Provisional License Upgrade Clarification

Effective December 1, 2009, the Real Estate Commission and the Office of Licensure and Compliance have moved the licensing expiration dates to even years which will bring uniformity to the renewal and continuing education processes.

No continuing education credits are due from a licensee at their first required expiration date provided they upgraded their credential from provisional license to a permanent salesperson license and the licensee has completed 30-hours of post-licensing education.

Since provisionally licensed salespersons upgrade their credentials throughout the year we have devised a chart to inform individuals of their license expiration dates.

Please use the chart on the second page to follow the licensee scenarios:

1st Upgrade Scenario
You receive a provisional license on December 15, 2008 and have up to one (1) year from the date of issuance to upgrade your provisional license to a salesperson license. You go to school and complete the thirty (30) hours of post-licensing education and upgrade your provisional license on November 10, 2009. You are issued a salesperson license with an expiration date of June 30, 2010. The 30-hours post-licensing education you completed will satisfy the continuing education requirement for your first renewal deadline of June 30, 2010. You will not be required to obtain eight-hours of continuing education until your second required renewal date which will be June 30, 2012.

2nd Upgrade Scenario
You receive a provisional license on February 20, 2010. You go to school and complete the thirty (30) hours of post-licensing education and upgrade your provisional license on January 5, 2011. You are issued a salesperson license with an expiration date of June 30, 2012. The 30-hours post-licensing education you completed will satisfy the continuing education requirement for your first renewal deadline of June 30, 2012. You will not be required to obtain eight hours of continuing education until your second required renewal date which will be June 30, 2014.

3rd Upgrade Scenario
You receive a provisional license on March 15, 2010 and have one (1) year from the date of issuance to upgrade your provisional license to a salesperson license. However, you elect to immediately go to school and complete the thirty (30) hours of post-licensing education and upgrade your provisional license on April 21, 2010. You are issued a salesperson license with an expiration date of June 30, 2012. The 30 hours post-licensing education you completed will satisfy the continuing education requirement for your first renewal deadline of June 30, 2012. You will not be required to obtain eight-hours of continuing education until your second required renewal date which will be June 30, 2014.
An applicant who passes the examination must apply for a license within one year, or the applicant must reapply for and retake the examination.

During the first year of licensure, provisional salespersons must complete an additional thirty (30) hours of Commission approved post-licensing education (PL 1-5 Courses).

Provisional licensees may place their license on inactive status but are still required to complete the post-licensing courses before their one year expiration date. To upgrade a provisional license to permanent status, please visit the Real Estate Commission web site at: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/REC and locate the application #240 (Application to Upgrade Provisional Sales License) under applications and forms.

Submit application #240 along with proof of having taken the post-licensing courses and a $25 application fee to the Real Estate Commission. All fees are non-refundable.

If you have questions regarding this change, please contact the Office of Licensure & Compliance at: (803) 896-4501 or 4400.