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## Updated Contract Forms Available

*Adopted TREC Contract Forms are Ready for Use*

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AUSTIN, TX – Newly approved residential contract forms are now available and may be downloaded from the TREC website in fillable PDF format. Use of these new forms is mandatory as of January 1, 2016. The Texas Real Estate Commission adopted several changes to the agency's residential contracts at their November 2, 2015 meeting.

Texas real estate license holders are required to use the current forms promulgated by TREC when negotiating contracts for the sale of real property. Consumers and others may also use the forms for free, however the agency suggests having them reviewed by an experienced real estate attorney. The forms are drafted by the Texas Real Estate Broker-Lawyer Committee, a 13-member advisory body to the Commission, with six attorneys appointed by the President of the State Bar of Texas, six brokers appointed by TREC, and one public member appointed by the Governor.

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The Broker-Lawyer Committee revised the contract forms to align the contracts with federal rule changes promulgated by the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB) in the TILA-RESPA Disclosure rules, which became effective October 3, 2015; and with state statutory changes enacted by the 84th Legislature in HB 1665, SB 1367, and SB 1168, which became effective September 1, 2015. Additional revisions to the contracts were made to address other important issues that have arisen since the last contract revisions or due to recent court cases.

To see all the contract forms and the changes adopted, please go to the TREC website at [www.trec.texas.gov](http://www.trec.texas.gov). Changes to Texas promulgated contracts are made periodically to ensure the continued protection of consumers of real estate services in Texas.