

NAR CODE OF ETHICS FAQ AND Q&A



VENTURA COUNTY COASTAL
ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

HISTORY

Since 2001, REALTORS® have been required to take Code of Ethics training to retain their membership. Originally, the training was required every four years, but in 2017, NAR changed the requirement to every two years. A presidential advisory group (PAG), appointed in 2019, made several recommendations to the NAR Leadership Team. One of its recommendations was to extend the requirement to **every three years** in order to give members more time to fit it into their continuing education schedule and to give local associations adequate time between cycles to administer the program.

CYCLES AND DEADLINES

- The current cycle (Cycle 6) runs from Jan. 1, 2019, to Dec. 31, 2021.
- The next cycle (Cycle 7) will begin Jan. 1, 2022, and end Dec. 31, 2024.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CLASS TRAINING OPTIONS

1. Easy, Fast, & Convenient: Online with the National Association of REALTORS (NAR)*

NAR offers a FREE online course for existing members. The course typically takes 2.5 hours to complete with a required a test at the end.

- ◆ **Do I need to send you my certificate of completion? NO.** Upon successful completion, NAR automatically records your certificate and reports it directly to VCCAR.

➤ [Register here FOR EXISTING MEMBERS](#)

2. Online with California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.)

As a C.A.R. Member you can claim your free online Ethics course.

- ◆ **Do I need to send you my certificate of completion? NO.** However, be aware the reporting of completion will not be immediate – it may take a few days for the report to go from C.A.R. to NAR, then to VCCAR.

➤ [Register here](#)

3. In-person classes at the VCCAR Training Center

We have just a few in-person scheduled classes remaining through the end of a 2021. The reality is, it will be impossible to get all remaining “out of compliance” members through an in-person session at VCCAR. Register soon to reserve your seat if in-person learning works best for you.

- ◆ **Do I need to send you my certificate of completion? NO.** We will have record of successful completion and notate your record accordingly at NAR.

➤ [Register here](#)

***Please Note:** Do NOT delay taking the online course with NAR. Waiting until the last minute caused major issues during the last cycle with hundreds of thousands of members across the nation. Members reported not being able to get online to start the course while others reported being kicked-out mid-course... essentially crippling NAR servers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: I renewed my license with CalDRE and took an Ethics course – why don't you have record of it?

A: Our membership database is NOT synced with CalDRE (only NAR). Simply locate your certificate of completion and email it to angel@vcrealtors.com. We will update your record accordingly.

Q: I took the course from another provider (other than VCCAR, C.A.R., or NAR), doesn't that count?

A: It might, we must review who the provider is to determine if it qualifies per NAR requirements. Simply email your certificate of completion to angel@vcrealtors.com. In most cases it will meet the qualification and we will notate your record as "in compliance". If there are any issues we will communicate and work with you to get it finalized.

Q: Does maintaining the Commitment to Excellence (C2EX) endorsement qualify as an equivalency for the current cycle (January 1, 2019- December 31, 2021)?

A: Yes.

Q: I'm an NAR REALTOR® Emeritus*, do I need to take the course?

A: No, you are exempt.

Q: I'm a C.A.R. Honorary Member-For-Life, do I need to take the course?**

A: Yes. This is a requirement from NAR (not C.A.R.).

Q: I have the CalDRE 70/30 continuing education exemption – so I do not have to take the NAR Code of Ethics training requirement.

A: Incorrect. You must take a qualifying course. CalDRE recognizes agents that are 70 years of age (or older) and have been "licensees in good standing" for 30 continuous years in California are exempt from the continuing education requirements for license renewal. The Code of Ethics requirement is from NAR (not the state) therefore the course must be completed.

Q: What happens if I do not complete the required course by the December 31, 2021 deadline?

A: You will be suspended until the required Code of Ethics course has been successfully completed. Association dues are still payable and members who fail to pay will be charged late and reinstatement fees as outlined in our policy.

Q: As it relates to the Code of Ethics requirement, what does SUSPENSION mean?

A: As of January 1, 2022, those not in compliance will be set to "suspended." You will no longer have access to the NAR.realtor website for benefits AND, you will NOT be able to access the online course. You will not be able to access car.org, Zipforms®, or any of your C.A.R. benefits. VCCAR online access benefits will be unavailable as well. However, dues renewal for 2022 are still due and payable by January 1, 2022.

A REALTOR® Member who has held membership in the National Association as a REALTOR®, REALTOR-ASSOCIATE®, or both, for a cumulative period of forty (40) years, proof of one (1) year of service at the National Association level, is eligible for REALTOR® Emeritus status.

**To qualify as a C.A.R. Honorary Member-for-Life, REALTOR® members of the State Association must have been an active C.A.R. member for a minimum of 25 years AND reached the age of 75 years or older. If approved, state dues shall be deemed paid-in-full for life (commencing the year following approval) and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of State Association membership accorded to all members.