

2026 Calendar

Georgia Instructor
Training Workshop GIT

October 20 – 22, 2026
Georgia REALTORS®
Sandy Springs, GA

New
Education
Manual
posted online!
Click Here

Link to GREC
Disciplinary Actions
View Current
Suspensions and
Revocations

Georgia Real Estate Infobase
Click Here

Deputy
Commissioner
[Greconnect.com](https://greconnect.com)
Link



This Issue

Education News: Course Renewals	P. 1-2
GREC Job Opportunities	P. 3
Disciplinary Stats	P. 3
Times to Remember	P. 3
Focus on Terminology	P. 3

Important News: Continuing Education Course Retirement Coming January 1, 2027

The Georgia Real Estate Commission is proud to announce a meaningful and long-overdue step forward for real estate education in Georgia. Beginning **January 1, 2027**, Commission-approved continuing education courses will move to a five-year approval cycle under Commission Rule [520-2-.04](#) — ensuring that the education Georgia's licensees receive stays current, relevant, and worthy of the trust consumers place in them.

Here is what school directors need to know.

Which Courses Are Affected?

Any continuing education course with an approval code **below 76118** will be end-dated and unavailable for student credit as of January 1, 2027. This number gives you a quick reference if you cannot locate an approval date. You can also log into [GREC processing](#) (<https://ata.grec.state.ga.us/>) (GREATA) and pull your full active course list — your approved courses, their codes, and their approval dates are all available to you there. Pre-licensing and post-licensing courses are not part of this initiative. Guidance on those courses will be provided separately.

What If You Want to Keep Teaching an Older Course?

You have options. If a course you currently offer has a code below 76118 and you want to continue offering it for licensee credit after January 1, 2027, you will need to submit it for new approval and receive a new course code. Keep in mind that a prior approval does not guarantee re-approval — the Education Department will review each submission on its merits under Commission Rule 520-2-.04. If your course is approved, you will be assigned a new course code. Good news: you may keep the same course name. This means your website, marketing materials, and online presence require minimal changes.

When you submit, you will need to tell us one of two things: whether you want the old course code end-dated as of your submission date if it is prior to January 1, 2027, or whether you want both the old and new codes active at the same time for a temporary period until January 1, 2027 when the old course code will be retired and not available for licensee credit. This is especially important for schools managing online course enrollments.

Continued on Page 2...

Have Questions?

Visit the [GREC CONNECT](#) session weekly on Fridays 9:00 AM
GREC CONNECT is a weekly Zoom call with GREC Deputy Commissioner, Kim Yarrington. Every Friday morning at 9:00 AM via the greconnect.com website, you can join in to listen, learn, and share. Each week the topic is shared through GREC's Facebook™ page and by email. Should you have any questions, contact Kim at education@grec.state.ga.us.

SUBMIT
Comments
&
Suggestions

To sign up to
receive the GREC
RENewsletter
Click Here

GREC Online Courses approved for:

1. **Being a Broker
and Staying Out
of Trouble**
 - **Broker CE**
 - **License Law**
 - **Continuing Ed**
 - **Instructor CE**
2. **Avoiding Trust
Account Trouble**
 - **Broker CE**
 - **License Law**
 - **Continuing Ed**
 - **Instructor CE**
3. **Practicing Real
Estate & Staying
Out of Trouble**
 - **License Law**
 - **Continuing Ed**
 - **Instructor CE**

Click Here to Enroll
\$10 Each

Course Renewals ... *Continued from Page 1*

Should You Submit Now or Wait?

If your school already has a solid catalog of courses approved in 2023 or later, you may not need to act right away. Those courses remain fully valid. If you do not need new course approvals before 2027, consider waiting — any course submitted and approved in 2027 will begin its five-year clock then, giving you the maximum benefit of the approval period. There is no advantage to submitting early if you already have sufficient offerings.

When you are ready to submit, remember that **GREC accepts a maximum of five course submissions per school per week**. Plan your submission calendar accordingly, especially if you have a large catalog to refresh. We do not anticipate the system being overwhelmed, and staggering submissions will help everyone.

Online Courses — Plan Ahead

If your school offers online courses with extended completion windows of six months or longer, you need to act now. Assess how many students are currently enrolled in courses with codes below 76118 and determine how many may still be working toward completion after January 1, 2027.

Here is how credit will be handled: if a student purchased a course before January 1, 2027 and completes it after that date under a newly approved course code for the same title, credit can be properly recorded — but this requires coordination. The [GREC processing \(https://ata.grec.state.ga.us/\)](https://ata.grec.state.ga.us/) (GREATA) system tracks credit by course code, not course title. Contact the Education Department to work through the specifics for your school's situation before the deadline.

Removing retired course codes from your online platforms and advertising should be completed before January 1, 2027. Because you can use the same course title going forward, the impact on your online presence should be minimal.

A Note on ARELLO Certifications

ARELLO certifications for distance education are issued by ARELLO on a three-year cycle and are separate from Commission course approvals. This initiative does not change ARELLO's certification process. However, it is important to understand the interaction between the two: Commission course approval is valid for five years. Because an ARELLO certification runs three years, schools cannot simply renew an ARELLO certification for another three years if that would push the course beyond its five-year Commission approval window — that would result in a combined approval period of up to six years, which exceeds the rule. When you submit a new ARELLO certification you will receive a new course code number if approved by GREC.

What About Student Credit Already Earned?

Retiring a course does not affect credit a licensee has already received. Any CE course completed before January 1, 2027 is permanently recorded and counts toward the licensee's renewal — regardless of whether that course is later retired. Licensees are not harmed by this change. Georgia licensees renew on a four-year cycle, meaning any CE completed in the current cycle was taken from courses that are either already approved through 2023 and beyond, or was completed before the retirement date and fully credited.

The Bottom Line

This is good news — for schools, for licensees, and for the consumers they serve every day. Georgia's real estate market demands professionals who are informed, prepared, and current. This initiative makes sure the education system keeps pace. We look forward to partnering with you through this transition and making it as smooth as possible.

Questions may be directed to:

Sharri-Ann Solomon, Education Compliance and Communications Manager |

ssolomon@grec.state.ga.us

or Vickie Rogers, Director of Education Audits | vrogers@grec.state.ga.us

New
Education
Manual
posted online!

Job Opportunities at the Georgia Real Estate Commission Opening for position as Investigator with GREC.

Appraisal Investigator
Information Specialist
System Administrator

Understanding
Your GREC
Account and CE
Hours Video
Tutorial

SUBMIT
Comments
&
Suggestions

Times to Remember

3 Years - Accurate copies of sales contracts, brokerage engagements, closing statements, offers, accounting records, leases, or other documents related to real estate transactions [520-1-.10 \(4\)](#) and [43-40-25 \(27\)](#) must be maintained for 3 years.

30 Days - The Broker must notify the Commission in writing within 30 Days of a change the address of the broker's place of business [43-40-19\(a\)](#)

1 Month - All Licensees must notify the Commission of a New Address – this includes an email address. This applies to schools, instructors, and all Licensees. you can update your mailing address, email address, and other information on file with the Commission. [Update online.](#)

4 Years -.Real estate Licenses renew every 4 years on the Licensee's birth date. The 4-year renewal must be completed by the end of your birth month, not your birth date. [520-1-.05](#) [Check your renewal date online.](#)

5 Years All approved schools must maintain the following records for at least 5 years: **Course Outlines**, examinations, answer keys, scores, texts and materials, attendance, instructor resumes, specific detailed data for non-synchronous courses such as online and remote courses. [520-2-.02](#) Records must be available to the Commission upon reasonable request.

5 Years - **Beginning January 1, 2027, all courses will only be approved for a five year period.**

30 Days - The licensee has 30 Days to notify the Commission in writing of the opening or closing of a designated Trust Account [43-40-12 \(m\)\(1\)](#)

1 Month - Within 1 month of opening each account, Brokers must notify the Commission of the name of the bank, account name and number and where each Trust or Escrow account is maintained. [520-1-.08\(1\)\(a\)](#).

July 2026 Meeting - Commission Actions Taken

Cases Sent to the Attorney General for Review and Disposition by Consent Order or by Hearing	0
Cease & Desist Orders Issued	2
Citations Issued	1
Letter of Findings Issued	0
Consent Orders Entered Into	0
Final Orders of Revocation of Licensure	0
Licenses Surrendered After the Commission Initiated an Investigation	0
Cases Closed for Insufficient Evidence or No Apparent Violation	15
Licensing Cases - Applicant has a Criminal Conviction - License Issued	3
Licensing Cases - Applicant has a Criminal Conviction - License Denied	4
Licensee(s) Failed to Make a Written Request for a Hearing Within 60 Days of a Conviction of an Offense	0
Total	25

[Click to review a legend of the disciplinary actions the Commission may impose.](#)

Georgia Real Estate
Commission
Suite 1000
International Tower
229 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303-1605
Phone 404-656-3916