How to get a Real Estate Broker License
Step-by-step guide

The Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation’s (IDFPR) Division of Real Estate issues real estate broker licenses to individuals meeting the criteria below. There is no “salesperson” or “agent” license in Illinois. Those who wish to conduct the business of buying and selling real estate must complete the steps listed on this guide.

Questions about this information or obtaining a Residential Leasing Agent or Managing Broker license should be sent to Education@IllinoisRealtors.org.

Meet IDFPR minimum qualifications
Minimum Age: 18
Minimum Education: High School Diploma or GED
Identification: SSN or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number AND government-issued photo ID

1. Complete 75 required hours of Broker Pre-License coursework
Broker Pre-License Courses: www.illinoisrealtors.org/product-category/broker-pre-license/
   60-hour: Broker Pre-License Topics Course – transcript valid for two years
   15-hour: Broker Pre-License Interactive Course – transcript valid for two years

2. Pass State & National Licensing Exam (administered by PSI)
   State portion: 40 multiple-choice questions
   National portion: 100 multiple-choice questions
   Allowed attempts: Four
   Exam fee: $58 each attempt
   Passing Score Report: passed exam valid for one year

3. Obtain Managing Broker sponsorship
   Click here to learn more about finding the RIGHT sponsor

4. Complete IDFPR online application process
   Register: IDFPR’s online portal at https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/
   Upload: Pre-License transcript(s) - valid for two years
   Passing Score Report: passed exam valid for one year
   Application fee: $125 application
   Confirmation: Managing Broker confirms sponsorship

5. IDFPR confirms information and issues license