

Explanation of Policy and Procedure Changes: Exempt Provider Status

Texas REALTORS® is now recognized by TREC as an exempt education provider. This design brings some important changes in how we market and administer GRI and TACS courses. Please note that this update only affects GRI and TACS classes; all other courses remain unchanged.

Exempt status places us under the same category as colleges and universities for education delivery. This change in provider status also includes exemption from TREC audit process. However, course policies and student identity verification still apply.

When marketing GRI and TACS classes:

- a. Remove Texas REALTORS® as the course provider.
- b. Remove provider# from course marketing.
- c. Say “This course is TREC approved.” List the course #XXX.

The changes are to be made for any currently scheduled GRI and TACS classes.

To align with TREC’s requirements for exempt providers:

- Remove Texas REALTORS® as the course provider
 - Because exempt providers (colleges, universities, and certain professional associations) are not listed as the “provider of record,” Texas REALTORS® should no longer be identified in marketing materials or course announcements as the official provider.
- Remove provider number from course marketing
 - Exempt providers are not assigned or required to display a TREC provider number. Any reference to Texas REALTORS®’ previous provider number must be removed.
- Update course approval language
 - Marketing and class materials should state:
“This course is TREC approved.”
 - Always include the correct TREC course number (e.g., Course #XXXX).
 - This ensures compliance while providing clarity to students that the course still carries TREC approval.

Compliance and Oversight

While exempt provider status reduces some reporting obligations, some requirements still apply:

- Exemption from TREC audits
 - Exempt providers are not subject to the regular TREC audit process for education providers.
 - Texas REALTORS® will no longer audit local associations.
 - However, TREC still maintains oversight authority to ensure compliance if needed.
- Course policies remain in effect
 - Standard class policies (attendance, participation, refund/cancellation, completion requirements, etc.) must continue to be enforced.
 - Evaluations must be made available to students who complete a course.
- Student identity verification
 - Instructors and administrators must still verify the identity of students, particularly in virtual classes, to ensure the correct student receives course credit. An alternate form of student identification besides can be used in lieu of photo ID.

The main change is how courses are marketed and reported—not the integrity or requirements of the classes themselves. Students will continue to receive TREC-approved credit for GRI and TACS courses. Texas REALTORS® is no longer listed as the provider and the provider number is no longer used.