

## The Core vs. The Code

### What's the Difference Between the Two Requirements?

	<i><b>The Core Curriculum</b></i> (Current Issues in Washington Residential Real Estate)	<i><b>The Code of Ethics</b></i>
What is the Requirement?	<p>In the spring of 2002, the Real Estate Commission and Department of Licensing (DOL) adopted a requirement that all active real estate licensees must complete at least 3 clock hours of prescribed core curriculum.</p> <p>The Real Estate Commission feels every licensee should receive practical information on developing issues and trends regarding the practice of real estate. This mandatory course must be included in the clock hours required of all active licensees (i.e. 30+ hours) during their two-year renewal cycles.</p>	<p>Mandatory ethics training requirements for new and continuing REALTOR® members was established by the National Association's Board of Directors at the 1999 Annual Convention to heighten member awareness of the key tenets of the Code of Ethics; to create an awareness of and appreciation for the role the Code can and should play in their professional lives; to enhance professionalism and competency; and to encourage REALTORS® to view their Code of Ethics as a living, viable guide in their daily dealings with clients, customers, and the public.</p>
Required of Licensing?	Yes	No
Required to maintain REALTOR® Membership?	Yes	Yes
By what date are the requirements due?	Must take every renewal cycle	December 31, 2008 (and for successive 4 year periods thereafter)
How many hours are required?	3 hours	2.5 hours
Can I take the classes online?	Yes! <a href="http://www.ccrealtors.com">www.ccrealtors.com</a> and click on Virtual University + many other Real Estate Sites offer Core Classes.	Yes! <a href="http://www.ccrealtors.com">www.ccrealtors.com</a> and click on Virtual University <a href="http://www.realtor.org">www.realtor.org</a>
What happens if I don't complete the requirements?	Real Estate license inactive until requirement is completed.	REALTOR® membership is suspended until requirement is completed.

