

MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT

The State of Florida and the State of Illinois desire to permit mutual recognition of real estate licenses for the mutual benefit of their citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT:

- I. Upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth below, a real estate managing broker, broker, sales associate, or equivalent licensee currently licensed in one of the states herein will be granted a real estate license of equivalent type in the other state without being required to demonstrate additional real estate or other education, experience, or examination requirements.
 - A. An active Illinois real estate licensee seeking an equivalent real estate license in the State of Florida must:
 1. Submit a completed Florida application for licensure with supporting applicable fingerprint data, documentation, and fees;
 2. Be 18 years of age or older;
 3. Hold a high school diploma, or equivalent;
 4. Have obtained an Illinois real estate license by having met Illinois' educational and examination requirements;
 5. Not be a resident of the State of Florida at the time of application for licensure by mutual recognition with the State of Florida;
 6. Provide a certified history of the applicant's current licensure and good standing in the State of Illinois;
 7. Submit to the jurisdiction of the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Real Estate and the Florida Real Estate Commission for purposes of investigation and disciplinary action;
 8. Successfully complete the state law portion of the State of Florida's real estate examination;
 9. Comply with the State of Florida's post licensing requirements;
 10. Comply with the State of Florida's continuing education course requirements;
 11. Agree to be bound by the Florida Statutes, the Florida Administrative Code, and any other rules and regulations applicable to the Florida real estate licensees; and
 12. If a broker applicant has held an active real estate license in the State of Illinois for at least 24 months during the five years immediately preceding his/her application for mutual recognition licensure within the State of Florida.
 - B. An active Florida real estate licensee seeking an equivalent real estate license in Illinois must:
 1. Submit a completed Illinois application for licensure with supporting applicable documentation and fees;
 2. Be of good moral character;
 3. Be 21 years of age or older;

4. Hold a high school diploma, or equivalent;
5. Have obtained a Florida real estate license by having met Florida's education and examination requirements;
6. Not be a resident of the State of Illinois at the time of application for licensure by mutual recognition with the State of Florida;
7. Provide a certified history of the applicant's current licensure and good standing in the State of Florida;
8. Agree to service of process in any civil action in the State of Illinois;
9. Submit to the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for purposes of investigation and disciplinary purposes in Illinois;
10. Successfully complete the state portion of the Illinois real estate examination;
11. Comply with the State of Illinois' post-licensing requirements;
12. Comply with the State of Illinois' continuing education course requirements;
13. Agree to be bound by Illinois' statutes and rules applicable to Illinois licensees;
14. If a broker applicant has held an active sales associate license in the State of Florida for at least 24 months during the five years immediately preceding his/her application for mutual recognition licensure within the State of Illinois.
15. If a managing broker applicant has held an active broker license in the State of Florida for at least the two years immediately preceding his/her application for mutual recognition licensure within the State of Illinois.

C. The certified licensure history required herein shall be issued by the applicable state agency in the state from which the applicant is applying and set forth:


1. The applicant's name, number of active months within the last five years;
2. Type of license held by the applicant and the license number;
3. The commencement date of licensure and the expiration date of applicant's current license;
4. A complete record of any disciplinary action taken or disciplinary proceeding pending against the applicant; and
5. An statement that the applicant has read and agrees to comply with all provisions of the real estate license laws and rules or regulations in the state in which the applicant is applying for licensure and to cooperate with any investigation of alleged violations of that state's real estate license law and rules or regulations.

ii. *Prior to performing any act requiring a real estate license in the state to which the applicant is applying, the applicant must provide proof as required by that state that the applicant will be actively and personally sponsored by an active real estate broker licensed to practice in that state. If a broker is seeking reciprocity from Illinois, the applicant broker's sponsor must have an Illinois managing broker license. If a managing broker is seeking reciprocity from Illinois, the applicant managing broker may self-sponsor.*

- III. The two states agree to cooperate fully with regard to any investigation of the conduct of a licensee holding a license in both states pursuant to this Agreement and to promptly report to each other any and all disciplinary action taken against such licensee.
- IV. The two states reserve the right to refuse to issue an applicant any license based upon the grounds provided in their respective real estate license law and rules or regulations.
- V. Either state may terminate this Agreement upon giving at least sixty (60) days of written notice to the other state.
- VI. This Agreement shall become effective upon the signature and approval of the Chair of the Florida Real Estate Commission, the Director of Florida's Division of Real Estate, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and the Acting Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation – Division of Real Estate.
- VII. This Agreement shall automatically expire should either state change their requirements without written notification to the other state no more than sixty (60) days after the effective date of the changed requirements or sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the changed requirements.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each state has caused this Agreement to be executed by its respective duly authorized representative(s).

FLORIDA




Roger Enzor
Chairman
Florida Real Estate Commission
Dated: 7/29/2014

ILLINOIS



Manuel Flores
Acting Secretary
Illinois Department of Financial and Professional
Regulation – Division of Real Estate
Dated: 8/11/14



Juana Watkins
Director
Florida Division of Real Estate
Dated: 8/4/14