

Real Estate Salesperson Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

— Scored questions	— Time limit	70% Passing score
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Quick-reference facts, rules, and formulas to lock in before test day. Bold = must-memorize.

The Non-Negotiables

- Passing score: **70%** — you must answer at least 70% of scored questions correctly.
- Pre-licensing education is required — you must complete the mandated pre-licensing hours before you're allowed to sit the exam.

Pass/Fail Math

Because the bar is 70%, back into your target quickly:

- On a 100-question exam -> miss no more than 30.
- On an 80-question exam -> you need 56 correct (miss ≤ 24).
- General formula: Questions to get right = total scored questions $\times$ 0.70 (round up).

Some exams include unscored pilot questions, so treat every question as if it counts.

Test-Day Rules to Remember

- Finish your pre-licensing hours first — no education, no seat.
- Aim well above 70% on practice tests to leave a safety margin for exam-day nerves.
- Missing a handful of questions is fine — you do not need a perfect score, just 70%.

Study Priority Order

1. Complete required pre-licensing coursework (gatekeeper — do this first).
2. Drill practice questions until you consistently clear the 70% line comfortably.
3. Focus review on weak topics; each correct answer is worth the same toward the 70% threshold.

One-Line Memory Hook

"Seventy to succeed — but school before the seat." (70% to pass; pre-licensing education before you can test.)

Official sources

- New York exam authority — New York state exam spec: <https://dos.ny.gov/>
- Texas exam authority — Texas state exam spec: <https://www.trec.texas.gov/>
- California exam authority — California state exam spec: <https://www.dre.ca.gov/>

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