



## **Regulatory Guidance 20-33** **Issued May 27, 2020**

**Attention:** Real Estate Broker's License Applicants  
**Re:** Deadline Extension for Pre-License Education Coursework and Real Estate Licensing Experience Requirements  
**Date:** May 27, 2020

### **Authority.**

On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-01, declaring a peacetime emergency related to COVID-19.

On March 28, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed House File 4531 authorizing Commissioner of Commerce Steve Kelley ("Commissioner") to delay, stay, or waive the following licensing, investigative and other deadlines related to the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner and regulated entities required to effectively continue the business of the Minnesota Department of Commerce and to assist regulated entities during the current peacetime emergency.

On April 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-35, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

On May 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-53, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

In light of the challenges related to the COVID-19 virus, the Commissioner of Commerce has issued an Order granting temporary extensions of certain deadlines for a number of licensees.

### **Guidance.**

The Commerce Department is providing temporary, emergency relief to certain individuals who have been unable to sit for the real estate broker's state license examination due to COVID-19 within 12 months of the date that the individual passed the real estate broker's pre-license education course or received a waiver of the real estate licensing experience requirement to sit for the broker's examination.

Minnesota Statutes, section 82.59, subdivision 8(b) requires an applicant for a real estate broker's license to complete the broker's pre-license education course no more than 12 months prior to the date of submitting an application for the broker's license. Minnesota Statutes, section § 82.59, subdivision 5(e) requires the recipient of a waiver of the real estate licensing experience requirement to successfully complete the broker's examination within one year from the date of the granting of the waiver, or the waiver will lapse. Minnesota

Statutes, section §82.58, subdivision 3 requires an applicant to pass the real estate broker's state license examination prior to submitting an application.

The deadline for applicants for real estate broker licenses who completed the real estate broker pre-license education course on or after March 16, 2019 to submit a complete application is extended to August 31, 2020. The deadline for applicants who received a waiver on or after March 16, 2019 of the real estate licensing experience requirement for the broker's examination to pass the real estate broker state examination and to submit a complete application is extended to August 31, 2020.

**Questions.**

Individual questions should be directed to [licensing.commerce@state.mn.us](mailto:licensing.commerce@state.mn.us). Commerce staff are responding as soon as possible to written inquiries regarding all regulated license types.

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