

2012 Real Estate Law Changes

Effective July 1, 2012

455.02 – Temporary License for Military Spouse

A spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States may be issued a temporary license to practice a profession in Florida. The applicant's spouse must be on active duty and assigned to a duty station in Florida. The applicant must hold a valid license for the profession in another state, the District of Columbia, and United States territory or possession or a foreign jurisdiction. The license is valid for six months.

455.213 – Licensing fee waiver for Military Veterans

"The department shall waive the initial licensing fee, the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity fee for a military veteran who applies to the department for a license, in a format prescribed by the department, within 24 months after discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for this waiver, the veteran must have been honorably discharged".

455.273/5 – Licensing notice requirements to include e-mail address

License notifications can be made to e-mail addresses provided by licensees. Previously, the wording stated "last known mailing address". Now reads "last known mailing address or e-mail address of record with the department"

475.451 – Instructor On-line Continuing Education

Instructor Continuing Education can be accomplished by successfully completing a minimum of "7 classroom or distance learning hours of instruction". Currently no on-line courses exist but it is now available by statute. Once the DBPR develops the course curriculum, on-line instructor CE will be available.

475.180(2)(a) – Irrevocable Consent to Service Form

The provision was deleted that requires an applicant for a real estate license who is not a Florida resident or out of state residents to file an "Irrevocable Consent to Service Form."