California Real Estate Broker Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

200 Questions	**4h** Time limit	**75%** Passing score
$150 Exam fee	**California DRE** Governing body	

The three numbers you must know cold:

- 200 questions — all multiple choice.
- 75% to pass — you must answer 75% of the questions correctly.
- $150 exam fee for the broker exam.

Pass Math (memorize this)

- 75% of 200 = 150 correct answers needed to pass.
- That leaves a margin of 50 questions you can miss (200 - 150).

Quick-Reference Table

- Format: Multiple choice
- Total questions: 200
- Passing threshold: 75%
- Minimum correct: 150
- Exam fee: $150

Must-Remember Rules

- There's no partial credit — each of the 200 items is scored right or wrong, so pace yourself to reach every question.
- Aim comfortably above the 150-correct floor; targeting ~160+ gives a safety buffer against a few tricky items.
- Budget the $150 fee per attempt when planning retakes.

Official sources

- California Department of Real Estate — Requirements to Apply for a Real Estate Broker License: https://www.dre.ca.gov/Examinees/RequirementsBroker.html
- California Department of Real Estate — Continuing Education Requirements: https://www.dre.ca.gov/Licensees/CERequirements.html
- California Department of Real Estate — Broker Examination Content Outline: https://www.dre.ca.gov/Examinees/BrokerExamContent.html

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