

(b) (1) The Commission shall approve the form, substance, and, as provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, subject matter of all continuing education courses.

(2) The subject matter approved by the Commission shall:

(i) relate to real estate OR THE PROVISION OF REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES;

(ii) every 2 years, include, AS PART OF, AND NOT IN ADDITION TO THE 15 CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, at least [one 3-hour course] 3 CLOCK HOURS that [outlines relevant changes that have occurred in] INCLUDE federal, State, or local laws AND REGULATIONS, or any combination of those [laws, during the preceding 5 years] LAWS AND REGULATIONS; and

(iii) every 2 years, include, AS PART OF, AND NOT IN ADDITION TO THE 15 CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, at least one 1.5 clock hour course that [outlines] INCLUDES federal, State, [and] OR local fair housing laws and regulations, including fair housing advertising, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THOSE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

(3) The requirement of paragraph (2)(iii) of this subsection does not apply to a licensee who provides real estate brokerage services solely in connection with nonresidential real estate.

(4) To be acceptable for credit as a continuing education course under this section, the course shall cover 1 or more topics approved by the Commission.

(c) (1) Continuing education courses may be conducted by:

(i) the Maryland Association of Realtors or its member boards AND ASSOCIATIONS;

(ii) the Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore City, Inc.;

(iii) any similar professional association; or

(iv) ~~an~~ A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR OR educational institution approved by the Commission.

~~(2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY NOT REQUIRE THAT THE QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL, AS DESCRIBED UNDER § 11 202 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.~~

~~(2)~~(3) Continuing education courses shall be taught by a qualified instructor who is experienced in the real estate industry.

(4) (3) THE COMMISSION SHALL ACCEPT AS EVIDENCE OF A LICENSEE'S COMPLETION OF THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION EVIDENCE OF THE LICENSEE'S ATTENDANCE AT ANY COURSE ~~ATTENDED BY A LICENSEE APPROVED BY THE REAL ESTATE LICENSING AUTHORITY IN ANOTHER STATE, UNITED STATES TERRITORY, OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA~~