
 - (iv) ~~Successfully~~ complete the entire appropriate examination.

(B) Upon the Commission granting approval to the applicant for licensure in this state jurisdiction, the applicant must complete and submit the appropriate license application form(s) along with license and education and recovery fund fees.

(C) An applicant qualifying under this paragraph will be issued either a provisional sales associate, broker associate or broker license.

(b) **May be required to submit to additional requirements.** If, in the opinion of the Commission, there is question as to the competence of the previously licensed applicant, such individual may be required to submit to additional educational courses and/or the Oklahoma examination.

~~(c) **Application requirements.** Any applicant seeking to transfer his or her license to Oklahoma from another state must pay the required examination and regular license fee, whether or not the examination from the other state is accepted for substitution. Prior to the issuance of any license, the applicant must file with the Commission a certificate of licensure from the state(s) in which the applicant has held or currently holds a license. The certificate of licensure shall be valid for sixty (60) days from date of issuance. No inactive license experience may be credited to qualify under this Section. Such approved application shall be valid for ninety (90) days.~~

SUBCHAPTER 13. TRUST ACCOUNT PROCEDURES

605:10-13-1. Duty to account; broker

(a) Deposit and account of trust/escrow funds.

(1) The obligation of a broker to remit monies, valuable documents and other property coming into his or her possession within the meaning of subparagraph six (6), Section 858-312 of the "Code" shall be construed to include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(A) Shall deposit all checks and monies of whatever kind and nature belonging to others in a separate account in a financial institution wherein the deposits are insured by an agency of the federal government.

(B) The broker is required to be a signor on the account.

(C) The account must be in the name of the broker as it appears on the license or trade name as registered with the Commission and styled as a trust or escrow account and shall be maintained by the broker as a depository for deposits belonging to others.

(D) All escrow funds shall be deposited before the end of the third banking day following acceptance of an offer by an offeree unless otherwise agreed to in writing by all interested parties.

(E) The broker shall maintain such funds in said account until the transaction involved is consummated or terminated and proper accounting made.

(F) The broker shall at all times, maintain an accurate and detailed record thereof.

(2) Funds referred to in this subsection shall include, but are not limited to earnest money deposits, money received upon final settlements, rents, security deposits, money advanced by buyer or seller for the payment of expenses in connection with closing of real estate transactions, and money advanced by his or her principal or others for expenditures on behalf of subject principal.

(b) **Commingling prohibited.** A broker may not keep any personal funds in the trust account except amounts sufficient to insure the integrity of the account and cover any charges made by the financial institution for servicing the trust or escrow account.

(c) **Interest bearing account.** A broker shall not be prohibited from placing escrow monies in an interest bearing account; however, he or she must disclose in writing to all parties that the account bears interest and identify the party receiving the interest. The Commission does not prohibit the broker from receiving the earned interest. In the event the interest is credited to the broker, the broker should, upon final consummation of the transaction, immediately disburse the interest from the account or insure that the amount does not exceed a reasonable amount to cover

normal financial institution charges. The broker is required to maintain complete and accurate records of the interest earned. The interest bearing account must be a demand type account; this prohibits the use of certificate of deposit or other types of time deposits as trust/escrow accounts.

(d) **Trust account not mandatory unless funds or items are held.** A broker shall not be required to maintain a trust or escrow account unless monies or other depositable items belonging to others are accepted by the broker and require the broker to place the monies or items in the broker's trust account.

(e) **Trust accounts must be registered with commission.** A broker shall be required to notify the Commission in writing of all trust or escrow accounts, security deposit accounts, rental management operating accounts, and interest bearing accounts in which trust funds are held. Further, if a broker is a signor on a principal's account, the broker shall register that account as a trust account. A broker shall inform the Commission in writing of any accounts which are closed and no longer in use.

(f) **Settlement statement to be furnished.** A broker shall insure that a signed settlement statement is furnished in each real estate transaction wherein he or she acts as broker, at the time such transaction is consummated.

(g) **Payment of funds.** A broker shall pay over all sums of money held by him or her promptly after the closing of any transaction, provided, that upon any hearing to suspend or revoke his or her license under this Section, the failure to pay over any sums of money held by him or her within three (3) days after a closing shall be prima facie evidence of a violation by such person under the provisions of this Section.

(h) **Return of earnest money or items.** In the event a transaction does not consummate, a broker shall promptly disburse the earnest money or items to the proper party in accordance with the terms of the contract. In the event a dispute arises prior to the disbursement, the broker shall follow rule 605:10-13-3 or may file an interpleader action with the appropriate court.

(i) **Documents furnished to all parties.** A broker shall insure the delivery of a copy of all instruments to

any party or parties executing the same, where such instrument has been prepared by the broker or his or her associates and relates to the agreement with his or her principal or pertains to the real estate transaction in which he or she or one of the associates has participated.

(j) **Inform all parties pertaining to escrow being held.** A broker shall insure that all parties of each transaction are informed of the details relating to the escrow including, but not limited to, a statement as to the nature of a non-depositable item, the value of the item, and in whose custody the item is being placed.

(k) **Bookkeeping system required.** A broker shall maintain a bookkeeping system i.e., canceled checks,

check book, deposit receipts, general accounts ledger, etc. which will accurately and clearly disclose full compliance with the Law relating to the maintaining of trust accounts.

(l) **Record retention.** A broker shall maintain all records and files for a minimum of five (5) years after consummation or termination of a transaction. In the case of trust account records the five years shall commence with the date of disbursal of funds. Records as referenced in this paragraph shall be destroyed in a secure manner.

(m) **Requirements for storage of records on alternative media.** The Real Estate Commission establishes the following requirements for storage of trust account and transaction records on alternative media, e.g. compact disk, optical disk, microfilm, etc.:

(1) Trust account records shall be maintained by the broker in their original format for a minimum of two (2) years. Trust account records may then be transferred to an alternative media for the remaining required record retention time.

(2) Records, with the exception of trust account records, may be transferred at any time to an alternative media for the remaining required retention time.

(3) After documents are converted to alternative media, a quality assurance check shall be done to ensure that every document was imaged and can be reproduced in a legible and readable condition on a display device.

(4) After the quality assurance check is completed, the original documents may be destroyed.

(5) A broker shall maintain the alternative media and a means of viewing and retrieving records, and shall provide a true, correct and legible paper copy to the Commission upon request.

(6) A broker shall store copies of the alternative media and the equipment used to read the media in an environment and at a level of quality conducive to maintain the ability to reproduce the media throughout the retention period. Reproduce means a process in which a document can be converted from the alternative media to a paper copy that is legible and able to be read.

(7) A broker shall maintain no less than two (2) copies of the alternative media.

(n) **Cessation of real estate activities.** Upon a firm ceasing a portion of real estate activities or ceasing all real estate activities the broker shall:

(1) Notify the Commission in writing of the effective date of such action and advise as to the location where records will be stored and comply with the following:

(A) Return the broker's license certificate and pocket identification card and all license certificates of those associated with the broker to the Commission and advise the Commission as to the circumstances involving any not returned.

(B) Release forms must be filed for all licensees affiliated with the firm.

(C) The broker must either transfer to a new firm or place his or her license on inactive status.

(2) Notify in writing all listing and management clients, as well as parties and co-brokers to existing contracts advising them of the date of cessation of real estate activities.

(3) All advertising in the name of the firm must be terminated and offering signs removed within thirty (30) days of cessation of real estate activities.

(4) Funds in trust accounts and pending contracts must be maintained by the responsible broker until consummation of transaction and final proper disbursement of funds. Upon final disbursements of funds the broker is required to close the account and notify the Commission in writing that the account is closed.

(5) In the event the responsible broker is unable to continue to maintain the funds and/or pending contracts, funds and/or pending contracts may be transferred to another authorized broker, entity or legal representative until consummation and proper disbursement of funds. In this event, the broker must submit a request in writing to the Commission for approval to transfer the contracts and/or funds. Upon written approval by the Commission, the broker must secure approval and obtain new agreements from all parties for transfer of the contracts and/or funds.

(6) If funds, items and/or contracts are transferred to another authorized broker, entity or legal representative and approved by the Commission, the broker transferring such shall be required to compile a record of the following, retain a copy for his or her file and give a copy to the receiving authorized broker, entity or legal representative:

(A) A copy of the written approval from the Commission authorizing the transfer of the contracts and/or funds.

(B) The name and address of the authorized broker, entity or legal representative.

(C) A trust account reconciliation sheet indicating ledger balance and financial institution balance at time of transfer to include the name of each depositor, amount of deposit, date, and purpose of the deposit.

(D) A statement indicating that written agreements were obtained from all parties to each transaction agreeing to the transfer of the funds and/or contracts to another responsible broker, authorized entity or legal representative and that each depositor was notified of the effective date of transfer, and the name of the responsible person or entity.

SUBCHAPTER 15. DISCLOSURES

605:10-15-4. Residential Property Condition Disclosure Act forms

(a) **Development and amendment of forms.** In accordance with Oklahoma Statutes, Title 60, Section 833 the Commission shall develop and amend by rule the forms for the Residential Property Condition Disclosure Statement and Residential Property Condition Disclaimer Statement. Effective ~~November 1, 2003~~ July 11, 2008 the disclosure statement is amended and all disclosure forms executed prior to ~~November 1, 2003~~ July 11, 2008 will remain in force and valid until expiration of the 180 days from the date noted thereon.

(b) **Availability of forms.** The forms shall be available to the public upon request on and after July 1, 1995.

(c) **Copy of form format.** The Residential Property Condition Disclosure Statement as referenced in this section is set out in Appendix A at the end of this Chapter. The Residential Property Condition Disclaimer Statement as referenced in this section is set out in Appendix B at the end of this Chapter.