Kentucky Real Estate Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

120 Scored questions	**4h** Time limit	**75%** Passing score
$100 Exam fee	**Kentucky Real Estate Co…** Governing body	**—** Pass rate

The numbers to remember

- Total exam: 120 questions, 240 minutes, administered by PSI Services LLC for the Kentucky Real Estate Commission.
- National (general) portion: 80 questions, 150 minutes.
- State-law portion: 40 questions, 90 minutes.
- Passing standard: at least 75% correct — each portion is scored on its own, so a strong score on one side does not offset a weak score on the other.
- Exam fee: $100, paid by credit card at reservation. Practice exam fee: $19.95.
- About 5-10 unscored, unlabeled experimental questions may appear alongside the scored ones.
- Retake rule: if you fail one portion, you must pass it within 4 months of passing the other, or you retake both portions from scratch.
- You must apply for licensure within 60 days of passing the exam.
- Minimum age to apply is 18, with a high school diploma or GED and 96 clock hours of pre-license education.

Content domains and weights (state-law portion, 40 items)

- Brokerage Activities and Requirements — 14 items (largest domain).
- Real Estate Commission — 7 items.
- Requirements for a License — 7 items.
- License Law Requirements for Contracts — 5 items.
- Disclosures and Agency Issues — 4 items.
- Property Management — 3 items.

High-yield review areas

- Brokerage Activities and Requirements: this single domain is worth more than a third of the state portion, so review it hardest and last, right before the exam.
- Requirements for a License and Real Estate Commission together add another 14 items — know licensing eligibility rules and the Commission's structure and authority cold.
- Background-check logistics: the FBI process must be initiated before scheduling, and results expire 90 days after issuance — do not let a stale background check hold up your exam date.
- Post-pass timeline: apply for licensure within 60 days of passing; associates licensed after January 1, 2016 owe 48 hours of post-license education within two years.
- Fee awareness: the Kentucky State Police check runs $51.25 and the FBI portion runs $18 — plan the paperwork cost alongside the $100 exam fee.

Top traps

- Treating the exam as one combined score. It is not — a great national-portion score cannot rescue a failing state-law score, and vice versa.

- Letting a background check lapse. Results are valid only 90 days from submission; schedule the check with your exam date in mind, not months in advance.
- Missing the 4-month retake window on a single failed portion, which forces a full retake of both portions.
- Assuming every question counts equally toward pass/fail — a handful are unscored experimental items, but since you cannot tell which ones, answer everything as if it counts.
- Losing time on the state-law portion. At 90 minutes for 40 questions, it moves faster per-question than the 150-minute national portion, so keep pace instead of lingering on any single item.
- Forgetting the 60-day licensure application clock starts the moment you pass, not when you get around to the paperwork.

Official sources

- Kentucky Real Estate Commission — Real Estate Sales Associate and Broker Examinations Candidate Information Bulletin (Kentucky Real Estate Commission) — PSI Services LLC: https://www.psiexams.com/
- Kentucky Real Estate Commission — Licensing | Kentucky Real Estate Commission: https://krec.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?static_ID=188
- Kentucky Real Estate Commission — Fee Schedule | Kentucky Real Estate Commission: https://krec.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?static_ID=199

Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyexamprep.com/practice/exams/real/kentucky-real-estate-sales-associate