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FAQS FOR EDUCATION SUBMITTAL FOR **MID-TERM (2 YEAR PERIOD) EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 4 YEAR LICENSE Implementation of LCB File #R093-10**

When may I submit my certificates (proof of completion) of education to the Division? **Q**: A:

At any time during the 2-year period that all education requirements have been completed.

Q: May I submit certificates as I complete my education?

No. The licensee must submit the entire package of certificates all together as proof of A: completion of all required hours and designations for required education.

Q: When must the education have been completed?

The education must have been completed and the certificates must have been issued by the A: approved education sponsor during the 2-year education period.

O: Do I pay any fee when I submit my mid-term education certificates? A: No.

O: Is there a form to submit with the mid-term education certificates?

No. Every certificate issued by an approved sponsor must have the licensee's name and license A: number on it. That is how the Division knows for whom to record the certificate credit.

O: Will I get a receipt when I submit my certificates?

A: No; the Division will not be issuing a receipt.

O: How can I verify that my education has been received?

In the fall of 2013, the Division will inform licensees how they can set up their "My Account" A: to have access to view their electronic licensing file. Licensees will be able to verify what education has been recorded to their licensing file.

O: Am I required to submit the original certificates to the Division, or may I submit a copy?

The Division prefers the original certificates, but will accept a clear readable copy. The A: Division strongly recommends that the licensee keep a copy of every certificate submitted for your records. The Division is unable to make copies or to return what has been submitted.

O: Will I need to submit my first two-year period certificates again when I renew my license after four years?

No. The first two-year period certificates will be recorded in the Division's data system. The A: Division does not need to see those certificates again. The Division, however, strongly recommends that the licensee keep a copy of each certificate submitted for your records until you have successfully renewed your license after the four-year license term.

Q: I have a four-year license. I have "heard" that the mandatory designated hours must be taken by live classroom education. Is that correct?

A: No. The requirement in the regulation is that at least half (50 percent) of the total hours of required continuing education during the 2-year period must be taken through live instruction.

Q: If I hold a permit (Property Management or Business Broker), does the 3 hours of mandatory education for the permit count as part of my required hours?

A: Yes. If you are a subsequent renewing licensee with a 4-year renewal period, then the 3 hours of required permit education does count as part of the required 24 hours every two years.

Q: How do I provide my certificates to the Division to satisfy the mid-term education requirement?

A: Certificates must be sent by United States Postal Service mail – or – common carrier with tracking (Fed Ex, UPS) – or – in person at the Las Vegas office at 2501 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas to the Real Estate Education Section. Using certified or receipt required mail is your option.

Q: Why can't I fax or e-mail my certificates to the Division?

A: At this time, the Division does not have the capability to handle that. The on-line application system and electronic capabilities will continue to be developed and expanded in the future.

Q: What happens if I do not submit to the Division proof of completion of the required education by the end of the 2-year period?

A: A licensee who fails to comply with the requirements for continuing education is subject to inactivation of the license by the Division and an administrative fine in the amount of \$100.

Q: If my license is inactivated for failure to comply, how do I reactivate it?

A: In order to reactivate the license, proof of the education that was due must be submitted and the administrative fine paid. Should an inactivation be necessary, the licensee – with copy to the broker – will receive notification from the Division. More serious consequences occur if it is a broker whose license is inactivated, as all licensees who work under the supervision of that broker are also inactivated. A licensee who conducts licensed activity after the inactivation of the license is subject to further penalty for unlicensed activity before the Real Estate Commission.

Q: What if I mail my certificates on the last day of the month they are due?

A: Just as with a license renewal with a fee, the Division uses the post-marked date by the delivery service (United States Postal Service, Fed Ex, UPS) to determine when an item was sent and whether it was timely. The Division date-stamps all documents submitted in person at the Las Vegas office of the Real Estate Division. Those are the dates that are used to determine whether documentation was received timely.

Q: What happens if my certificates are lost in the mail?

A: It is the licensee's responsibility to ensure that documents are submitted timely to the Real Estate Division. You may use a tracked method of sending certificates, such as USPS certified mail/return receipt or Fed Ex or UPS to verify delivery. The Division strongly recommends that the licensee keep a copy of each certificate submitted for your records.

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