



Media Release

The Commission selects UBC Sauder as new education provider for aspiring and experienced Saskatchewan real estate professionals

The Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission (the Commission) announced today that UBC's Sauder School of Business, Real Estate Division (UBC Sauder), was chosen as the future real estate registration education provider in the province. Registration education includes courses and exams to obtain registration as a real estate salesperson or broker in the province, as well as continuing professional development (CPD) courses all registrants must complete annually.

After a rigorous Request for Proposal (RFP) process, UBC Sauder was selected to design, develop, administer and deliver the new education program. Their combination of industry expertise, extensive similar experience, and innovative solutions best met the requirements as set out in the RFP.

"We are pleased to partner with such a prestigious and internationally recognized real estate education institution," says Commission Executive Director/Registrar, Aaron Tetu. "The new, enhanced program of education will bring together vast industry knowledge and experience with leading-edge expertise in education design, program development and delivery technology. Building on their significant industry and educational experience, we can help ensure that students are practice-ready when they begin their real estate careers."

UBC Sauder has a strong industry reputation for professional credentialing education and assessment programs across Canada. They deliver real estate licensing and mortgage brokerage courses on behalf of regulatory bodies in British Columbia. The Real Estate Division builds on the strength of the faculty's real estate expertise to provide state-of-the-art credit and professional development programs. They provide a "comprehensive range of top-calibre online, industry-driven distance education programs that serve the needs of the real estate community locally, nationally and internationally."

"The UBC Sauder School of Business, Real Estate Division, is delighted to have been selected by the Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission as their future real estate registration education provider," says Dave Moore, Director of Licensing Education at UBC Sauder. "This is an exciting opportunity for us, and allows us to apply our experience and expertise in providing similar award-winning programs in a way that aligns with the Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission's commitment to high professional standards for their registration courses."

The new program of mandatory education will offer a blended learning approach to course delivery. Students and registrants will be able to access self-paced e-learning modules, webinars and virtual classrooms, and personal assistance from qualified

experts in education and real estate. This ability to access their education anytime, anywhere will enhance the learning experience for all students.

The entire new and enhanced program of education (pre-registration, continuing and post-registration courses), will launch on January 1, 2019. Until then, new and existing students and active registrants will continue to work with the current provider, the Association of Saskatchewan REALTORS® (ASR). The Commission would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to the ASR for their years of dedicated service. The opportunity afforded both organizations to work together for the betterment of the industry in Saskatchewan through the years has been invaluable. The Commission looks forward to receiving industry feedback through our continuing relationship.

About the Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission:

The Commission regulates real estate professionals and property managers in the province under *The Real Estate Act*. The Commission's mandate is to protect the public by ensuring that registrants act within a professional framework that promotes ethical conduct and integrity and strengthens consumer trust and confidence. To that end, the Commission administers mandatory certification education courses and exams. The Commission strives to not only educate real estate practitioners, but also the public to ensure they are best served by registrants.

About UBC Sauder:

UBC Sauder enjoys a reputation as one of North America's leading business schools. Its stature and prestige are unparalleled as a consistent leader in developing first-rate degree and diploma programs in numerous academic areas.

As Canada's leading real estate educator, the UBC Sauder School of Business, Real Estate Division, builds on the strength of the faculty's real estate expertise, offering a comprehensive range of top-calibre, industry-driven programs that serve the needs of the real estate community locally, nationally, and internationally. Ongoing collaboration between industry professionals and faculty experts results in a state-of-the-art curriculum that blends theory and practice. As a program participant, students gain UBC Sauder credentials, professional qualifications, and knowledge and skills that they can apply immediately on the job.

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