

North Dakota Real Estate Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

Questions \$134 Exam fee	Time limit North Dakota Real Estat... Governing body	National 70 of 100; state ... Passing score
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The numbers to remember

- Exam fee: \$134 (covers one sitting, one or both portions)
- National portion: 100 questions, 150 minutes, pass at 70 points
- State portion: 40 questions, 90 minutes, pass at 30 points
- 5-10 unscored experimental questions may appear
- Up to a 15-minute tutorial does not count against your time
- Application fee: \$150; credit history check: \$13; fingerprinting: \$40; Recovery Fund: \$20
- Total resident/nonresident package: \$161.25; reciprocal package: \$181.25
- Minimum age: 18; prelicense course: 90 hours (residents)
- Retest window after failing: 12 months; fee applies every attempt
- Renewal: 12 hours CE, \$125 fee

Content domains and weights (national portion)

- Contracts — 19%
- Agency — 13%
- Practice of Real Estate — 12%
- Property Ownership — 10%
- Financing — 10%
- Valuation — 8%
- Real Estate Calculations — 7%
- Property Disclosures — 7%
- Transfer of Title — 6%
- Land Use Controls — 5%
- Property Management — 3%

State portion (from the NDREC Rules booklet)

- Duties and Powers of the Real Estate Commission
- Licensing Requirements
- Statutory Requirements Governing the Activities of Licensees
- Additional Topics (subdivided/out-of-state land, closing statements, Recovery Fund)

High-yield review areas

- Contracts, Agency, and Practice of Real Estate together are almost 44% of the national portion — master these first
- The Additional Topics section of the state outline is often under-studied but fully testable
- Real Estate Calculations questions reward practiced math technique more than memorization

Top traps

- Residents must pass both portions; nonresident nonreciprocal applicants take only the state portion — don't prep for the wrong combination
- The two portions are scored independently: a great national score can't offset a failed state portion
- Experimental questions look real — don't waste time trying to spot them, just answer and move on
- Arrive 15 minutes early with 1 form of ID; reschedules need 2 days' notice or the fee is at risk
- Your exam fee is forfeited if you don't test within 1 year of PSI receiving payment
- There are no eligibility requirements to sit for the exam itself, but licensure still requires meeting the education, age, and background prerequisites — don't confuse the two
- North Dakota has reciprocity with 3 states (Georgia, Iowa, Minnesota), which can change your application path but not your exam content

Official sources

- North Dakota Real Estate Commission — Real Estate Salesperson and Broker Examination Candidate Information Bulletin (PSI Services LLC), effective 10/1/2025:
https://www.realestatend.org/image/cache/NDREC_Candidate_Information_Bulletin.pdf
- North Dakota Real Estate Commission — How To Apply for a North Dakota Real Estate License — North Dakota Real Estate Commission (NDREC): <https://www.realestatend.org/how-to-apply/>
- North Dakota Real Estate Commission — Exam Information — North Dakota Real Estate Commission:
<https://www.realestatend.org/exam-information>

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