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## Core Course Requirement

Beginning with the 2012 license year (November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012), the Board of Realty Regulation has implemented a requirement that all Montana real estate licensees take a required core course in addition to the currently required 12 hours of continuing education. For the 2012 licensing year, the core course will be four hours long; however, this may change from year to year depending on the depth and breadth of information the board would like to see covered. **This means for the 2012 license year, all licensees will be required to take at least 16 total hours of education—one four hour core course and 12 hours of additional continuing education (with at least four hours of the 12 from a mandatory topic). Please see below for your specific education requirement for 2012.**

The purpose of the core course(s) is to provide licensees with legal and legislative updates and to cover current updates on topics that affect the practice of real estate in Montana. One core course has been developed for brokers/salespeople and another specifically for property managers. Licensees should take the core course that best aligns with the focus of their daily practice. For example:

- Brokers/Salespeople whose primary practice is in real estate sales must take the 2012 Broker/Salesperson Core Course prior to renewing your real estate license.
- Brokers/Salespeople whose primary practice is in property management must take the 2012 Property Management Core Course prior to renewing your real estate license.
- Property Managers must take the 2012 Property Management Core Course prior to renewing your real estate license.
- Dual Licensees (brokers/salespeople who also have a property manager license) must take BOTH core courses. You should give both of your license

numbers when attending a core course. Once both core courses have been reported to both of your licenses, contact the Board of Realty Regulation ([dlibsdrre@mt.gov](mailto:dlibsdrre@mt.gov)) and we will convert the “extra” core course on each license into four hours of regular continuing education. You MUST request this of the board office or your core course will not be converted to regular CE hours and your CE requirement will not show the correct number of hours.

You can view your reported CE online at: [www.realestate.mt.gov](http://www.realestate.mt.gov) : Services/Links : Lookup Reported CE Credits. Once you have taken a core course during the 2012 licensing year, your online reported CE will show as “Core Met.” Please note that no actual “hours” are reported for core courses, as the hourly requirement may change from licensing year to licensing year. The only courses that will have “hours” of mandatory or elective education associated with them are your regular, required 12 hours of continuing education, at least four hours of which must be from a mandatory topic.❖

The full rules change for the core course requirement can be viewed at [www.realestate.mt.gov](http://www.realestate.mt.gov)  
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