

New Education Program Frequently Asked Questions

The Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission (the “Commission”) selected the UBC Sauder School of Business, Real Estate Division (“UBC Sauder”) to be the new mandatory real estate registration education provider in the province from effective January 2019. Education includes courses and exams to obtain initial registration to trade in real estate in Saskatchewan, as well as the continuing professional development (“CPD”) courses all registrants must complete in order to renew their registration with the Commission.

As the Commission prepares to launch its new education program, there are a number of common questions we would like to address:

1. When will UBC Sauder start offering real estate education?

UBC Sauder will provide education beginning January, 2019.

2. Are there any major changes to the mandatory real estate educational program?

The educational format will remain as Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3. Expect changes to course content and the delivery of courses.

3. How much will the courses offered by UBC Sauder cost in 2019?

Course costs will increase nominally.

4. Are there any changes to the English Language Proficiency Requirement (“ELPR”)?

Yes, effective January 1, 2019, students will be required to satisfy the following English Language Proficiency Requirement (“ELPR”) prior to registering for the first examination:

- Proof of Canadian high school graduation at which English is the primary language of instruction;
- Achieving a level 7 or higher on each of the four components (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) of the Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program – General (“CELP-IP-G”) test on the same test score report (scores from multiple test attempts cannot be combined);
- Graduation from a recognized university Bachelor’s degree or higher degree program at an accredited university, college, or technical institute at which English is the primary language of instruction; *OR*
- Licensed for real estate services in another Canadian jurisdiction with English language standards and have satisfied that jurisdiction’s English language requirements.

If you have already satisfied the ELPR, this change does not affect you.

5. As a current student through the Association of Saskatchewan REALTORS® (“ASR”), what does this mean for me?

Courses offered by ASR will be available for purchase until November 30, 2018. The deadline to write exams associated with ASR courses is March 31, 2019.

6. As a current ASR student, will I need to reapply with UBC Sauder as a “new” student?

No, you will be automatically transferred into the new program. You will be assigned a unique UBC Sauder student number. An email will be sent to all students in December 2018 or January 2019 with detailed information.

7. As a current ASR student, will I receive credit for courses that I complete through ASR when students transfer to UBC Sauder?

Yes.

8. What can I expect when taking a course with UBC Sauder in 2019?

- The real estate educational program will continue to be the same with Phases 1, 2, and 3.
- Students will be mailed a hardcopy manual and an assignment workbook. All course materials will also be available online, including practice questions and digital flashcards.
- Students will only be allowed to purchase one course at a time. Upon successfully completing a course exam, students will be able to purchase the next course.
- Students need to complete all of the appropriate courses within a 2-year period.
- There will be five regularly scheduled examinations per year in each of the 3 locations in the province (Saskatoon, Regina, Melfort).
- Exams will be paper/pencil format.

9. As a current registrant, what does this mean for my CPD?

The 2018-2019 CPD program will include three online course options (Industry Update, Commercial, and Broker/Brokerage). Each course will contain a series of modules with a lesson and an assessment. Registration for the 2018-2019 CPD courses will be available beginning January, 2019. There will be no classroom session for the 2018-2019 CPD.

10. Will the real estate education program change in the next few years?

Yes, the Commission and UBC Sauder will be evaluating student and registrant feedback in order to regularly revise the program, courses, exams, and the delivery.

11. What do I do if I have more questions?

Please contact the Commission at info@srec.ca.

More information will be posted in the coming months to www.srec.ca and on a new UBC Sauder website dedicated for Saskatchewan real estate education.

About UBC Sauder:

UBC Sauder enjoys the reputation as being one of North America's leading business schools. Its stature and prestige are well established 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.