Examination Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB)

Introduction:
This Bulletin provides information on the requirements as well as the process for achieving licensure. Candidates are eligible for the two-part examination when their application and supporting documentation are approved. In order to be approved for examination by the Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salespeople, candidates must have the required work requirement and education. The Board has contracted with PSI to process applications, field any questions on applications, notify candidates and conduct examinations. Hence PSI will always have the most up-to-date information on applications and exams.

- Applicants may seek counsel at any time during the application process.
- The Exam Candidate Information Bulletin is written by the Board and includes the Board’s Policies and Procedure as regards the exam process to achieve licensure.
- References to the Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) or the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) may be excerpted or paraphrased - for the accurate quotes please see the official versions. An exact version is available on the Board’s website. Original copies of the CMRs may be obtained from the State Bookstore located:

  State House, Room 116
  Boston, MA 02133
  (617) 727-2834
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EXAMINATIONS BY PSI SERVICES LLC

This Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) provides you with information about the examination and application process for obtaining a real estate license in the State of Massachusetts.

THE LICENSURE PROCESS

Licensure is the process by which an agency of state government or other jurisdiction grants permission to individuals to engage in the practice of, and prohibits all others from legally practicing, a particular profession, vocation or occupation. By ensuring a minimum level of competence, the licensure process protects the general public. The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons is responsible for establishing the acceptable level of safe practice and for determining whether an individual meets that standard.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has retained the services of PSI Services LLC (PSI) to develop and administer its real estate program. PSI is a leading provider of test services to regulatory agencies as well as national associations.

All questions and requests for information about maintaining a license after the examination has been passed, AND YOU HAVE already RECEIVED YOUR PHYSICAL LICENSE, should be directed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons. All other questions regarding receiving your physical License after your exam should be directed to PSI.

Salesperson and Broker Exams: Eligible candidates who pass both portions of the exam may pay for their license at the site. If they pay, proctors will print a wall certificate and license card. Instructor and Teaching Methods Exams: Candidates receive only score reports, but not license cards or wall certificates.

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APPLYING FOR A LICENSE

Massachusetts law has established the requirements for qualification for a real estate salesperson or broker license. Candidates must read this Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) completely before applying for any license examination.

REAL ESTATE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

SALESPEerson APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- Complete forty (40) hours of pre-licensure salesperson education.
- Obtain a completed Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Educational Certificate form to be completed by a Board approved Real Estate School (found at the end of this Candidate Information Bulletin).
- Obtain three (3) complete candidate endorsements from individuals unrelated to the applicant. They do not need to be Massachusetts residents. Classmates known by the applicant from only the real estate course may NOT sign the candidate endorsement.

BROKER APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- Complete forty (40) hours of pre-licensure broker education.
- Have been licensed and affiliated with a Massachusetts broker in the capacity of a Massachusetts real estate salesperson for three (3) years. The experience requirement must be no more than two (2) years old when the examination is taken. Obtain a completed Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Educational Certificate form to be completed by a Board approved Real Estate School (found at the end of this Candidate Information Bulletin).
- Have a current Massachusetts salesperson license.
- Have a $5,000 surety bond on the original enclosed form (a copy is not acceptable) completed and signed by the insurance agent, signed by the principal candidate/examinee, and witnessed.
- Obtain three (3) complete candidate endorsements from individuals unrelated to the applicant. They do not need to be Massachusetts residents. Classmates known by the applicant from only the real estate course may NOT sign the candidate endorsement.
THREE-YEAR AFFILIATION REQUIREMENT

- To be completed only by employing broker. All dates must be clearly indicated as Month/Day/Year.
- Any date indicated beyond the broker’s signature date will not be accepted

Applicants for the broker examination must have completed three (3) years of affiliation as an active Massachusetts salesperson under an active Massachusetts broker. The Broker must endorse the Employing Broker Certification located on the back of the Educational Certificate included in this CIB. The Employing Broker Certification form must be completed in its entirety by only the employing broker. Only the original completed form will be accepted. Copies are not permitted.

The applicant must have worked a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours per week for a minimum of three (3) years. An applicant for a broker’s license may use prior salesperson experience so long as the experience is not over two (2) years old and/or there has not been a two (2) year gap in time between the current and past salesperson experience. In the event that a salesperson affiliates with more than one broker at various times, two (2) employing broker certification forms are provided. If more than two (2) forms are required, signed and dated letter(s) must be obtained from the additional broker(s), preferably using their business letterhead(s), and MUST include all features of the original Employing Broker Certification.

APPLICANTS CURRENTLY LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE

Candidates currently licensed in another jurisdiction should visit the Board’s website www.mass.gov/real-estate-licensing to review the Board’s policy on Reciprocity and/or Educational Waivers.

To view the policy, click on the “Applications and Forms” link and then click the respective application type:
- Attorney Licensure
- Educational Waivers
- Reciprocal Licensure.

The Board, after review, will notify the candidate of its decision. The license in the other state must be current or a waiver will not be issued. The waiver, which is the Educational Certification Form included in this CIB, must be completed and submitted with the completed application.

- Three (3) candidate endorsements must also be obtained from individuals unrelated to the applicant. They do not need to be Massachusetts residents. Classmates known by the applicant from only the real estate course may NOT sign the candidate endorsement.

REAL ESTATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

SALESPERSONS MUST:

- Apply for and pass the licensure examination within two (2) years of the date of completing the required salesperson education. NOTE: It is recommended that candidates do not wait until their certificate is ready to expire to apply and take their test. Candidates must allow ample time within the 2-year period when making an examination reservation.
- Be prepared to pay for the license on the day of the examination (upon passing the examination).
- Have, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 62C, Section 49A, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required by law.
- Provide a valid Social Security number and/or a valid Tax Identification number (mandatory).

BROKERS MUST:

- Apply for and pass the licensure examination within two (2) years of completing the required broker education. NOTE: It is recommended that candidates do not wait until their certificate is ready to expire to apply and take their test. Candidates must allow ample time within the 2-year period when making an examination reservation.
- Be prepared to pay for the license on the day of the examination (upon passing the examination).
- Be currently licensed as a salesperson in Massachusetts at the time of application. The license may be either ACTIVE or INACTIVE at the time of the examination.
- Have been licensed as an active Massachusetts salesperson and affiliated with a Massachusetts real estate broker for at least three (3) years at a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours per week. The experience requirement must be no more than two (2) years old when the examination is taken.
- Obtain a $5,000 surety bond on the original enclosed form (a copy is not acceptable) completed and signed by
the insurance agent (Attorney-in-Fact), signed by the principal (candidate/examinee), and witnessed.

- Have, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 62C, Section 49A, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required by law.
- Provide a valid Social Security number and/or a valid Tax identification number (mandatory).

**QUALIFYING QUESTIONS**

A “yes” answer to any of the discipline questions on application (found at the end of this Candidate Information Bulletin) may affect the candidate’s ability to become licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. At this time, the Board does not license applicants who are currently on probation or parole. To view the Board’s “Good Moral Character” Policy, click on the “Statutes and Regulations” link and then click on the “Board Policies and Guidelines” link then click on the “Determination of Good Moral Character for Initial Broker or Salesperson Licensure by Examination, Reciprocity, Waiver of Educational Requirement or as an Attorney Broker” link.

**APPROVED EDUCATION PROVIDERS**

A list of education providers is available on the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons website (www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/re).

**CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Since the first license is prorated, it will be valid for no less than two (2) years and no more than three (3) years. When candidates submit their first license renewal, they must have completed continuing education BEFORE renewing their license as active (to be able to practice real estate). The current requirement is twelve (12) hours. This education requirement must be completed before renewing the license. If a candidate does not complete continuing education, his/her license will be renewed as inactive and he/she will no longer be able to practice real estate.

**LICENSE TERM**

The issue date is the date the candidate passed their examination. The expiration date is the candidate’s date of birth. The license will be issued for no less than two (2) years, but not greater than three (3) years. For example, the examination pass date is March 15, 2019 - this is the issue date. The candidate’s date of birth is April 1 and thus the expiration of the license will be April 1, 2021.

**SCHEDULING PROCEDURES**

The examination is divided into two (2) parts: the General portion and the State portion. Candidates who pass one (1) portion of the examination and fail the other need to retake only the failed portion. The failed portion must be successfully completed within two (2) years from the completion date on the Educational Certificate form (or the authorized period by the Board). If the Educational Certificate expires, the partial pass also expires. Candidates who obtain a new Education Certificate must retake both portions of the examination.

**Examination Fee (First time testing)**

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**NOTE:** Examination Fees are not refundable or transferable. The Examination Fee is valid for one year from the date of payment.

If a candidate fails to appear for their scheduled examination or fails to cancel/change their reservation within two-days prior to their scheduled appointment, the examination fee will be forfeited, and the candidate will be unable to reschedule an examination until they pay the appropriate re-take fee.

The fee to re-take for all salesperson and broker candidates is $54. Payment must be made at the time of scheduling by VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Payment for the examination will not be accepted at the test center.
ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OR VETERANS

The fee for active duty military or veterans is $54 for both salesperson and broker candidates. In order for this fee to be honored, the candidate must make a reservation by using the Active Duty Military or Veteran Discount Exam Reservation Form found in the back of this bulletin and include a photocopy of the military orders or discharge papers (DD-214). The photocopy of the documents will not be returned. Note: Failure to provide a copy of the documents will require payment of the full fee in order to schedule for the examination.

After you are approved to exam by the board you will be eligible to schedule the exam using one of the following methods:

ON-LINE SCHEDULING

1. Go to: https://test-takers.psiexams.com/mare
2. Select TESTS to create an account.
3. Select the examination and you are ready to create an account. Select LOGIN/REGISTER.
4. You will be prompted to CREATE AN ACCOUNT with PSI. The first and last name must match exactly with your current, valid, government-issued ID.
5. Select your test format: (Test Center) or (Remote Proctored).

Scheduling at a Test Center

1. Enter the “City or Postal Code” and select FIND.

2. Select a date and time to book an appointment.

3. You are now ready to pay.
4. Once payment has been made you will receive a message confirming the test center, booked date, and booked time.

Scheduling via Remote Proctor

1. Select a date and time to book an appointment.

2. You are now ready to pay.

3. Once payment has been made you will receive a message confirming the booked date and booked time. Please review the booking before selecting CONFIRM.
4. Your booking will now display in your account. You will be able to LAUNCH your test within 30 minutes of your booked test time.

**IMPORTANT: BE SURE TO CHECK THE COMPATIBILITY OF YOUR COMPUTER** to include Audio/Video Check, Webcam Check and System Check. Prior to testing, **CLICK HERE.**

By not starting your test within 15 minutes after your booked time, you forfeit your test fee or test eligibility. Fees and test eligibilities are non-refundable. If you have any questions regarding your compatibility check, or if you experience issues launching your test, you may contact PSI’s technical support team at (844) 267-1017.

**TELEPHONE**

The second fastest method of scheduling is via the telephone. Call (855) 340-3704, and speak with a live registrar, 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. To register by phone, you need a valid VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

**EMAIL**

Complete the PSI registration form (found at the end of this bulletin). Email the completed form to PSI at MA.ApplicationProcessor@psionline.com. Email registrations are accepted 24 hours a day.

**Processing takes between 4-6 weeks to receive,** review and submit the application to the Board. You will receive an email from PSI when you are approved by the board. You may then go online or call PSI to schedule the examination. **Note:** The board could take an additional 20-25 business days to approve their application.

**STANDARD MAIL**

Complete the PSI registration form (found at the end of this bulletin). You can pay fees by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, company check, money order or cashier’s check, made payable to PSI (personal checks are not accepted). Print your name in the memo section of the company check, money order or cashier’s check so we can ensure the payment is applied to your registration. **CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED.**

**Processing takes between 4-6 weeks to receive,** review and submit the application to the Board. You will receive an email from PSI when you are approved by the board. You may then go online or call PSI to schedule the examination. **Note:** The board could take an additional 20-25 business days to approve their application.

**RESCHEDULING/CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT**

PSI must receive your cancellation at least two (2) days before the scheduled examination date. For example, for a Monday appointment, you would need to cancel your appointment on or before the previous Saturday. To cancel an appointment, you can use PSI’s web site or call PSI at (855) 340-3704.

**Note:** You cannot cancel an appointment by leaving a voice mail message. You must use the PSI Website or speak directly to a PSI customer service representative.
RETAKING A FAILED EXAMINATION

You cannot make a new examination appointment on the same day you have taken an examination because we need time to process and report examination results. A candidate who fails an examination on a Wednesday can call the next day, Thursday, and can retest as soon as Friday, depending upon space availability.

MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will forfeit your examination fee if you:
- Do not cancel your appointment at least two (2) days before the scheduled examination date;
- Do not appear for your examination appointment;
- Arrive after examination start time; or
- 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. Applicants with disabilities or those who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination should request for alternative arrangements by Clicking Here.

EXAMINATION TEST CENTER CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event of severe weather or another emergency that forces the closure of an examination center 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 appointment by calling (855) 340-3704 or check the website at https://test-takers.psiexams.com/mare. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You will not be penalized. Your examination will be rescheduled at no additional charge to you.

EXAMINATION CENTER LOCATIONS

You must test in the state of Massachusetts.

Auburn
48 Sword St, Unit 204
Auburn, MA 01501

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

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

Lawrence
1 Ballard Way, Suite 104
Lawrence, MA 01843

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

***PAID PARKING VIA CASH ONLY***
REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION CENTER

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

Candidates who do not present the REQUIRED MATERIALS upon entering the Test Center will be DENIED admission to the examination.

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION

Candidates must register for the exam with their LEGAL first and last name as it appears on their government issued identification. All required identification below must match the first and last name under which the candidate is registered. Candidates are required to bring two (2) forms of valid (non-expired) signature bearing identification to the test site.

PRIMARY IDENTIFICATION (with photo) - Choose One
- Government issued driver’s U.S. Department of State Driver’s License
- U.S. Learner’s Permit (plastic card only with photo and signature)
- National/State/Country Identification Card
- US Government Issued Passport or Passport Card
- US Government Issued Military Identification Card
- US Government Issued Military Identification Card for spouses and dependents
- US Government Issued Alien Registration Card (Green Card, Permanent Resident Visa)

NOTE: ID must contain candidate’s photo, be valid and unexpired.

SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION - Choose One
- Credit/Debit Card (must be signed)
- Social Security Card
- Any form of ID on the Primary list

*NOTE: Student ID and employment ID are NOT acceptable forms of identification.

NOTE: Candidates not presenting the appropriate identification or if the identification does not match exactly the registration information provided will be denied admission to the test center and will forfeit their examination fee.

SECURITY PROCEDURES

The following security procedures apply during examinations:
- An online calculator will be provided; personal calculators will not be permitted.
- You will be given a piece of scratch paper and a pencil. These will be returned to the proctor at the end of your examination.
- 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, 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.

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 Division of Professional Licensure, will be consistently evaluating the examinations being administered to ensure that the examinations accurately measure competency in the required knowledge areas. Comments may be entered by clicking the Comments link on the function bar of the test question screen. Your comments regarding the questions and the examinations are welcomed.

Comments will be analyzed by PSI examination development staff. While PSI does not respond to individuals regarding these comments, all substantive comments are reviewed. If an error affecting examination scores is discovered as a result, which occurs very rarely, the examination scores of all affected candidates will be automatically adjusted. This is the only review of the examination available to candidates.
PRACTICE TEST

Now you can take the practice exam online at https://test-takers.psiexams.com/mare to prepare for your Real Estate Examination.

Please note that practice exams are intended only to help testing candidates become familiar with the general types of questions that will appear on a licensing examination. They ARE NOT a substitute for proper education and study. Furthermore, scoring well on the practice exam does not guarantee a positive outcome on an actual licensing examination.

Note: You may take the practice exams an unlimited number of times; however, you will need to pay each time.

SCORE REPORTING

You need to score a minimum of 70% correct to pass. Your score will be displayed on screen at the end of the examination and a score report will be emailed to you. If you fail, the emailed score report will include the diagnostic report indicating your strengths and weaknesses by examination type. You may request a duplicate score report after your examination by emailing scorereport@psionline.com.

ON-SITE LICENSING

LICENSEES WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED A MASSACHUSETTS LICENSE IN THE PAST MUST RENEW OR REINSTATE THAT LICENSE. THEY MAY NOT BECOME LICENSED ANEW. IN THE EVENT THAT THEY DO, THE NEW LICENSE IS INVALID AND WILL BE VOIDED BY THE BOARD UPON RECEIVING THE NEW RECORD.

Real estate candidates who meet all of the licensing requirements, and who pay the licensing fee, will receive a license at the test center immediately following successful completion of the licensing examination. All candidates must be prepared to be licensed at the test center at that time. License fees are prorated in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 112, Sections 87XX and 87ZZ, and will be calculated at the test center. Salesperson fees are between $103 and $150, and broker fees between $142 and $200. You will also be required to pay a $12 PSI licensing fee. Candidates who do not pay for a license upon passing must fill out a License Application Instruction Form allowing them to apply by mail within thirty (30) days of passing the examination. You may request a duplicate License Application Instruction Form after your examination by emailing scorereport@psionline.com or by calling (855) 340-3704.

The candidate is responsible for thoroughly reading this bulletin and arriving on the day of the examination prepared to be licensed. Candidates may call PSI at (855) 340-3704 with any questions about the process.

LICENSE ISSUANCE REQUIREMENTS

All candidates who have met the licensing requirements established by the Board will receive their license immediately following successful completion of the examination. Licenses will include the candidate’s photograph. Candidates will receive a license card and a wall certificate. Candidates must be prepared to pay the required license fee at the test center on the day of the examination. Due to the statutory requirement that license fees be prorated, license fees change from month to month. License fees may be paid by credit card, personal check, cashier’s check, or money order made payable to “PSI” and must be in the exact amount calculated upon passing the examination. CASH will not be accepted. This payment is different from the payment required for the examination fee. Candidates who are not able to pay for the license at the test center on the day of the examination will be subject to delays in being licensed. If the fee is not paid in a timely manner, the candidate will be required to retake the examination and, possibly, the real estate course.
Salespersons;
Following successful completion of the licensing examination, salesperson candidates who have met the requirements of the Board will receive their license at the test center if they meet all of the following requirements:
- Candidates must provide payment for the license at the test center in the exact amount calculated upon passing the examination. Only credit cards, personal checks, cashier’s checks, or money orders made payable to “PSI” will be accepted. CASH will not be accepted.

Brokers:
Following successful completion of the licensing examination, broker candidates who have met the requirements of the Board will receive their licenses at the test center if they meet all of the following requirements:
- Candidates must provide payment at the test center for the license in the exact amount calculated upon passing the examination. Only credit cards, personal checks, cashier’s checks, or money orders made payable to “PSI” will be accepted. CASH will not be accepted.
- The candidate’s original Massachusetts salesperson license or inactive license notice is collected.

All candidates who, for any reason, are not issued a license at the test center will be required to mail the original passing score report to PSI. This will cause delays in the ability to practice in the real estate profession. If the applicant does not complete this process in a timely manner, they will be required to retake the examination and, possibly, the real estate course. The time allotted to complete the application process will be stated in the instructions. Applicants should expect to receive their license two (2) to three (3) weeks after the license fee has been received.

### EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINES FOR SALESPERSON AND BROKER

The Examination Content Outlines have been approved by the Division of Professional Licensure. These outlines reflect the minimum knowledge required by real estate professionals to perform their duties to the public in a competent and responsible manner. Changes in the examination content will be preceded by changes in these published examination content outlines.

Use the outlines as the basis of your study. The outlines list all the topics that are on the examination and the number of items for each topic. Do not schedule your examination until you are familiar with all topics in the outlines.

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*Note: General broker exams include questions that are scored up to two points.

### EXPERIMENTAL QUESTIONS
In addition to the number of examination items specified in the “Examination Content Outlines”, a small number (5 to 10) of “experimental” questions may be administered to candidates during the examinations. These questions will not be scored. However, these questions will count against examination time. The administration of such unscored, experimental questions is an essential step in developing future licensing examinations.
GENERAL PORTION
(REAL ESTATE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES)

I. Property Ownership (Sales 10%, Broker 10%)

A. Real and personal property; conveyances
B. Land characteristics and legal descriptions
   1. Metes and bounds method of legal property description
   2. Lot and block (recorded plat) method of legal property description
   4. Measuring structures (linear and square footage)
   5. Land measurement
C. Encumbrances and effects on property ownership
   1. Types of liens and their effect on the title and value of real property
   2. Easements, rights of way and licenses, including their effect on the title, value and use of real property
   3. Encroachments and their effect on the title, value and use of real property
   4. Potential encumbrances on title, such as probate, leases, or adverse possession
   5. Property rights that may be conveyed separately from use of the land surface, such as mineral and other subsurface rights, air rights, or water rights
D. Types of ownership
   1. Ownership in severalty/sole ownership
   2. Implications of ownership as tenants in common
   3. Implications of ownership in joint tenancy
   4. Forms of common-interest ownership, such as Timeshares, Condominiums and Co-ops
   5. Property ownership held in a trust or by an estate
   6. Ownership by business entities
   7. Life Estate ownership

II. Land use Controls (Sales 5%, Broker 5%)

A. Government rights in land
   1. Government rights to impose property taxes and special assessments
   2. Government rights to acquire land through eminent domain, condemnation and escheat
B. Government controls on land use
C. Private controls
   1. Deed conditions or restrictions on property use
   2. Subdivision covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Brs) on property use
   3. Condominium and owners’ associations regulations or bylaws on property use

III. Valuation (Sales 8%, Broker 8%)

A. Appraisals

1. Appraisals for valuation of real property
2. Situations which require appraisal by a licensed or certified appraiser and brokerage-related actions that constitute unauthorized appraisal practice
3. General steps in appraisal process

B. Estimating Value
   1. Economic principles and property characteristics that affect value of real property
   2. Sales or market comparison approach to property valuation and appropriate uses
   3. Cost approach to property valuation and appropriate uses
   4. Income analysis approach to property valuation and appropriate uses

C. Comparative Market Analysis (CMA)
   1. Competitive/Comparative Market Analysis (CMA), BPO or equivalent
   2. Automated Valuation Method (AVM), appraisal valuation and Comparative Market Analysis (CMA)

IV. Financing (Sales 10%, Broker 9%)

A. Basic Concepts and Terminology
   1. Loan financing (for example, points, LTV, PMI, interest, PITI)
   2. General underwriting process (e.g., debt ratios, credit scoring and history)
   3. Essential elements of a promissory note

B. Types of Loans
   1. Conventional loans
   2. Amortized loans, partially amortized (balloon) loans, interest-only loans
   3. Adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) loans
   4. Government Loans
      a. FHA insured loans
      b. VA guaranteed loans
      c. USDA/Rural Development loan programs
      a. Owner financing (for example, installment or land contract/contract for deed)
      b. Reverse-mortgage loans
      c. Home equity loans and lines of credit
      d. Construction loans
      e. Rehab loans
      f. Bridge loans

C. Financing and Lending
   1. Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), including kickbacks
   2. Truth-in-Lending Act (Regulation Z), including advertising
   3. Requirements and time frames of TRID (TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosures)
4. Equal Credit Opportunity Act
5. Lending Process (application through loan closing)
6. Risky loan features, such as prepayment penalties and balloon payments

V. Contracts (Sales 19%, Broker 19%)

A. General Contract Law
   1. General principles of contract law
   2. Elements necessary for a contract to be valid
   3. Effect of the Statute of Frauds
   4. Offer and a contract
   5. Enforceability of contracts
   6. Void, voidable and unenforceable contracts
   7. Bilateral and unilateral contracts
   8. Nature and use of option agreements
   9. Notice, delivery, acceptance and execution of contracts
   10. Appropriate use, risks, and advantages of electronic signatures and paperless transactions
   11. Rights and obligations of the parties to a contract
   12. Possible remedies for breach or non-performance of contract
   13. Termination, rescission and cancellation of contracts

B. Purchase and Lease Contracts
   1. Addenda and amendments to contracts
   2. Purchase agreements
   3. Contract contingencies and methods for satisfying them
   4. Leases and rental agreements
   5. Lease-purchase agreements
   6. Types of leases

C. Proper handling of multiple offers and counteroffers

VI. Agency (Sales 13%, Broker 13%)

A. Agency and non-agency relationships
   1. Agency relationships and how they are established
   2. Types of listing contracts
   3. Buyer brokerage/tenant representation contracts
   4. Other brokerage relationships, including transaction brokers and facilitators
   5. Powers of attorney and other assignments of authority
   6. Conditions for termination of agency or brokerage service agreements

B. Agent Duties
   1. Fiduciary duties of agents
   2. Agent's duties to customers/non-clients, including honesty and good faith

C. Agency Disclosures
   1. Disclosure of agency/representation

VII. Property Disclosures (Sales 7%, Broker 7%)

A. Property Condition
   1. Seller's property condition disclosure requirements
   2. Property conditions that may warrant inspections or a survey
   3. Red flags that warrant investigation of public or private land use controls

B. Environmental and Government Disclosures
   1. Environmental issues requiring disclosure
   2. Federal, state, or local disclosure requirements regarding the property

C. Disclosure of material facts and material defects

VIII. Property Management (Sales 3%, Broker 5%)

A. Duties and Responsibilities
   1. Procurement and qualification of prospective tenants
   2. Fair housing and ADA compliance specific to property management
   3. How to complete a market analysis to identify factors in setting rents or lease rates
   4. Property manager responsibility for maintenance, improvements, reporting and risk management (BROKER ONLY)
   5. Handling landlord and tenant funds; trust accounts, reports and disbursements (BROKER ONLY)
   6. Provisions of property management contracts (BROKER ONLY)

B. Landlord and tenant rights and obligations

IX. Transfer of Title (Sales 6%, Broker 6%)

A. Types of deeds

B. Title Insurance and Searches
   1. Title insurance policies and title searches
   2. Potential title problems and resolutions
   3. Marketable and insurable title

C. Closing Process
   1. When transfer of ownership becomes effective
   2. Process and importance of recordation
   3. Settlement procedures (closing) and parties involved
   4. Home and new construction warranties

D. Special Processes
   1. Special issues in transferring foreclosed properties
   2. Special issues in short sale transactions
   3. Special issues in probate transactions

X. Practice of Real Estate (Sales 12%, Broker 12%)

A. Antidiscrimination
   1. Federal Fair Housing Act general principles and exemptions
   2. Protected classes under Federal Fair Housing Act
A. Calculations for Transactions
1. Seller’s net proceeds
2. Buyer funds needed at closing
3. Real property tax and other prorations
4. Real property transfer fees
5. PITI (Principal, Interest, Taxes and Insurance) payments estimate given loan rate and term

B. General Concepts
1. Equity
2. Rate of return/Capitalization rate
3. Loan-to-Value ratio
4. Discount points and loan origination fees

STATE PORTION
(MASSACHUSETTS STATE REAL ESTATE LAWS
AND REAL ESTATE BOARD RULES)

I. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF
REGISTRATION OF REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND
SALESPERSONS (5%)(SALESPERSONS: 2 ITEMS;
BROKERS: 2 ITEMS)
A. Examination of records
B. Sanctions
1. Fines
2. License suspension and revocation

II. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS (10%) (SALESPERSONS: 4 ITEMS; BROKERS: 4 ITEMS)
A. Activities requiring a license
B. Types of licenses
1. Active, inactive, and expired
C. License renewal and continuing education
D. Board notifications

III. REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING LICENSEES (33-
35%) (SALESPERSONS: 13 ITEMS; BROKERS: 14 ITEMS)
A. Advertising
B. Broker/salesperson relationship
C. Commissions
D. Disclosures
1. Consumer/Licensee Relationship
2. Conflict of interest
3. Rental fee disclosures
E. Agency and Non-Agency Relationships
F. Handling of documents
G. Handling of monies
H. Record Keeping (Broker only)
I. Home inspectors--licensee responsibility

IV. CONTRACTS (5%)(SALESPERSONS: 2 ITEMS;
BROKERS: 2 ITEMS)
A. Offer to Purchase
B. Purchase and Sale agreement
C. Leases
D. Listing and Buyer Agreements

V. CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS (10-12%)
(SALESPERSONS: 5 ITEMS; BROKERS: 4 ITEMS)
A. Property disclosures
B. Misrepresentation
C. Privacy
D. Sanctions and enforcements

VI. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS (10%) (SALESPERSONS: 4 ITEMS;
BROKERS: 4 ITEMS)
A. Lead
B. Private sewage disposal
C. Smoke and carbon monoxide detection
D. Wetlands and rivers protection
VII. MASSACHUSETTS FAIR HOUSING LAW (10%) (SALESPERSONS: 4 ITEMS; BROKERS: 4 ITEMS)
A. Protected classes that differ from Federal
   1. MA specific exceptions
   2. MA Commission Against Discrimination
   3. ADA and other accommodations
B. Which of the following interests in property is held by a person who is granted a lifetime use of a property that will be transferred to a third party upon the death of the lifetime user?
   1. A life estate.
   2. A remainder estate.
   3. An estate for years.
   4. A reversionary estate.
C. Which of the following clauses in a mortgage allows the lender to demand loan repayment if a borrower sells the property?
   1. Defeasance
   2. Prepayment
   3. Acceleration
   4. Alienation
D. How much cash MUST a buyer furnish in addition to a $2,500 deposit if the lending institution grants a 90% loan on an $80,000 property?
   1. $5,500.
   2. $6,975.
   3. $7,450.
   4. None of the above.
E. Which of the following single-family residences would get the MOST accurate appraisal by applying the reproduction cost approach to value?
   1. A rental property.
   2. A vacant property.
   3. A new property.
   4. An historic property.

Answers to Sample Broker Questions:
A: 1; B: 2; C: 4; D: 1; E: 4

SAMPLE BROKER QUESTIONS (SCENARIO-BASED)

PSI National Real Estate Broker Examination Instruction

IMPORTANT
Test questions appear on the screen ONE AT A TIME. A question may have an associated graphic displayed on the screen, or it may direct the candidate to reference material, such as a chart or diagram.

Each question may contain up to EIGHT options and ONLY ONE BEST option shall be selected to answer the question. Some options are appropriate but NOT the BEST ANSWER. Please select the option that best answers the question in the exam. A BEST ANSWER reflects the optimal solution or most complete resolution to the scenario presented in the question.

Scenario:
You are hosting an open house. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin come into the house. You greet them and show them the house. The Martins tell you the house is exactly what they are looking for and they are very interested in purchasing it. You then give them information showing the various types of financing available with down payment options and projected payments.

Mr. Martin tells you they have been working with Mary Hempstead of XX Realty, a competing real estate company. Before leaving, you thank them for coming and give them your business card.

A. The first thing on Monday morning, Mrs. Martin calls and indicates they have tried to reach Mary and cannot. They indicate they have a written buyer’s agent agreement with Mary’s broker. They are afraid someone else is going to buy the house. Which of the following should you do? Select the best answer.
   1. Seek advice from your supervising broker.
   2. Tell them to come to your office.
   3. Ask them to bring the buyer’s agency agreement to you for your interpretation.
   4. Tell them to be patient and continue trying to reach Mary.
   5. Tell them to call Mary’s supervising broker or branch manager.
   6. Tell them you are really sorry, but there is nothing you can do.
B. The Martins come to your office and explain that neither Mary nor her supervising broker are available. They insist you immediately write an offer for the house. How should you proceed? Select the best answer.
   1. Write the offer after entering into a buyer’s broker agreement with them.
   2. Write the offer after explaining they may owe Mary’s broker a commission.
   3. Write the offer after trying to contact Mary’s broker yourself.
4. Refuse to write an offer and explain that doing so would be unethical.
5. Refuse to write and offer since it would be illegal.
6. Refuse to write the offer and tell the Martins to contact another Broker in Mary’s office.

Answers (Points) to Sample Principal Broker Questions:
A. 1 (2 points), 2 (1 point), 3 (0 point)
   4 (0 point), 5 (1 point), 6 (0 point)

B. 1 (1 point), 2 (2 points), 3 (1 point)
   4 (0 point), 5 (0 point), 6 (0 point)
Instructions and Documentation requirements

COMPLETE CHECKLIST BEFORE YOU MAIL YOUR APPLICATION

After following the prior guidelines do your final check

- Application is legible, complete, and signed
- Current MA license number and issue date is indicated (Brokers Only)
- Current Picture is attached
- Correct Fee is attached, or Credit Card information included (no cash)
- Appropriate Education is documented and signed
- Appropriate work experience is documented and signed (Brokers Only)
- Endorsements
- $5000 Surety Bond (Brokers only)
- CORI acknowledgment form is completed and attached

School Form

- The correct form is filled out
- Student name is on the form and program indicated
- Total hours of education is indicated on the form
- The school seal is showing

Work experience Form (Broker applicants only)

- All dates are filled in including ‘present’ date
- Supervising Licensee has signed

Nb. Please be aware that when your application arrives at PSI, it is reviewed as quickly as possible, usually in a matter of days or weeks. We cannot wait for missing documentation. Your application will be RETURNED if it is missing documentation, which will create an unnecessary delay.

It is in your best interest to make sure that your application is ready for approval on FIRST review.

Complete and email the application to: MA.ApplicationProcessor@psionline.com.

Or Mail the application to:
PSI Examination Services
ATTN: Examination Registration MA RE
3210 E Tropicana Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89121

Faxed copies will not be accepted.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Division of Professional Licensure  
Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons  

Application for Examination

Complete and email this registration form to: MA.ApplicationProcessor@psionline.com

Completed by Vendor/Board
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Real Estate Brokers exam plus application Fee for Brokers exam | $106
Real Estate Salespersons exam plus application Fee for Salesperson exam | $85

Note: there isn’t an application fee for Military (see page 6)
The retake fee for each examination is $54

Money Order or Cashier’s Check also accepted. No cash or personal check.

Credit card (MasterCard or VISA) payment accepted for phone or review/re-exam registrations only.

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| Maiden / Former / Also Known As |

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*Pursuant to MGL. c 62C § 47A, the Division of Professional Licensure is required to obtain your Social Security number and forward it to the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue will use your Social Security number to ascertain whether you are in compliance with the tax laws of the Commonwealth.
1. Has a licensing/certification board located in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction taken any disciplinary action against any licenses you hold in another jurisdiction? Yes [ ] No [ ]
   If yes, please state the details and provide the documents pertaining to disciplinary action (use a separate sheet if necessary):

2. Are you the subject of pending complaints that may result in disciplinary actions by a licensing/certification board located in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction? Yes [ ] No [ ]
   If yes, please state the details (use a separate sheet if necessary):

3. Have you ever voluntarily surrendered or resigned a professional license to a licensing/certification board in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction? Yes [ ] No [ ]
   If yes, please state the details (use a separate sheet if necessary):

4. Have you ever applied for and been denied a professional license in the United States or any country of foreign jurisdiction? Yes [ ] No [ ]
   If yes, please state the details (use a separate sheet if necessary):

5. Have you ever admitted to or been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction? Yes [ ] No [ ]
   If yes, candidate must send in court documentation and write a letter explaining what happened, how it happened and what was the outcome. Without this paperwork, your application will be denied by the State Board. (use a separate sheet if necessary):

6. Do you have any open/pending charges pertaining to a felony or misdemeanor in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction? Yes [ ] No [ ]
   If yes, candidate must send in court documentation and write a letter explaining what happened, how it happened and what was the outcome. Without this paperwork, your application will be denied by the State Board. (use a separate sheet if necessary):

The Board is certified by the Criminal History Systems Board [ID# MAREG G] to access data about convictions and pending criminal cases. Those records—and other Federal and professional records—may be checked as part of your licensing process. No record is an automatic disqualifier; you will be given an opportunity for a limited appearance before the Board.

By signing this application I certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information I have provided pursuant to this application for licensure is truthful and accurate. I understand that the failure to provide accurate information may be grounds for the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salespeople to deny my right to sit as a candidate or to suspend or revoke a license issued to me in accordance with Massachusetts Law. I further attest that, pursuant to M.G.L.c.62C, s. 49A, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have filed all Mass tax returns and paid all Mass taxes required by law.
CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION (CORI)
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

The Division of Professional Licensure by itself and on behalf of boards of registration pursuant to M.G.L. c. 13, §9 [hereinafter, “Division of Professional Licensure”] is registered under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 6, § 172 to receive CORI for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective license applicants and current licensees.

As a license applicant or current licensee, I understand that a CORI check will be submitted for my personal information to the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (“DCJIS”). I hereby acknowledge and provide permission to the Division of Professional Licensure to submit a CORI check for my information to the DCJIS. This authorization is valid for one year from the date of my signature. I may withdraw this authorization at any time by providing the Division of Professional Licensure written notice of my intent to withdraw consent to a CORI check.

FOR LICENSING PURPOSES ONLY:

The Division of Professional Licensure may conduct subsequent CORI checks within one year of the date this Form was signed by me.

By signing below, I provide my consent to an initial CORI check and a subsequent CORI check, both within one year of the date of this Form and acknowledge that the information provided on Page 2 of this Acknowledgement Form is true and accurate.

________________________________________  __________________________
Signature                                       Date

Please provide the name of the board of registration and license type for which you are applying or currently hold:

________________________________________  __________________________
Board of Registration                           License Type

NOTE: THIS TWO-PAGE CORI ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS IT HAS BEEN SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC WHO HAS COMPLETED THE “VERIFICATION BY NOTARY SECTION” ON PAGE TWO, DOCUMENTING THAT SAID NOTARY HAS VERIFIED THE IDENTITY OF THE SIGNER THROUGH SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF IDENTIFICATION.
SUBJECT INFORMATION: (A red asterisk (*) denotes a required field)

*Last Name ___________________________ *First Name ___________________________ Middle Name ___________________________ Suffix ________

*Maiden Name (or other name(s) by which you have been known)

______________________________________________________________

*Date of Birth ___________________________ *Place of Birth ___________________________

*Social Security Number: _________ - _________ - _________

Sex: _______ Height: ____ ft. ____ in. Eye Color: _________

*Driver’s License or ID Number: __________________ *State of Issue: __________________

Current and Former Addresses:

*Street Number & Name __________________ City/Town __________________ State Zip ______

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*Street Number & Name __________________ City/Town __________________ State Zip ______

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IDENTITY VERIFICATION SECTION: Prior to submission to the Board’s application vendor, this Section must be completed.

VERIFICATION BY NOTARY:

On this _____ day of _____________, 20____, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared ________________________________ (name of document signer), and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was the following: 

□ Passport □ State-issued driver’s license □ Military identification □ State-issued identification card

to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document and acknowledged to me that (he) (she) signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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Notary Public: ___________________________ Notary Commission Expires On ___________________________
## Candidates Eligible via Education

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that this candidate has completed the course hours as prescribed by the Board.

Signature of School Authorized Agent

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## Candidates Eligible via Board Waiver

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Signature of Board Agent

This certification, if issued by an approved Massachusetts Real Estate school, is valid for two years from the certification date below. This certification, if issued by the Real Estate Board as a waiver, is valid until the certification date below. If the candidate listed below does not pass the entire examination within the two-year period, or in the case of a waiver prior to the certification date, this certificate will no longer be accepted for examination.
Candidate Endorsement - Required of all test takers

References MUST be unrelated to the applicant. Classmates known by you only from the real estate course may not sign below.

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED IN INK.**

I, the UNDERSIGNED, certify that the applicant, who is known to me, has a good reputation for honesty and fair dealings and is of good moral character. The Board may assume that in endorsing this applicant I will be willing to interpret or to substantiate to the Board my endorsement should the Board desire to contact me at a later date.

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EMPLOYING BROKER CERTIFICATION

To be completed in its entirety by the employing broker only. ORIGINAL COMPLETED FORM ONLY must be provided at the test center. Copies will not be accepted.

Candidate’s Massachusetts Salesperson License Number  

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above named Salesperson was actively associated with me for at least twenty-five (25) hours per week for _________ weeks beginning ___________ until ___________. I have not included any weeks when less than the requisite twenty-five (25) hours were worked.

Broker Signature ___________________________ Date Signed ___________________________

Broker Name (Please Print) ___________________________ Broker License Number ___________________________

In the case of a corporation, partnership, LLP, or LLC only the Broker of Record may endorse and you must also include:

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EXAMPLE OF HOW TO FILL OUT THE REAL ESTATE BROKER BOND

THIS ORIGINAL FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE INSURANCE AGENT OR BOND COMPANY.

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

Candidate’s name
That we, (name as it appears or will appear on the broker license)

Candidate’s address
of (address as it appears or will appear on the broker license)

Candidate’s town or city
Town of

Candidate’s county
County of

Candidate’s state
State of

Name of bond company or insurance company
as Principal, and

Bond company or insurance company’s state

a corporation organized under the laws of the State of , as Obligee, the sum of FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($5,000) for the payment of which sum the said principal and surety do jointly and severally bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and each and every one of them firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT WHEREAS, the Principal has made application to the Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen for a license to engage in the business of Real Estate Broker as defined in Chapter 112 of the General Laws as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen shall grant the application and issue the license above referred to and if the Principal shall faithfully account for all funds entrusted to him in his capacity of Real Estate Broker, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect, subject however to the following conditions:

No. 1. This bond shall be continuous in form; the liability of the surety hereunder may however be terminated by giving thirty days written notice thereof, by registered or certified mail, to the Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen in a form acceptable to such Board; and upon giving such notice, the Surety shall be discharged from all liability under this bond for any act or omission of the Principal occurring after the expiration of thirty days from the date of service of such notice.

No. 2. That any person aggrieved by an act of the Principal named in this bond in violation of the provisions of said Chapter 112 may proceed against the Principal or Surety herein, or both, to recover damages.

No. 3. That nothing contained herein shall be construed to impose upon the Surety any greater liability in the aggregate than the total amount of his bond.

In witness whereof, the said Principal and Surety have signed and sealed this instrument this day of (Year)

Witness__________________________  Principal__________________________

Company Representative’s Signature  Candidate’s Signature

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as the granting of a broker license or authorization to practice the business of real estate broker. This original bond, once completed, must be submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen, 1000 Washington Street, Suite 710, Boston, MA 02118-6110.
REAL ESTATE BROKER BOND

It is recommended that the candidate have the insurance agent witness them signing the bond at the time the bond is issued.

A completed Broker Bond is Mandatory for All Broker Candidates: There are no exceptions to this requirement!

After you schedule your Broker examination, you should take the Real Estate Broker Bond form (provided on the next page) to your insurance agent or bond company. Some insurance companies and agents have reformatted this form, sometimes installing their own company or agency logo. These forms are acceptable provided that they contain all of the same wording and features of the prototype form found on the following page. A copied bond is acceptable but ONLY if it bares original signatures. Power of Attorney, if present (but not required), should be submitted with the bond. Rider, if present (but not required), should be submitted with the bond.

A completed (and valid) Broker Bond must include the following:

1. Your legal name must be completed as it will appear on your broker license.
2. Your address, including town, county and state must be filled out.
3. Name of the bond company (“as Principal, and”): The name of the bond company must appear on the approved list found in this Candidate Information Bulletin.
4. The state in which the bond company is incorporated.
5. A $5,000 bond coverage must be provided.
6. The date the bond was signed by “Attorney-in-Fact” must be provided. The Attorney-in-Fact is the insurance agent or bond company.
7. The Broker Bond must already bear the signature (original ink signature or mass-produced signature stamp) of the “Attorney-in-Fact.”
8. Three mandatory signatures are required: (1) the “Attorney-in-Fact”, (2) the principal (candidate), and (3) at least one witness: A bond with one or more copied signatures MUST bear the insurance company’s embossed or adhered seal. If the bond does not bear either an original ink signature or a mass-produced signature of “Attorney-in-Fact”, it cannot be accepted by PSI and you will be turned away. The invalid bond will be returned to you and you will need to have the form corrected, reschedule your exam and pay the examination fee again.
9. The insurance agent, bond company and/or their representative MUST witness the candidate signing the bond. This must occur prior to arriving at the test center. The TEST CENTER STAFF cannot witness the Principal’s (candidate) signature. It is recommended that the candidate have the insurance agent witness them signing the bond at the time the bond is issued.
REAL ESTATE BROKER BOND

THIS ORIGINAL FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE INSURANCE AGENT OR BOND COMPANY.

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, __________________________________________________________ (name as it appears or will appear on the broker license)

of _______________________________________________________________ Town of __________________________________________________________ (address as it appears or will appear on the broker license)

County of _________________________________________________________ State of __________________________________________________________

as Principal, and __________________________________________________________ (name as it appears or will appear on the broker license)

a corporation organized under the laws of the State of ____________________, and duly authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as Obligee, the sum of FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($5,000) for the payment of which sum the said principal and surety do jointly and severally bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and each and every one of them firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT WHEREAS, the Principal has made application to the Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen for a license to engage in the business of Real Estate Broker as defined in Chapter 112 of the General Laws as amended.

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Witness ___________________________________________________________ Principal __________________________________________________________

Witness ___________________________________________________________ Candidate _______________________________________________________

Witness ___________________________________________________________ By __________________________________________________________

Attorney-in-Fact _____________________________________________________

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CANDIDATES WHO CONTACT AN INSURANCE AGENT TO PROCURE A BOND SHOULD BE SURE IT IS WRITTEN BY ONE OF THESE BOND COMPANIES. IF THE COMPANY DOES NOT APPEAR ON THIS LIST, CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO CALL THE MASSACHUSETTS REAL ESTATE BOARD AT (617) 727-2373. THE INSURANCE AGENT MUST COMPLETE THE BOND FORM BY ENTERING ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION. IF ANY INFORMATION IS MISSING, THE LICENSEE IS NOT PERMITTED TO COMPLETE THE FORM. IN THAT CASE, THE FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE INSURANCE AGENT FOR COMPLETION. THE APPLICANT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION UNTIL THE BOND IS CORRECTLY COMPLETED.

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Date of Birth

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Legal Last Name

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Middle Initial

Residence Address

City

State

Zip Code

Contact Phone Number (including area code)

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Email Address

School Name

School Date of Completion (you must also attach a copy of the school certificate)

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Check One: * VISA  *MasterCard  *American Express  *Discover

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Card Verification No: ________________ For your security, PSI requires you to enter the card identification number located on your credit card. The card identification number is located on the back of the card and consists of the last three digits on the signature strip.

Billing Street Address: ___________________________ Billing Zip Code: __________

Cardholder Name (Print): ___________________________ Signature: ______________

Mail or Email this Registration Form, along with the examination fee, copy of your school certificate, and copy of your military orders or DD-214.

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