--SOON REQUIRED— FOR ALL ACTIVE REAL ESTATE LICENSE RENEWALS

Beginning in January 2020, all active real estate licensees will be required to have completed a New Mandatory 3-Hour Continuing Education Course to renew their license.

Active real estate licensees will continue to require a total of 18 hours of continuing education to renew their license. As is currently required, a minimum of 9 of the 18 hours must be Core Topic Courses. However, commencing in January 2020, 3 of the 9 required Core Topic Course hours must be satisfied by completing the 3-Hour Real Estate Commission Approved Mandatory Course.

The "Mandatory Course" will be mad available in three different versions:

- -Residential
- -Commercial, and
- -Property Management

Licensees may select any of the three versions of the "Mandatory Course" that best meets their individual market specialty. Beginning in 2020, and continuing thereafter, at least one of the three "Mandatory Course" versions must be completed in each renewal cycle.

We anticipate that the Mandatory 3-Hour Course will be available for licensees to complete beginning sometime in July 2019. We are informing you of this upcoming procedural change now so that you will have advance notice of the new CE course requirement and can plan and act accordingly.

The Division & Real Estate Commission are excited to introduce the new Mandatory 3-Hour CE Course that will address current topics of industry concern, areas of confusion, common misconceptions, disciplinary actions (and how to avoid them), etc. We are confident that requiring licensees to complete this specific course will not only help to address common areas of concern, but also introduce a universal and consistent training standard as the real estate industry continues to advance and evolve in the years to come. (Division of Real Estate Quarterly Newsletter, First Quarter 2019)

