

Nonresident Provisional Brokers

The postlicensing education requirements for nonresident provisional brokers are the same as shown for resident [provisional brokers](#). *Nonresident provisional brokers should read the information provided for resident provisional brokers having the same license status category.* There are, however, some **additional options for nonresidents** to satisfy the **education** options and a couple of other differences as noted below.

Very Important! Please Read! *If you have a North Carolina address as EITHER your business address, mailing address OR residence address, you are considered to be a North Carolina resident for postlicensing education purposes and must either take the postlicensing courses in North Carolina or obtain a waiver pursuant to the instructions described above for all provisional brokers.* Therefore, if you have provided the Commission with a North Carolina business or mailing address, you will be treated as a resident for postlicensing education purposes, even if you actually reside in another state.

Options for Nonresident Provisional Brokers to Satisfy Education Requirements

Since the postlicensing courses *are currently only available as live instruction courses in North Carolina*, it may not be feasible for most nonresident provisional brokers to come to North Carolina and take these courses. Consequently, the Commission has created some alternative options for fulfilling these education requirements. [NOTE: Options 2 and 3 are not available to North Carolina resident provisional brokers.]

Option #1: Complete the postlicensing courses in North Carolina.

Option #2: Complete “**equivalent**” education in another state.

•	Provisional brokers must take 90 hours of education in the first three years after initial licensure (minimum of 30 hours each year by the appropriate anniversary or deadline date) in order to retain eligibility for active status.
•	Courses may include postlicensing education, broker prelicensing education, or continuing education.
•	Postlicensing or broker prelicensing courses must have been taken within three (3) years prior to seeking credit for them.
•	Courses must be approved by the real estate licensing agency in the other state.
•	Courses may be any length. Credit will be awarded for hours completed.
•	Continuing education must have been completed during the same license period for which credit is sought and <i>must be taken in addition to any courses required to satisfy the licensee’s CE requirement in his/her state of residence.</i>
•	Licensee must submit copies of course completion certificates along with a letter including name and NC license number and requesting equivalent education credit to the Commission, Attention: Postlicensing Education Credit.

Option #3: Obtain a **broker license in another state.**

•	Submit certification of license history showing broker licensure from appropriate state, along with letter including name and NC license number to the Commission, Attention: Postlicensing Education Credit.
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Special Notes for All Provisional Brokers

•	Termination of Provisional Status. All individual license certificates now indicate that the licensee is a “broker.” Designation as a PB, PB9 or PBT appears only on license pocket cards. When a broker’s “provisional” status is terminated upon completion of required education (or demonstration of other permitted qualifications), the broker will automatically be sent a new pocket card, but not a new license certificate. The license number will remain the same.
•	Reminder Notice. Provisional brokers will be sent one postlicensing education reminder notice approximately 90 days before their anniversary or deadline date. <i>Do not wait until the last minute to obtain needed education!</i>

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