

Indiana Real Estate Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

145 Scored questions	4h Time limit	Scaled 75 Passing score
\$55 Exam fee	Indiana Professional Lic... Governing body	— Pass rate

The numbers to remember

- 145 total questions, 240 minutes total time limit
- Passing standard: scaled score of 75 on each portion
- Exam fee: \$55, administered by Pearson VUE
- National/general portion: 80 scored items + 5 unscored pretest items
- State-specific portion: 50 scored items + 5-10 unscored pretest items
- License application fee (separate from exam fee): \$60 to the IPLA
- Pre-licensing course requirement: 90 hours

Content domains and weights (state portion)

- The Indiana Real Estate Commission — 5 items
- Licensing — 9 items
- Real Estate Office Procedures — 7 items
- Statutes & Rules Governing Licensees — 17 items
- Statutory & Regulatory Requirements — 12 items

High-yield review areas

- Statutes & Rules Governing Licensees and Statutory & Regulatory Requirements together make up more than half of the state portion's item count — review these first.
- National/general topics (contracts, financing, valuation, agency, ownership) carry the largest single block of the exam at 80 scored items.
- Post-licensing compliance: 30 hours of post-licensing education due within 2 years of license issuance, plus ongoing 12 CE hours per year and renewal every 3 years.

Top traps

- Pretest items look identical to scored items — you cannot skip or rush questions assuming they "don't count."
- If you pass one portion and fail the other, you only need to retake the failed part — don't assume a full retest is required.
- Both parts must be passed within 1 year of finishing the pre-licensing course, and a passing exam result itself is only valid for 1 year before it expires for licensing purposes.
- Letting a license lapse escalates quickly: 3+ years expired means 36 CE hours plus a \$120 reinstatement fee and a state-portion-only retest; 9+ years expired means redoing the full 90-hour pre-licensing course and both exam portions.
- The Broker by Endorsement path (for licensees from other states) is a shorter 60-question, 90-minute exam — do not confuse it with the standard 145-question Broker exam.

Path to Managing Broker (later, not now)

- Requires at least 3 years as an active broker in Indiana first.

- Requires a separate 24-hour managing broker course on top of your existing education.
- Not part of the initial Broker exam — skip for your first sitting.

Night-before checklist

- Skim the state-portion weightings once more; Statutes & Rules Governing Licensees and Statutory & Regulatory Requirements are the two heaviest categories.
- Confirm your fee is settled and you know what ID to bring — Pearson VUE centers are strict about accepted ID.
- Get a full night's sleep rather than a late cram session; a 240-minute exam rewards sustained focus.
- Remember the retake rule: failing one portion is not a full restart, so there is no reason to panic mid-exam.

Official sources

- Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (Indiana Real Estate Commission) — Indiana Real Estate Candidate Handbook (Pearson VUE): <https://www.pearsonvue.com/content/dam/VUE/vue/en/documents/publications/091500.pdf>
- Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (Indiana Real Estate Commission) — PLA: Real Estate Licensing Information - IN.gov: <https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/real-estate-home/real-estate-licensing-information/>
- Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (Indiana Real Estate Commission) — Indiana Real Estate Content Outlines (Pearson VUE): <https://www.pearsonvue.com/content/dam/VUE/vue/en/documents/publications/091501.pdf>

Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyexamprep.com/practice/exams/real/indiana-real-estate-broker