

PROPOSED PERMANENT RULEMAKING

In accordance with N.C.G.S. §150B-19.1(c), the Real Estate Commission (“Commission”) hereby gives notice that it has submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings - Rules Review Commission for publication in the *North Carolina Register* the Notice of Text for proposed rule adoption and amendments under consideration. No federal certifications or fiscal notes are required for any of these proposed changes.

The Notice of Text includes summaries that cite each rule affected and explains the reason for the proposed change. Changes to the proposed rule text are reflected by underscoring text that will be added and striking through text that will be deleted.

A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held via webinar only on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Please sign-up using the below link to receive the webinar instructions that will be emailed to all registered participants on October 20, 2020.

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Comments concerning the proposed rules will be accepted beginning September 15, 2020, and continue through November 16, 2020. Members of the public may submit oral or written comments on any proposed rules during the comment period by contacting the Commission’s Rulemaking Coordinator as follows:

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Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review:

If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission (“RRC”). If the RRC receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the RRC approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The RRC will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the RRC approves the rule. The RRC will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the RRC, please call a RRC staff attorney at 919-431-3000.



NOTICE OF TEXT

[Authority G.S. 150B-21.2(c)]

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1. Rule-Making Agency: [Real Estate Commission](#)

2. Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): www.ncrec.gov

3. Proposed Action -- Check the appropriate box(es) and list rule citation(s) beside proposed action:

ADOPTION: [21 NCAC 58H .0415](#)

AMENDMENT: [21 NCAC 58H .0101, .0204-.0205, .0207, .0209, .0401](#)

REPEAL:

READOPTION with substantive changes:

READOPTION without substantive changes:

REPEAL through READOPTION:

4. Proposed effective date: [01/01/2021](#)

5. Is a public hearing planned? [Yes](#)

If yes:

Date	Time	Location
10/21/2020	9:00 a.m.	In an abundance of caution and to address protective measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, this public hearing will be held by webinar only. https://ncrec.zoom.us/j/99151235905?pwd=emxKeF15ZFV2ckZMb2tsQTFSchllQT09

6. If no public hearing is scheduled, provide instructions on how to demand a public hearing:

7. Explain Reason For Proposed Rule(s):

21 NCAC 58H .0101 – DEFINITIONS

Amend this Rule to define and clarify terms within Subchapter 58H.

21 NCAC 58H .0204 - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DISCLOSURE

Amend this Rule to require an education provider's Policies and Procedures Disclosure include a list of all course and reference materials, course completion requirements, and if an education provider is offering distance education, synchronous distance learning, or blended learning courses, to also include a list of hardware and software for the course, the contact information for technical support, and a description of how the end-of-course examination shall be administered to the student.

21 NCAC 58H .0205 - COURSE MATERIALS

Amend this Rule to require courses utilize course materials and that education providers must verify each student has the course materials no later than the first class session.

21 NCAC 58H .0207 – COURSE COMPLETION CERTIFICATES AND REPORTS

Amend this Rule to clarify that Prelicensing and Postlicensing courses offered as synchronous distance learning and in-person courses must attend at least 80% of scheduled hours and distance education courses must complete all units and assessments before issuance of a course completion certificate. Amend this Rule to also clarify that an education provider must provide a course completion certificate within 180 days of enrollment to students successfully completing a Postlicensing course and clarify that no per student fee shall be charged to public education providers.

21 NCAC 58H .0209 – EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF EDUCATION PROVIDER CERTIFICATION

Amend this Rule to require all education providers certify that the course meets the requirements of Subchapter 58H on the certification renewal application. Amend this Rule to also require education providers to modify approved courses to comply with Subchapter 58H on or before July 1, 2021.

21 NCAC 58H .0401 – APPROVAL OF A REAL ESTATE COURSE

Amend this Rule to require education providers applying for original course approval to submit a description of the mechanism for verifying course materials and a copy of the course guide. Amend this Rule to require education providers applying for distance education courses to also submit a timed outline with the original course approval application. Amend this Rule to require education providers applying for synchronous distance learning to also submit a description of the mechanism for verifying course materials, a list of necessary hardware and software, and the technical support contact information with the original course approval application. Amend this Rule to deny course approval if the course cannot be reviewed or does not meet the minimum course hours. Amend this Rule to require education providers applying for a currently approved course to submit a description of the mechanism for verifying course materials, end-of-course examination proctoring, and method for verification of student attendance, a list of necessary hardware and software, and the technical support contact information with the original course approval application.

21 NCAC 58H .0415 – DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES

Adopt this Rule to set distance education course requirements.

8. Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or email. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Rule(s) is automatically subject to legislative review. Cite statutory reference:

9. The person to whom written comments may be submitted on the proposed rule(s):

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10. Comment Period Ends: [11/16/2020](#)

11. Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

[No fiscal note required](#)

12. Rule-making Coordinator:

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13. The Agency formally proposed the text of this rule(s) on

Date: [08/12/2020](#)

1 21 NCAC 58H .0101 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **SUBCHAPTER 58H - REAL ESTATE EDUCATION**

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5 **SECTION .0100 – GENERAL**

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7 **21 NCAC 58H .0101 DEFINITIONS**

8 The following definitions apply throughout this Subchapter and to all forms prescribed pursuant to this Chapter:

- 9 (1) “Assessment” means a quiz or evaluation that tests a student’s mastery of the learning objective.
- 10 ~~(2)~~(2) “Blended learning” means a any combination of ~~Distance education and~~ distance education,
11 synchronous distance learning, and in-person methods of instruction.
- 12 ~~(3)~~(3) “Branch location” means any location in addition to the principal address of an education provider
13 that offers Prelicensing or Postlicensing Courses.
- 14 ~~(4)~~(4) “Continuing ~~Education~~” education” means a continuing education elective or Update Course.
- 15 ~~(5)~~(5) “Distance education” means a method of instruction accomplished through the use of media
16 whereby teacher and student are separated by distance and time.
- 17 ~~(6)~~(6) “End-of-course examination” means an examination administered at the conclusion of a course that
18 tests students' knowledge and mastery of all course subjects mandated by the Commission
19 prescribed course syllabus.
- 20 ~~(7)~~(7) “Instructional hour” means 50 minutes of instruction and 10 minutes of break time.
- 21 ~~(8)~~(8) “Instructor development program” means courses of instruction designed to assist real estate
22 instructors in the performance of Prelicensing, Postlicensing, or ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing
23 education instructor duties or in the development of teaching skills.
- 24 ~~(9)~~(9) “Learning objective” means a brief statement of what a student will be able to do after completing
25 a unit or course. A learning objective shall be structured in accordance with Bloom’s Taxonomy.
- 26 ~~(10)~~(10) “License Examination Performance Record” means the percentage of an instructor's or ~~school's~~
27 education provider's students who, within 30 days of completing a Prelicensing course pursuant to
28 ~~21 NCAC 58H .0210(a), 21 NCAC 58H .0207(a),~~ take and pass the license examination, as defined
29 in 21 NCAC 58A .0402, on their first attempt.
- 30 ~~(11)~~(11) “Postlicensing course” means any one of the courses comprising the 90 hour Postlicensing education
31 program pursuant to G.S. 93A-4(a1) and 21 NCAC 58A .1902.
- 32 ~~(12)~~(12) “Prelicensing course” means a single course consisting of at least 75 hours of instruction on subjects
33 prescribed by the Commission pursuant to G.S. 93A-4(a).
- 34 ~~(13)~~(13) “Public education provider” means any proprietary business or trade school licensed by the State
35 Board of Community Colleges under G.S. 115D-90 or approved by the Board of Governors of the
36 University of North Carolina that conducts approved real estate courses.

1 (14) “Syllabus” means a document that includes each topic and subtopic addressed during the course and
2 for each topic and subtopic describes the scope and depth of coverage, timing, and references to
3 course materials, and also demonstrates opportunities for student interactions throughout the course,
4 such as discussion boards, chat areas, group activities, and quizzes.

5 ~~(12)~~(15) "Synchronous distance learning" distance learning” means the instructor and students are separated
6 only by distance and not time, allowing for real-time monitoring of student participation.

7 ~~(13)~~(16) "Update Courses" mean means the General Update Course and the Broker-in-Charge Update
8 Course.

9 (17) “Unit” means a segment of distance education that is based upon a topic or subtopic in the course
10 syllabus that lasts no longer than one hour.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 93A-4; 93A-32; 93A-33; 93A-38.5;*

13 *Eff. July 1, 2017;*

14 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2021; July 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 58H .0204 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 58H .0204 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DISCLOSURE**

4 (a) An education provider shall publish to prospective students a Policies and Procedures Disclosure.

5 (b) In addition to the information required by G.S. 93A-34(c)(5), an education provider's Policies and Procedures
6 Disclosure shall include:

- 7 (1) the name and address of the Commission, along with a statement that any complaints concerning
8 the education provider or its instructors should be directed to the Commission;
- 9 (2) a statement that the education provider shall not discriminate in its admissions policy or practice
10 against any person on the basis of age, sex, race, color, national origin, familial status, handicap
11 status, or religion;
- 12 (3) the education provider's most recent annual License Examination Performance Record and the
13 Annual Summary Report data as published by the Commission;
- 14 (4) the all-inclusive tuition and fees for a each particular course;
- 15 (5) a written course cancellation and refund policy; ~~and~~
- 16 (6) a list of all course and reference materials required;
- 17 (7) the course completion requirements pursuant to Rule .0207 of this Section and 21 NCAC 58A .1705;
18 and
- 19 ~~(6)(8)~~ a signed certification acknowledging the student's receipt of the Policies and Procedures Disclosure
20 prior to payment of any portion of tuition or registration fee without the right to a full refund.

21 (c) In addition to the information required in Paragraph (b) of this Rule and G.S. 93A-34(c)(5), an education provider
22 offering distance education, synchronous distance learning, or blended learning courses shall include:

- 23 (1) a list of hardware and software or other equipment necessary to offer and complete the course;
24 (2) the contact information for technical support; and
25 (3) a description of how the end-of-course examination shall be administered to the student.

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27 *History Note: Authority G.S. 93A-4; 93A-33; 93A-34;*
28 *Eff. July 1, 2017;*
29 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2021; July 1, 2020.*
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1 21 NCAC 58H .0205 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 58H .0205 COURSE MATERIALS**

4 (a) ~~Course materials shall~~ All courses shall be required to have course materials that cover current North Carolina
5 real estate related laws, rules, and practices. The nature and depth of subject matter coverage shall be consistent with
6 the competency and instructional levels prescribed by the syllabus for the course for which approval is sought.

7 (b) Postlicensing courses shall utilize the current edition of the North Carolina Real Estate Manual. The North
8 Carolina Real Estate Manual may be purchased on the Commission's website in electronic format for twenty five
9 dollars (\$25.00) per license year and as a print publication for fifty dollars (\$50.00).

10 (c) Education providers shall verify each student has the course materials no later than the first class session.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 93A-4(d); 93A-33; 93A-34;*

13 *Eff. July 1, 2017;*

14 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2021; July 1, 2020.*

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1 21 NCAC 58H .0207 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 58H .0207 COURSE COMPLETION CERTIFICATES AND REPORTS**

4 (a) For each Prelicensing course taught, an education provider shall provide a course completion certificate within
5 180 days of enrollment that is signed by the education director to each student that:

6 (1) in synchronous distance learning and in-person courses attends attend at least 80 percent of all
7 scheduled instructional hours; ~~and~~ or

8 (2) in distance education completes all units and assessments; and

9 ~~(2)(3)~~ obtains a grade of at least a 75 percent on the end-of-course examination.

10 (b) For each Postlicensing course taught, an education provider shall provide a course completion certificate within
11 180 days of enrollment that is signed by the education director to each student that:

12 (1) in synchronous distance learning and in-person courses attends attend at least ~~ninety~~ 90 percent of
13 all scheduled instructional hours; ~~and~~ or

14 (2) in distance education completes all units and assessments; and

15 ~~(2)(3)~~ obtains a grade of at least a 75 percent on the end-of-course examination.

16 (c) The end-of-course examination shall be proctored and students shall not use textbooks or other materials on the
17 end-of-course examination. End-of-course examinations administered in a distance education, blended learning, or
18 synchronous ~~distance learning~~ distance learning course shall include proctoring or other security measures designed
19 to verify the identity of the student taking the examination and ensure that students are not using textbooks or other
20 materials on the end-of-course examination.

21 (d) For each ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing education course taught, an education provider shall provide a course
22 completion certificate signed by the education director to each student that meets the requirements of 21 NCAC 58A
23 .1705.

24 (e) The course completion certificate shall identify the course, date of completion, student, and instructor.

25 (f) An education director shall submit a Course Completion Report within seven calendar days of any student
26 completing any real estate course pursuant to the education provider's Policies and Procedures Disclosure. The Course
27 Completion Report shall include:

28 (1) each student's legal name;

29 (2) each student's email address and telephone number;

30 (3) each student's unique identification number, if reporting a Prelicensing course;

31 (4) each student's real estate broker license number, if applicable;

32 (5) the course completion date;

33 (6) the education provider's name and number;

34 (7) the course number; and

35 (8) the instructor's name and number;

1 (g) For each Prelicensing or Postlicensing course taught, an education director shall submit a Summary Report no
2 later than the fifth day of the month. The Summary Report shall contain the previous month's data. The Summary
3 Report shall include the:

- 4 (1) name of the instructor(s);
- 5 (2) title of course(s);
- 6 (3) number of students who paid tuition in each course and did not receive a refund;
- 7 (4) number of students who met all course requirements pursuant to Paragraph (a) and (b) of this Rule;
- 8 and
- 9 (5) number of students who satisfied ~~Subparagraph~~ Subparagraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) and (b)(1) or (b)(2)
10 of this Rule but did not satisfy Subparagraph (a)(2) and (b)(2) (a)(3) and (b)(3) of this Rule.

11 (h) Education providers shall electronically submit the per student fee prescribed by G.S. 93A-4(a2) and G.S. 93A-
12 38.5(d). No fee shall be required for public education providers or an agency of federal, state, or local government.

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14 *History Note: Authority G.S. 93A-4(d); 93A-33; 93A-34;*
15 *Eff. July 1, 2017;*
16 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2021; July 1, 2020.*

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1 21 NCAC 58H .0209 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 58H .0209 EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF EDUCATION PROVIDER CERTIFICATION**

4 (a) All education provider and public education provider certifications shall expire annually on June 30 following
5 certification.

6 (b) An education provider or public education provider seeking renewal of its certification shall submit an electronic
7 application which shall include the following information:

- 8 (1) the education provider or public education provider's:
9 (A) name;
10 (B) number;
11 (C) mailing address;
12 (D) telephone number; and
13 (E) website address, if applicable; and
14 (2) the education director's name and signature;
15 (3) all approved real estate courses offered;
16 (4) a copy of the education provider's Policies and Procedures Disclosure, if applicable; ~~and~~
17 (5) proof of bond as required in G.S. 93A-36, if ~~applicable.~~ applicable; and
18 (6) a certification that the course meets the requirements of Subchapter 58H.

19 (c) Public education providers shall not be charged any fees to renew the education provider certification or course
20 renewal.

21 (d) The education provider certification renewal fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each education
22 provider location.

23 (e) The renewal fee for an education provider to offer a Prelicensing or Postlicensing course at any of its locations
24 during the licensed period shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per Prelicensing or Postlicensing course.

25 (f) The renewal fee for an education provider to renew an approved continuing education elective course shall be fifty
26 dollars (\$50.00) per elective course.

27 (g) The materials fee for an education provider to renew an Update course approval shall be one hundred dollars
28 (\$100.00).

29 (h) If an education provider or public education provider certification has expired, the education provider shall submit
30 an application for original certification pursuant to Rule .0202 of this Subchapter.

31 (i) Commission approval of all ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing education courses shall expire on June 30. In order
32 to obtain approval for an expired ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing education course, an education provider shall
33 submit an original application pursuant to Rule .0401 of this Subchapter.

34 (j) If an education provider transfers an aggregate of 50 percent or more of the ownership interest, the education
35 provider shall notify the Commission in writing within 10 days of the transfer.

36 (k) On or before July 1, 2021, all education providers shall modify approved courses to comply with Subchapter 58H.

1 *History Note: Authority G.S. 93A-3(f); 93A-4; 93A-33; 93A-34(b); 93A-35(b); 93A-36; 93A-38.5(d);*
2 *Eff. July 1, 2017;*
3 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2021; July 1, 2020; July 1, 2019.*

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1 21 NCAC 58H .0401 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **SECTION .0400 - REAL ESTATE COURSES**
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5 **21 NCAC 58H .0401 APPROVAL OF A REAL ESTATE EDUCATION COURSE**

6 (a) Prior to obtaining the Commission's written approval of a real estate education course, education providers shall
7 not offer, advertise, or otherwise represent that any real estate education course is, or may be, approved for credit in
8 North Carolina.

9 (b) An education provider seeking original approval of a proposed course shall complete an application on a form
10 available on the Commission's website that requires the applicant to set ~~forth the~~ forth:

- 11 (1) the title of the proposed course;
- 12 (2) the education provider's legal name, address, and telephone number;
- 13 (3) the education director's legal ~~name~~; name and signature;
- 14 (4) the education provider's number;
- 15 (5) the credit hours awarded for completing the course;
- 16 (6) the subject matter of the course;
- 17 (7) the identity of the course owner;
- 18 (8) the written permission of the course owner, if other than the applicant;
- 19 (9) the identity of prospective instructors;
- 20 (10) a description of the method by which the education provider will proctor the end-of-course
21 examination for Prelicensing and Postlicensing courses; ~~and~~
- 22 ~~(11) education director's signature.~~
- 23 (11) a description of the mechanism used for verification of possession of required course materials; and
- 24 (12) a copy of the course guide, which shall include:
 - 25 (A) course objectives;
 - 26 (B) learning objectives for each topic;
 - 27 (C) a course syllabus;
 - 28 (D) instructional methods and aids to be employed; and
 - 29 (E) all course materials that will be provided to students.

30 ~~(e) The application for original approval shall be accompanied by a copy of the course guide, which shall include:~~

- 31 ~~(1) course objectives;~~
- 32 ~~(2) learning objectives for each topic;~~
- 33 ~~(3) a timed outline;~~
- 34 ~~(4) instructional methods and aids to be employed; and~~
- 35 ~~(5) all materials that will be provided to students.~~

36 ~~(d)(c)~~ An applicant seeking approval to offer a distance education, synchronous distance learning, or blended learning
37 education course shall submit an application for original approval pursuant to Paragraph (b) of this Rule as well as:

- 1 (1) a full copy of the course on the medium to be utilized for ~~instruction, except for synchronous~~
2 ~~distance learning; instruction;~~
- 3 (2) a description of the method by which the education provider will verify and record student
4 attendance;
- 5 (3) a list of hardware and software or other equipment necessary to both offer and complete the course;
- 6 (4) the contact information for the technical support service for the course;
- 7 ~~(5) a copy of the student orientation and course tutorial information; and~~
- 8 ~~(6)(5) all hardware and software necessary to review the submitted course at the expense of the applicant,~~
9 ~~except for synchronous distance learning; applicant; and~~
- 10 (6) an outline demonstrating the course meets the minimum course hours measured by a reading speed
11 of 225 words per minute and the actual duration of audio and video files.

12 (d) An applicant seeking approval to offer a synchronous distance learning course shall submit an application for
13 original approval pursuant to Paragraph (b) of this Rule as well as:

- 14 (1) a description of the method by which the education provider will verify and record student
15 attendance;
- 16 (2) a list of hardware and software or other equipment necessary to both offer and complete the course;
17 and
- 18 (3) the contact information for the technical support service for the course.

19 (e) An applicant seeking approval to offer a blended learning course shall submit an application for original approval
20 pursuant to Paragraph (b) of this Rule as well as the additional information pursuant to Paragraphs (c) and (d) of this
21 Rule, as applicable, for each instructional method.

22 (f) An application pursuant to Paragraph (c) of this Rule shall not be approved by the Commission if:

- 23 (1) the course cannot be reviewed in its entirety; or
- 24 (2) the course does not meet the minimum course hours pursuant to NCGS 93A-4 and 21 NAC 58A
25 .1702 measured by a reading speed of 225 words per minute and the actual duration of audio and
26 video files.

27 ~~(e)(g)~~ An education provider seeking approval to offer ~~an already~~ a currently approved course shall complete an
28 application on a form available on the Commission's website that requires the applicant to set forth the:

- 29 (1) title of the course;
- 30 (2) applicant's legal name, address, and telephone number;
- 31 (3) applicant's education director's legal name;
- 32 (4) applicant's education provider number;
- 33 (5) identity of the course owner;
- 34 (6) written permission of the course owner, if other than the applicant;
- 35 (7) identity of prospective ~~instructors, if applicable; instructors;~~
- 36 (8) certification that the originally approved course will not be altered; ~~and~~
- 37 (9) a description of the mechanism used for verification of possession of required course materials;

1 (10) a description of the method by which the education provider will proctor the end-of-course
2 examination for Prelicensing and Postlicensing courses;

3 (11) a description of the method by which the education provider will verify and record student
4 attendance;

5 ~~(9)(12)~~ education director's signature. signature; and

6 (13) for synchronous distance learning courses:

7 (A) a list of hardware and software or other equipment necessary to both offer and complete
8 the course; and

9 (B) the contact information for the technical support service for the course.

10 (f) An education provider shall submit a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee for each application submitted pursuant to
11 Paragraph ~~(e)~~(g) of this Rule for any continuing education course. The application shall be deemed approved ten
12 business days after the Commission has received the application and fee, unless the Commission notifies the applicant
13 otherwise.

14 (g) An education provider shall submit a forty dollar (\$40.00) fee per Prelicensing or Postlicensing course offered at
15 any of its branch locations. No fee shall be required for public education providers or an agency of federal, state, or
16 local government.

17 (h) An education provider shall submit a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee per elective course. No fee shall be required
18 for public education providers or an agency of federal, state, or local government.

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20 *History Note: Authority G.S. 93A-3(c); 93A-4; 93A-33; 93A-34; 93A-38.5;*
21 *Eff. July 1, 2017;*
22 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2021; July 1, 2020.*
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1 21 NCAC 58H .0415 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 58H .0415 DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES**

4 (a) At the beginning of a course, distance education courses shall include an orientation that:

5 (1) explains the course syllabus;

6 (2) identifies all required materials and resources, if any;

7 (3) states the maximum time a student is allowed to complete the course; and

8 (4) instructs students on how to navigate within the course.

9 (b) Distance education courses shall include a navigation menu within the course platform that allows students to
10 access the:

11 (1) instructor's name and contact information;

12 (2) course syllabus and schedule;

13 (3) course materials, if any;

14 (4) Policies and Procedures Disclosure pursuant to Rule .0204 of this Section; and

15 (5) contact information for the course's technical support.

16 (c) Distance education courses shall be divided into units and students shall complete an assessment for each unit
17 prior to beginning the subsequent unit.

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 93A-3(c); 93A-4; 93A-33; 93A-34; 93A-38.5;*

20 *Eff. January 1, 2021.*