

# CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

## CONTINUING EDUCATION EXAMINATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

Please refer to our website to check for the most updated information at https://test-takers.psiexams.com/ctre

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Questions about license applications should be directed to:

Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection Occupational & Professional Licensing 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 801 Hartford, Connecticut 06103 Phone: (860) 713-6150

E-Mail: <u>DCP.OccupationalProfessional@ct.gov</u>
Agency Web site: <u>www.ct.gov/dcp</u>

### CONTINUING EDUCATION EXAMINATION

Passing the continuing education examination will meet the continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Continuing education candidates will have 75 minutes to complete the examination, which consists of 40 questions. Questions on the exam may be drawn from general and state-specific topics reflecting laws and practices in the real estate industry.

#### Content areas include:

- Agency Relationships
- Property Disclosures
- Fair Housing
- Connecticut Real Estate Law and Regulations

Information on Connecticut Real Estate Law and Regulations is available on the Department's website at <a href="https://www.ct.gov/dcp">www.ct.gov/dcp</a>.

The Department of Consumer Protection should *NOT* be contacted prior to scheduling the **Continuing Education Examination**. This examination can be scheduled via the internet at https://test-takers.psiexams.com/ctre or by calling PSI at (855) 746-8171.

This outline is based on the continuing education mandatory curriculum for 2018-2020, which can be consulted at www.ct.gov/dcp.

#### I. Connecticut Buyer Agency (18 Items)

- A. Buyer as Customer
  - 1. Agency Disclosure Form
  - 2. Initial Buyer Meeting
  - 3. Working with Buyer as Customer
- B. Buyer as Client
  - 1. The Buyer Agency Agreement
  - 2. Representing a Buyer: Fiduciary Duties
- C. Buyer and Seller as Clients (Dual and Designated Agency)
  - 1. Dual Agency and Designated Agency
  - 2. Acting as a Dual Agent
  - 3. Acting as a Designated Agent
  - 4. The Dual Agency Consent Agreement
  - 5. The Dual Agency/Designated Agency Notice and Consent Agreement

#### II. Disclosure of Material Facts (12 Items)

- A. Duty to Disclose and Reasons for Disclosure
- B. Definitions and Examples of Material Facts
- C. Nonmaterial Facts
- D. Confidentiality
- E. Property Condition Disclosure Form (general)
- F. Other Disclosure Issues (lead paint, off-site conditions

#### III. FAIR HOUSING (4 Items)

- A. Exemptions
- **B. Protected Classes**
- C. Definitions and Examples

#### IV. Connecticut Legal Update (6 Items)

- A. RE License Required to Sell Time Shares
- B. Licensing of Mortgage and Short Sale Professionals
- C. New Provisions of Property Condition Disclosure Form
- D. Disclosure of Gun and Hunting Clubs
- E. Mortgage Fraud and Foreclosure Issues

#### SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

#### **INTERNET REGISTRATION**

For the fastest and most convenient examination scheduling process, PSI recommends that you register for your examinations using the Internet. You register online by accessing PSI's registration website <a href="https://test-takers.psiexams.com/ctre">https://test-takers.psiexams.com/ctre</a>. Internet registration is available 24 hours a day.

Log onto PSI's website and select Sign in / Create Account. Select Create Account. You are now ready to pay and schedule for the exam. Enter your zip code and a list of the testing sites closest to you will appear. Once you select the desired test site, available dates will appear.

#### **TELEPHONE SCHEDULING**

For telephone registration, you will need a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). PSI registrars, (855) 746-8171, are available Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 10:00 pm, and Saturday-Sunday between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm, Eastern Time.

#### **CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT**

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee if your cancellation notice is received 2 days before the scheduled examination date. For example, for a Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (855) 746-8171.

Note: A voice mail message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the PSI Website or call PSI to speak directly to a Customer Service Representative.

#### **SCHEDULING A RE-EXAMINATION**

It is not possible to make a new examination appointment on the same day you have taken an examination; this is due to processing and reporting scores. A candidate who tests unsuccessfully on a Wednesday can call the next day, Thursday, and retest as soon as Friday, depending upon space availability. You may access a registration form at <a href="https://test-takers.psiexams.com/ctre">https://test-takers.psiexams.com/ctre</a>. You may also call PSI at (855) 746-8171.



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#### MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

Your registration will be invalid, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, and you will forfeit your examination fee, if you:

- Do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the schedule examination date;
- Do not appear for your examination appointment;
- Arrive after examination start time;
- Do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

#### **EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS**

All PSI examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and exam accommodations will be made in meeting a candidate's needs. A candidate with a disability or a candidate who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination should request for alternative arrangements by Clicking Here.

Candidates granted accommodation in accordance with the ADA, MUST schedule their examination by telephone and speak directly with a PSI registrar.

#### **EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY**

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (855) 746-8171. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You may also check our website at https://test-takers.psiexams.com/ctre.

#### **EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS**

The PSI Real Estate Licensing examinations are administered at the examination centers listed below:

#### **West Hartford**

1245 Farmington Ave, Suite 203 West Hartford, CT 06107

From I-84 West, take exit 40 toward CT-71/New Britain Ave/Corbins Corner. Turn right onto Ridgewood Rd. Turn left onto Wood Pont Rd. Turn left onto Tunxis Rd. Turn right onto Brookmoor Rd. Turn right onto Buena Vista Rd. Turn left onto Everett Ave. Turn right onto Farmington Ave. Destination is on the right.

#### Milford

500 BIC Drive Suite 105 Milford, CT 06461

From Highway I-95 exit 35. Go toward BIC Drive. Go .5 miles to 500 BIC Drive which is at Gate 1 of the former BIC complex. Go to the rear of the lot and park. Walk down the

hill in front of the building and enter the front door. Signs will direct you to Suite 101 (PSI).

#### Auburn

48 Sword St, Unit 204 Auburn, MA 01501

From Southbridge St/MA-12, turn left onto Sword St.

#### **Boston**

56 Roland St., Suite 305 Washington Crossing Charlestown, MA 02129

From the North: Take I-93 South. Exit 28 -Boston/Sullivan Sq./Charlestown. Merge into Mystic Ave. Take I-93S Ramp to Boston/Sullivan Sq./Charlestown (take ramp do not get on highway). Make slight left turn on to Maffa Way. Make slight right turn on to Cambridge Street. At first traffic light, make left on to Carter Street. Turn right on to Roland Street. End at 56 Roland. Enter through North lobby. Do NOT park in the building's parking lot.

#### Fall River

218 South Main St, Suite 105 Fall River, MA 02721

From the North take Rte. 24S to 79S. Take Route 138S Exit. Bear right off exit. Go left at first traffic light. Take left at the second traffic light (top of hill) onto So Main St. 218 is 2 blocks down on the right. Parking: Go past 218 SO Main to 2nd light. Take right. Take another right at next traffic light. Third St parking Garage is on your right.

#### **Springfield**

1111 Elm Street, Suite 32A West Springfield, MA 01089

Going East on Mass Pike (Rt. 90). Take Exit 4 - West Springfield/Holyoke. Turn right on West Springfield/Rt. 5 South. Continue on Rt. 5 approximately two miles. Turn right on Elm St. - immediately after Showcase Cinemas. Office is approximately 1/4 mile on the right.

Going West on Mass Pike (Rt. 90). Take Exit 4 - West Springfield/Holyoke. Follow as above.

Additionally, PSI has examination centers in many other regions across the United States. You may take the written examination at any of these locations by filling out, and faxing the Out-of-State Test Request Form found at the end of this bulletin.

#### REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you should arrive at least 30 minutes before your appointment. This extra time is for signin, identification, and familiarizing you with the examination process. If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you will forfeit your examination registration fee.



#### REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

#### Candidates need to provide one (1) form of identification.

Candidates must register for the exam with their LEGAL first and last name as it appears on their government issued identification. The required identification below must match the first and last name under which the candidate is registered. Candidates are required to bring one (1) form of a valid (non-expired) signature bearing identification to the test site.

#### REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION (with photo) - Choose One

- State issued driver's license
- State issued identification card
- US Government Issued Passport
- US Government Issued Military Identification Card
- US Government Issued Alien Registration Card
- Canadian Government Issued ID NOTE: ID must contain candidate's photo, be valid and unexpired.

#### **SECURITY PROCEDURES**

The following security procedures will apply during the examination:

- Only non-programmable calculators that are silent, battery-operated, do not have paper tape printing capabilities, and do not have a keyboard containing the alphabet will be allowed in the examination site.
- Candidates may take only approved items into the examination room.
- All personal belongings of candidates should be placed in the secure storage provided at each site prior to entering the examination room. Personal belongings include, but are not limited to, the following items:
  - Electronic devices of any type, including cellular / mobile phones, recording devices, electronic watches, cameras, pagers, laptop computers, tablet computers (e.g., iPads), music players (e.g., iPods), smart watches, radios, or electronic games.
  - Bulky or loose clothing or coats that could be used to conceal recording devices or notes. For security purposes outerwear such as, but not limited to: open sweaters, cardigans, shawls, scarves, hoodies, vests, jackets and coats are not permitted in the testing room. In the event you are asked to remove the outerwear, appropriate attire, such as a shirt or blouse should be worn underneath.
  - Hats or headgear not worn for religious reasons or as religious apparel, including hats, baseball caps, or visors.
  - Other personal items, including purses, notebooks, reference or reading material, briefcases, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, other writing devices, food, drinks, and good luck items.
- Although secure storage for personal items is provided at the examination site for your convenience, PSI is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of any personal belongings or prohibited items brought to, stored at, or left behind at the examination site. PSI assumes no duty of care with respect to such items and makes no representation that the secure storage provided will be

- effective in protecting such items. If you leave any items at the examination site after your examination and do not claim them within 30 days, they will be disposed of or donated, at PSI's sole discretion.
- Person(s) accompanying an examination candidate may not wait in the examination center, inside the building or on the building's property. This applies to guests of any nature, including drivers, children, friends, family, colleagues or instructors.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking is allowed in the examination center.
- During the check in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any prohibited items. Candidates may also be asked to empty their pockets and turn them out for the proctor to ensure they are empty. The proctor may also ask candidates to lift up the ends of their sleeves and the bottoms of their pant legs to ensure that notes or recording devices are not being hidden there.
- Proctors will also carefully inspect eyeglass frames, tie tacks, or any other apparel that could be used to harbor a recording device. Proctors will ask to inspect any such items in candidates' pockets.
- If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall put them in the provided secure storage or return these items to their vehicle. PSI will not be responsible for the security of any personal belongings or prohibited items.
- Any candidate possessing prohibited items in the examination room shall immediately have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the examination sponsor of the occurrence.
- Any candidate seen giving or receiving assistance on an examination, found with unauthorized materials, or who violates any security regulations will be asked to surrender all examination materials and to leave the examination center. All such instances will be reported to the examination sponsor.
- Copying or communicating examination content is violation of a candidate's contract with PSI, and federal and state law. Either may result in the disqualification of examination results and may lead to legal action.
- Once candidates have been seated and the examination begins, they may leave the examination room only to use the restroom, and only after obtaining permission from the proctor. Candidate will not receive extra time to complete the examination.

## TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER

The examination will be administered via computer. You will be using a mouse and computer keyboard.

#### **IDENTIFICATION SCREEN**

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.



#### **TUTORIAL**

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that you may practice answering questions and reviewing your answers.

#### **TEST QUESTION SCREEN**

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.

IMPORTANT: After you have entered your responses, you will later be able to return to any question(s) and change your response, provided the examination time has not run out.

#### **EXAMINATION REVIEW**

PSI, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, will be consistently evaluating the examinations being administered to ensure that the examinations accurately measure competency in the required knowledge areas. While taking the examination, examinees will have the opportunity to provide comments on any questions, by clicking the Comments link on the function bar of the test question screen. These comments will be analyzed by PSI examination development staff. PSI does not respond to individuals regarding these comments. All substantive comments are reviewed. This is the only review of examination materials available to candidates.

#### **SCORE REPORTING**

In order to pass the examination, you must receive a score of at least **75%**.

 Your score will be given to you immediately following completion of the examination.

#### **DUPLICATE SCORE REPORTS**

You may request a duplicate score report after your examination by emailing scorereport@psionline.com or by calling (855) 746-8171.



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