

Make Certain the Correct Fee is Submitted to the DRE!

The recent high volume of real estate activity throughout California has resulted in an unprecedented volume of examinees and new license applications as well as an increased rate of licensee renewals. Licensing and examination fees were reduced effective August 31, 2003, however, the Department of Real Estate (DRE) continues to receive a significant number of applications with incorrect fees. During the last year, DRE staff has been required to process refund authorizations for several hundred applicants a month due to overpayments.

Refunding fees takes approximately 60 minutes to complete and must pass through multiple staff for audit and control purposes before the refund request is forwarded to the State Controller to issue a check. In this past year, Licensing processed 15,323 refunds – at 60 minutes each – which is the equivalent of over 6 people who worked on refunds alone. Unfortunately, when incorrect fees are submitted, additional workload is created which takes away staff time that would otherwise be devoted to providing more expedient application processing and improving processing timeframes.



License and examination applicants are encouraged to use eLicensing (www.dre.ca.gov) for license renewal, address changes, salesperson changes of employing broker, discontinuation of salesperson employment, requesting duplicate licenses, and when applying to take an original salesperson examination or to reschedule a salesperson or broker examination. The eLicensing system will automatically determine the correct fee.

When applications are mailed in, please refer to the fee information provided with the application. A summary of the current fees is listed below and provided on Form RE 206-Exam and Licensing Fees, which may be obtained from the DRE web site.

Examination and License Fees

Current Fees		
	Salesperson	Broker
Examination	\$25	\$50
Re-examination	\$25	\$50
Reschedule Exam (1 st time only)	\$10	\$15
Reschedule Exam (each additional)	\$25	\$25
Original License, Conditional	\$145	N/A
Original License, Normal	\$120	\$165
Renewal, On-Time	\$120	\$165
Renewal, Late	\$180	\$248
Fingerprint Processing Fee *	\$56	\$56

- * The \$56 fingerprint processing fee is required if the applicant has never been licensed by this Department or if a license expired more than two years ago.

By taking care to submit the proper fees, you will help DRE handle your application faster and improve DRE efficiency.