

Top 10 Questions About the Massachusetts Real Estate Exam

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:
[A Supersized Guide of Tips to Help You Pass Your Real Estate License Exam](#)

1. **How long is the Massachusetts real estate exam?** The Massachusetts real estate exam is comprised of 120 questions that are broken into two sections: Nation (general) and state. You'll have 240 minutes (4 hours) to complete your test. This breaks down to 150 minutes for the general portion and 90 minutes for the state portion.
2. **How much does the Massachusetts real estate exam cost?** For a salesperson, the examination fee is \$85 (\$54 for the exam fee and \$31 for the application processing fee). If you need to retake the exam, you'll pay \$54. If you're active-duty military or a veteran, you'll pay \$54. You'll need to pay this amount upfront when you schedule the exam by credit or debit card because payment is not accepted at the exam facility.
3. **When should I schedule the exam?** Immediately after completing the 40-hour Massachusetts real estate course with us, your next step is to submit an application to the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salespeople. Massachusetts requires that all candidates pass a background check before being able to sit for the real estate exam. [Find out more about the background check and what the board is looking for here.](#)

4. **Are there any requirements to take the Massachusetts real estate salesperson exam?** Yes. To sit for the real estate salesperson exam, you must:
- a. Be at least 18 years old.
 - b. Have completed 40 hours of Massachusetts real estate classes from us. [Learn more here](#).
 - c. Have received a Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Educational Certificate after completing your classes with us.
 - d. Have received three endorsement letters from individuals who aren't related to you or who aren't classmates that you've only met while taking your real estate course.
 - e. Have applied for and passed the licensure exam within 2 years of completing your real estate course.
 - f. Have a Social Security number or Tax Identification number.
 - g. Have filed and paid all of your Massachusetts state tax returns.
 - h. Bring two non-expired forms of identification such as a state-issued driver's license and a social security card.
5. **Why does the Massachusetts Real Estate Board require a background check?** It is important to the state of Massachusetts that its licensed real estate salespeople are of good moral character. This is an effort to ensure that real estate professionals are trustworthy. As a real estate agent, you'll have access to someone's home, keys, and access codes. You'll also deal with your clients one-on-one, so it's essential that they can trust you and feel safe around you.

6. **Is a real estate course mandatory or can I go straight to the exam?**
Yes, the 40-hour real estate course is mandated by the state of Massachusetts. You will not be able to sit for the exam until you first complete the course and get approved by the board (after submitting an application and consenting to a background check).
7. **Where will I take the real estate licensing exam?** You can attend any of the 5 examination center locations in the state of Massachusetts. Centers are located in Auburn, Boston, Fall River, Lawrence, and West Springfield. [Find addresses for the examination centers here.](#)
8. **How soon after passing the exam will I receive my real estate license?** Immediately! You will know the results of the exam immediately after completion. If you pass, you will receive your license card and wall certificate on-site. Just be sure to bring a form of payment (credit card, personal check, cashier's check, or money order). Remember that you cannot pay with cash.
9. **What happens if I don't pass the exam?** If you don't pass your exam the first time, you can retake it. You will need to pay an additional \$54 for each time that you retake the exam. Also, you must take/retake the exam within 2 years of completing the 40-hour Massachusetts real estate course.
10. **What's the likelihood that I'll pass the real estate exam during my first try?** Very good! We're happy to report that our students have a 19%

higher pass rate than the state average. Plus, we stand by our course with a Pass or Don't Pay Guarantee. [Learn more about that here.](#)