



## NCREC Emergency Rule

Effective May 1, 2020

*Effective May 1, 2020, emergency rule, 21 NCAC 58G .0106, requires schools and course sponsors to cancel or suspend all in-person courses until June 30, 2020, and allows schools, course sponsors, and education providers to offer the Update Course as an in-person course or as a synchronous distance learning course.*

**Q: Where do I go to learn more about these rules?**

**A:** [NCREC.gov](http://NCREC.gov)

**Q: Can I take the Update (GENUP or BICUP) course online? What about my Postlicensing course(s)?**

**A:** YES! Under the emergency rule, CE Update and Elective courses can be offered via synchronous distance learning from March 26-June 10, and Postlicensing courses can be offered via synchronous distance learning from March 26-June 30. Synchronous learning means that the students and instructor are in separate places, but that everyone is participating in the course online at the same time.

**Q: How can I find an CE or Postlicensing course being offered via synchronous distance learning?**

**A:**

- **CE courses:** Go to the Commission's website ([ncrec.gov](http://ncrec.gov)), click on Education, and click on Search CE Course Schedule. In the search screen, type ONLINE in the city name field, then click on Search.
- **Postlicensing courses:** Go to the Commission's website ([ncrec.gov](http://ncrec.gov)), click on Education, and click on Postlicensing Course Schedule. Courses are grouped by city name. Scroll down to city name "ONLINE."

**Q: What if I start a Postlicensing course after the rule goes into effect, but for whatever reason, I cannot finish?**

**A:** While the rule is in effect, the school must allow you to make up missed course hours by attending another offering of that course, and the content has to be the same as the part you missed.



**Q: What if I can't find an CE or Postlicensing course by my deadline? What should I do?**

**A:**

- **CE Update and Elective courses:** The Commission will grant an automatic 90-day extension to brokers who have not completed CE by June 10. No request form is needed.
- **Postlicensing courses:** The Commission will grant an automatic extension through September 30, 2020, to brokers who have not completed Postlicensing. No request form is needed.

**Q: Is Intracoastal Real Estate Academy providing online courses at this time?**

**A:** Yes! We will be offering Continuing Education courses; Prelicensing courses; and Postlicensing courses via synchronous distance learning until further direction from the real estate commission. We are using [Zoom](#) as our video-conferencing platform for delivering these courses.

**Q: Is synchronous distance learning the same as "live-streaming?"**

**A:** No. Synchronous distance learning requires that the student and instructor be able to communicate in a real-time environment, and that student attendance can be monitored using the student's audio, video, participation exercises, and attendance reports.

**Q: Will attendance be monitored in a distance learning environment?**

**A:** Absolutely! Per commission rules, online attendance will be closely monitored by an online moderator, in addition to the instructor. The moderator's job is to check students into the course and to monitor attendance and participation.

**Q: I plan to take my Prelicensing and Postlicensing courses via a synchronous distance platform. Do I still have to have a copy of the approved textbook?**

**A:** Yes. All requirements for use of Commission-approved materials are still in place. Instructors must instruct the course as directed by the course syllabi and ensure that each student has a copy of the Commission-approved textbook. Students can purchase required textbooks from our [online bookstore](#).



**Q: Are PSI testing centers open for me to be able to take my prelicensing exam?**

**A:** PSI closed all NC testing centers on Thursday, March 19, 2020. The Winston-Salem testing center has reopened, and all other NC testing centers are scheduled to reopen on May 1. Candidates may schedule appointments online at [psionline.com](https://psionline.com) for all locations on a first available basis. PSI is observing strict social distancing protocols, so the number of candidates that may test at each center is limited. As a result, open testing appointments may be many weeks from now.