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## PRESS RELEASE

### CHANGES IN MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION STANDARDS APPROVED FOR REAL ESTATE LICENSEES

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The Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) gave final approval during its meeting on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to several key revisions in mandatory continuing education (MCE) rules as recommended by the Commission's Education Task Force.

A number of MCE policy changes and technical clarifications will become effective June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year covering curricula, classroom procedures, and the approval process for education providers. Among the major changes will be a new policy allowing MCE courses to be taught within real estate brokerage offices, provided that instruction is offered only in physical areas that are conducive to learning and isolated from brokerage work activities. Clarification regarding how instructors may withhold course credit from students who are disruptive in any classroom are also included. Other newly adopted rules allow the Commission to approve real estate MCE instructors on their ability to teach within relevant subject areas, rather than on the basis of specific individual courses as currently provided.

Also under new procedural rules, approved single course offerings may now be repeated up to four times during a one year period as long as the provider remains qualified to teach the curriculum. Providers must pay a \$25 fee to the Commission, as well as submit a notification regarding the location, schedule, and provider fees charged to students for each subsequent offering of the MCE single course.

In other policy changes, the Commission approved a series of new rules governing standards for real estate inspections. These requirements become effective September 1, 2000, and will update current levels of practice for inspectors in examining physical conditions typically found in residential and other real property.