

Real Estate Licensure; SB 60

SB 60 amends statutes related to licensing of real estate brokers and the Kansas Real Estate Commission (Commission).

For real estate broker's licenses, changes include:

- Reducing from five years to three years preceding the date of application for the license the time for which an applicant for a broker's license may satisfy the requirement of two years' experience as a resident salesperson or a licensee in another state. The Commission is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to implement this provision;
- Increasing the pre-license education course from 24 hours to 30 hours, and no more than 45 hours, and renaming the course the "Kansas Real Estate Fundamentals Course";
- Creating a new course titled "Kansas Real Estate Management Course," which is 30 hours to 45 hours in length and is required for original broker's license applicants beginning January 1, 2020;
- Eliminating alternative licensing criteria for any applicant living in a county with a population of less than 20,000 people;
- Eliminating the \$50 late fee for licenses renewed after the renewal date, but before the license expiration date;
- Increasing the late fee from \$50 to \$100 for a license renewed after the expiration date, but before the six-month grace period ends; and
- Eliminating outdated references to temporary licenses and certain fees that are no longer assessed by the Commission.

For the Commission, changes include:

- Clarifying statutory requirements for deactivated real estate licenses that have not been suspended or revoked for which reinstatement is being sought;
- Removing a requirement the Commission maintain all files, records, and property at its Topeka office;
- Updating and eliminating certain outdated terms;
- Consolidating provisions from various statutes and regulations; and
- Adding technical clarifying language related to fees, name changes, office locations, approved real estate courses of instruction, and Commission leadership elections.