

Active Licenses by Profession	As of April 30, 2024
Acquisition Agent License	266
Acquisition Agent Registration	42
Acquisition Representative Registration	2,330
Affiliate Broker	32,841
VLS Designated Agent	222
RE Broker	7,855
Real Estate Firm	4,845
Time Share Exempt	152
Time Share Registration	23
Time Share Salesperson	878
Vacation Lodging Service Firms	233
Total	49,687

High School Seniors Can Participate in Free Real Estate Licensing Program

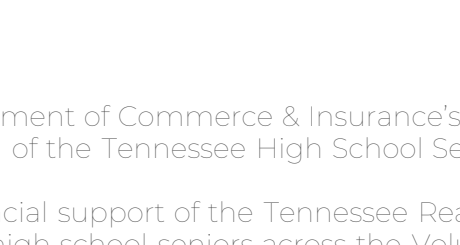
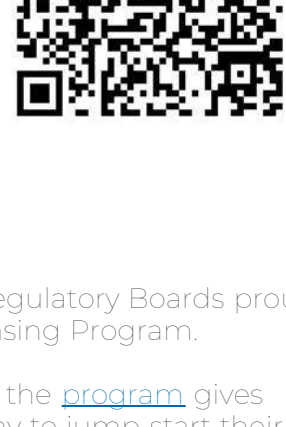
LEVEL UP!

The Tennessee High School Senior Licensure Program gives qualifying high school seniors an opportunity to take FREE pre-licensing real estate courses.

Take your dreams for a career to the next level!

To learn more about the program and to activate a career in Real Estate please go to:

tn.gov/commerce/regboards/trec/license/highschool



The Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance's ("TDCI") Division of Regulatory Boards proudly announces the launch of the Tennessee High School Senior Real Estate Licensing Program.

Created with the financial support of the Tennessee Real Estate Commission, the program gives qualifying Tennessee high school seniors across the Volunteer State a free way to jump start their real estate sales careers while completing high school.

"The Tennessee High School Senior Real Estate Licensing Program is an extension of our Department's mission to empower professionals by giving high school students a way to begin a potentially high-earning career in real estate upon their graduation," said TDCI Commissioner Carter Lawrence. "I am excited to support this program as it offers specialized education and training while giving Tennessee's next generation a way to start exploring their career opportunities, gain more experience, and potentially build their savings."

Details of the program include:

- Successful students must complete the 60-hour Tennessee Affiliate Broker pre-licensing course as well as the 30-hour Tennessee New Affiliate course through TDCI's licensing education partners at Kaplan, a U.S.-based global educational services company.
- Once students have enrolled, they have six to 12 months (even after high school graduation) to complete the program.
- Upon completion of the courses, students must successfully complete state and national real-estate exams.

[An FAQ page about the program can be found here.](#)

"By covering the costs of the required coursework while students are still finishing their high school coursework, the Tennessee Real Estate Commission is helping grow Tennessee's workforce and strengthen our economy," said TDCI Assistant Commissioner for Regulatory Boards Alex Martin.

"I congratulate the Commission for their vision to launch this program and the hard work of our staff to bring it to fruition."

"The creation of this program sends a strong message that the Tennessee Real Estate Commission is dedicated to helping bolster the state's economy by creating the next generation of real estate professionals across Tennessee," said Commission Chairman Geoff Diaz. "I believe a career in real estate can be among the most rewarding professions a person can pursue. This program offers high school seniors an entry point to this profession earlier than ever before."

While the program is available to all Tennessee graduating seniors, the program has a dedicated focus on Tennessee's economically distressed counties.

"This program will help encourage high school seniors who might not have plans to attend a trade school or a university to gain a professional education that can lead to personal improvement," said Commission Executive Director Denise Beard Baker. "I encourage interested educators, parents, and students to reach out to me with their questions directly by email at trec.hsprogram@tn.gov in order to learn more about this program."

[An application to the program can be found here.](#)

NEWS AND UPDATES

TREC AUDITS

In March 2024, TREC resumed firm audits. Real estate firms can [Request for Waiver of Escrow Account](#). Pursuant to T.C.A. §6213323, the principal broker of a real estate firm that does not engage in activities that require the acceptance of any funds belonging to others may receive from the Tennessee real estate commission a waiver from the provisions of § 62-13-321. All real estate firms must complete a [Request for Waiver of Escrow Account](#) form or have current escrow account information on file with the Tennessee Real Estate Commission. This waiver can be found on page 4 of the [Firm or Branch Office Application](#). The form [Request for Waiver of Escrow Account](#) can be uploaded in CORE. However, existing firms that need to update their form, may do so by emailing the form to trec.info@tn.gov.

LEGAL UPDATE

One of the easiest ways to avoid discipline from the Commission is very simple. If you receive a complaint filed against you, the first step is to plan to submit a response. Decide whether you respond to the complaint yourself, have your principal broker submit a response, or hire an attorney to submit a response. The second step is to submit that response within ten (10) days.

T.C.A. § 62-13-313(a)(2) states, "The accused applicant shall, within ten (10) days, file with the commission the applicant's or licensee's answer to the complaint, a copy of which shall be transmitted to the complainant." (emphasis added) Submitting a response to a complaint is mandatory.

Failing to respond to the complaint typically results in a civil penalty. To avoid this, always submit a response to any complaint received.

Also, please note that occasionally, complainants also file their complaint with the Office of Attorney General's Division of Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Affairs"). This is separate from the Commission. Therefore, if a complaint is filed with Consumer Affairs and referred to the Commission, you are still required to submit a separate response to the Commission.

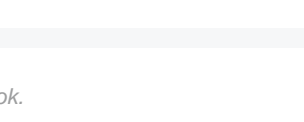
2024 COMMISSION MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
6/12/2024	8:30am	Davy Crockett Tower, Room 1-A 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243 Connect Register to attend
6/13/2024	8:30am	Davy Crockett Tower, Room 1-A 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243
8/7/2024	8:30am	Davy Crockett Tower, Room 1-B 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243 Connect Register to attend
8/8/2024	8:30am	Davy Crockett Tower, Room 1-B 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243
9/11/2024	8:30am	Davy Crockett Tower, Room 1-A 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243 Connect Register to attend
9/12/2024	8:30am	Davy Crockett Tower, Room 1-A 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243
10/17/2024	8:30am	East TN
10/18/2024	8:30am	East TN
11/13/2024	8:30am	Davy Crockett Tower, Room 1-B 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243 Register to attend
11/14/2024	8:30am	Davy Crockett Tower, Room 1-B 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243
12/11/2024	8:30am	Davy Crockett Tower, Room 1-A 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243 Register to attend
12/12/2024	8:30am	Davy Crockett Tower, Room 1-A 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243

DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORTS

Respondent	Location	Violation	Action	Date
February 2024				
William P. Carter	Lafayette, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/2/2024
Michelle Elizabeth McIntosh	Mount Juliet, TN	Advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	2/21/2024
Erica Turner	Murfreesboro, TN	Advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	2/26/2024
Veronica Julia James-Crotcher	HENDERS ONVILLE, TN	Social media advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	2/15/2024
Claire O'Brien Gold	Memphis, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/27/2024
Edward Lee Rockensock	Mount Juliet, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/21/2024
Jennifer Draper	Winter Springs, FL	Failure to respond and affiliate due to an advertising violation	\$1,500 civil penalty	2/28/2024
Michael Gomez	Thompsons Station, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/21/2024
Sarah L. Whitten	Savannah, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/13/2024
Jimmy D. Street	Elizabethton, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/6/2024
Cynthia A. Murrell	Memphis, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/5/2024
Bethanie Sherrod Hutchinson	Geisden, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$200 civil penalty	2/2/2024
Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Laughter	Madison, AR	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/9/2024
Amar Patel	Johnson City, TN	Failure to exercise reasonable skill and care to all parties in a transaction	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/13/2024
Karen Lynn Chenaille	Sevierville, TN	Advertising violation	\$200 civil penalty	2/2/2024
Cristen Bell	Clarksville, TN	Advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	2/1/2024
Jill Laree Christy	Chattanooga, TN	Making a promise of a character likely to influence or induce a person to enter a	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/27/2024
Travis Alan Lefevers	Tazewell, TN	Failing to timely account for or remit moneys belonging to others	Revocation of license	2/16/2024
Thomas M. Slattery	Cordova, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/6/2024
James "Jimmy" Layne	South Pittsburg, TN	Unlicensed activity	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/14/2024
Jason A. Kurtz	Oak Ridge, TN	Failure to supervise due to firm advertising violation	\$1,500 civil penalty	3/28/2024
Jennifer Moss	Cottontown, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/23/2024
Jacqueline Rogers	Clinton, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$400 civil penalty	2/16/2024
Mike Mekhail	Mount Juliet, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$200 civil penalty	2/6/2024
Thomas Gongola	Loudon, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$200 civil penalty	2/2/2024
Creative Investments Group, LLC	Nashville, TN	Unlicensed activity	\$1,000 civil penalty	2/9/2024
March 2024				
Respondent	Location	Violation	Action	Date
Rachy Quynh Nguyen	Antioch, TN	Advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	3/11/2024
Ashley Walker	Franklin, TN	Respondent responsible for advertising activities	\$500 civil penalty	3/21/2024
JOSHUA "JOSH" SMITH	Pleasant Shade, TN	Advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	3/4/2024
Jordan Vandiver	Morrison, TN	Advertising violation	\$250 civil penalty	3/28/2024
Thomas "Eddie" Ferrell	Nashville, TN	Failure to respond to a complaint	\$1,000 civil penalty	3/18/2024
Johnny Andrew Grant	Nashville, TN	Unlicensed activity	\$1,000 civil penalty	3/18/2024
Lisa M. Landyn	Nashville, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$200 civil penalty	3/15/2024
Lyndi L. Nickerson	Clarksville, TN	Advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	3/15/2024
William T. Wright	Murfreesboro, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	3/28/2024
Arvi Cariani	Coral Springs, FL	Unlicensed activity	\$1,000 civil penalty	3/5/2024
Mark Edward Giebe	Hendersonville, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$200 civil penalty	3/21/2024
Mark Edward Giebe	Hendersonville, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$200 civil penalty	3/19/2024
Travis Derrell Patterson	Memphis, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,100 civil penalty	3/12/2024
Virginia "Jennie" Brockman	Chattanooga, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$400 civil penalty	3/19/2024
John O. "Neal" Clayton, Jr.	Nashville, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$200 civil penalty	3/12/2024
Amber Jean Flynn-Jared	Cookeville, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$400 civil penalty	3/21/2024
Leslie P. Sellers	Clinton, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$200 civil penalty	3/19/2024
Retreat Properties, LLC	Tracy City, TN	Unlicensed activity and advertising violation	\$1,050 civil penalty	3/22/2024
Leasing Angels	Memphis, TN	Unlicensed activity	\$1,000 civil penalty	3/4/2024
AKL House	Nashville, TN	Unlicensed activity	\$1,000 civil penalty	3/19/2024
April 2024				
Respondent	Location	Violation	Action	Date
Richard "Rich" Winston Rackley	Knoxville, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to an advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	4/12/2024
Angelia "Angel" Parkey Scott	Friendsville, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to an advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	4/4/2024
Terrri Francine Ridings	KNOXVILLE, TN	Advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	4/5/2024
Robert H. Goddall, Jr.	Gallatin, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$1,000 civil penalty	4/17/2024
Austin Hall	Murfreesboro, TN	Advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	2/14/2024
Guadalupe Vazquez	McMinnville, TN	Advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	4/25/2024
Gary L. Baker	Kingsport, TN	Failure to adequately supervise an affiliate	\$1,000 civil penalty	4/25/2024
Kimberly "Kim" Moyer	Alcoa, TN	Failure to adequately supervise the activities of an affiliate	\$500 civil penalty	4/24/2024
Krystal L. Whaley	Sevierville, TN	Failure to respond to a complaint and earnest money violation that constitutes improper, fraudulent, or dishonest dealing	Revocation of broker's license, \$40.00 civil penalty, and \$60.00 costs	4/15/2024
Erik Jason Jackson	Knoxville, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$400 civil penalty	4/18/2024
Vincent Stormes	Pigeon Forge, TN	Failure to supervise an affiliate due to lapse in affiliate's E&O insurance	\$400 civil penalty	4/10/2024
Hallmark Management, Inc.	Atlanta, GA	Failure within a reasonable time to account for or remit money belonging to others	\$1,000 civil penalty	4/29/2024
Realty Center of Chattanooga	Chattanooga, TN	Advertising violation	\$500 civil penalty	4/5/2024
Crye-Leke South, Inc. d/b/a Crye-Leke Realtors	Ooltewah, TN	Failure to respond	\$1,000 civil penalty	4/4/2024
TRIP Vacations	Knoxville, TN	Unlicensed activity	\$1,000 civil penalty	4/2/2024
Plethora Capital, Inc.	Sylva, NC	Unlicensed activity	\$1,000 civil penalty	4/16/2024
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