

# **Apply for a Real Estate Broker License**

These instructions are for a Washington-based Broker applying for the first time OR for those who hold a canceled Washington Real Estate Broker license.

If you are currently licensed in another state, see the document Apply for a Reciprocity Broker or Managing Broker License.

### **Getting Started**

- **1. Take** all required education.
- **2. Get** your fingerprints taken for your background check.

#### **Take Your Exams**

<u>Important!</u> Your Real Estate School(s) must submit your completed courses to PSI before you can schedule your exams.

- 1. **Schedule** your exams directly through PSI's scheduling portal.
- **2.** Take your exams.
  - If you don't pass all required exams the first time, **reschedule** your exam directly with PSI (not Department of Licensing).
- **3.** PSI will upload exam results information to Department of Licensing.
- **4.** Department of Licensing will send you an email when you have passed all required exams and are ready to apply for your license.
  - The results of your fingerprint background check must be entered on your record before you can apply.

# **Prepare to Apply for Your License**

1. Make sure you are in the Chrome browser and Chrome pop-up blocker is turned OFF **before** you start this process.

- **2.** Have you previously logged into the Professional and Business Licensing system?
  - Yes. Go to the next step.
  - No. Create a SecureAccess Washington (SAW) account OR use an existing one, add the Professional and Business Licensing service to your SAW account, and enroll in multi-factor authentication (MFA).
    - See SAW Registration & Linking Licenses document for detailed instructions
- **3.** Do you have an Apply for License To-Do on your Home page?
  - Yes. Go to Apply for Your License
  - **No.** Go to next step.



- **4.** Have you received notification from Department of Licensing that you have passed your exams and can apply for your license?
  - Yes. Go to next step.
  - No. You are not yet eligible to apply for your license. Please wait for notification. Don't submit additional Exam applications.

- 5. Do you have a Link Existing Professional License button on your Home page?
  - Yes. Click the button and provide the appropriate information to link your Exam application using the REA number from your Exam Passed notification. Go to <u>Linked Exam Application</u>.
    - See SAW Registration & Linking Licenses document for detailed instructions.
  - No. Contact the Real Estate Program for assistance.



## **Linked Exam Application**

- 1. If an Apply for License To-Do has been issued, you **won't** see the Exam Application anywhere in the portal.
  - If you submitted additional Exam applications in the portal, they may show under the Licenses tab in Abandoned status. You can ignore these; they will eventually drop off your record.
- 2. Click the Home link in the gray navigation bar at the top of the page to return to the Home page.



- 3. You should see an Apply for License To-Do. Go to Apply for Your License.
  - If you don't see a To-Do, try refreshing the page.
  - If you still don't see a To-Do, contact the Real Estate Program for assistance.



# **Apply for Your License**

<u>Important!</u> If you see a Fingerprint reminder on your Home page, background check results have not been entered on your record. You'll get an error message if you try to apply.

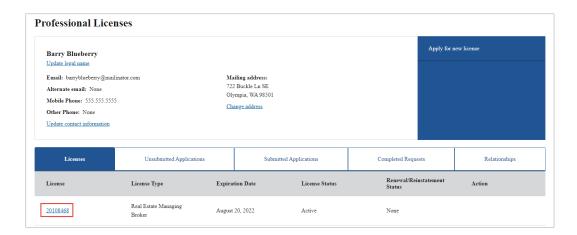
1. **Click** the Apply for License button from the Home page.



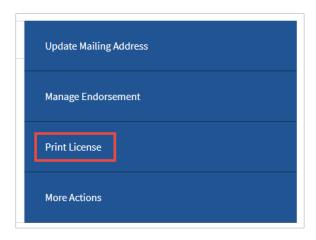
- 2. Complete and submit the License application and go through all payment screens to pay for the Broker license. Continue until you return to the portal page.
- 3. The Broker license will be issued automatically UNLESS you answered Yes to a Legal Background question.
  - If your license auto-issued, you'll see it under the Licenses tab of the Professional Licenses page.
  - If your license didn't auto-issue, you'll see your License application in In-Reviiew status under the Submitted Applications tab on the Professional Licenses page.

## **Print a License Document**

**1.** From the Professional Licenses page, **click** the link for the license you want to print.



- 2. Click Print License from the right-hand menu on the license detail page.
  - Selection may appear in a different place within the menu.



3. Select the delivery method for the license from the dropdown and click Submit.



- Self-print: Go to Self-Print License
- Email: Click Ok at the pop-up.
  - You'll receive an email (sent to the email address on file) with the license document as a PDF attachment. It may take up to 24 hours before you get the email.
- Mail: Go to Printed License

#### **Self-Print License**

- 1. It will take 2-3 minutes to generate the license.
- 2. Click the Proceed button at the pop-up.



- **3.** The downloaded document link will appear in the lower left-hand corner of the screen.
  - It may take several moments before it appears.
  - If you don't see a link, check the Downloads folder on your computer.



#### **Printed License**

- 1. Enter the number of license copies you want to print and click Submit.
  - There is a \$5 fee for each copy.



**2. Click** Ok at the pop-up.



- **3. Go through** the all payment screens to pay for the license(s). Continue until you return to the portal page.
- **4.** The license(s) will be printed at the next printing cycle and mailed to the mailing address on file.
  - It may take 2-4 weeks to receive your printed license(s).