



# TEXAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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### REAL ESTATE BROKER EDUCATION TOPS TREC ISSUES; ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS ALSO TO BE CONSIDERED

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Proposed changes in education and experience requirements are expected to dominate discussion at the next meeting of the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC). Changes in rules governing educational requirements for licensing of real estate salespersons and brokers could be significant, and may affect several aspects of qualification standards. A number of issues are expected to be addressed in detail including acceptable courses offered by qualified providers; criteria for real estate school accreditation; instructor approval; daily class length; and course examination requirements.

Commissioners also plan to revisit the topic of requiring licensure for individuals located out-of-state who engage in real estate brokerage practices within Texas by way of the Internet or through other communication means. An effort will be made to further clarify and define certain types of brokerage activities and circumstances that will require obtaining a Texas real estate license. Additional consideration of these activities occurs following the Commission's previous adoption of rules requiring a license for those outside of the state who contact Texas consumers to provide real estate broker or salesperson services.

Among other items on the agenda, possible action will be taken to appoint two members of the Texas Real Estate Broker-Lawyer Committee. Appointment of two members will also be considered for the Texas Mortgage Broker Advisory Committee that is being established under the newly enacted state Mortgage Broker License Act.

**The Commission meeting will begin at 9:00 AM on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Conference Room #235 of the Texas Real Estate Commission Headquarters; 1101 Camino La Costa, in Austin.**