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<u>Fair Housing Continuing Education –</u> <u>New Requirements Effective January 1, 2022</u>

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This Bulletin is applicable to all Real Estate Licensees of the Department of Business Regulation ("Department") pursuant to <u>R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-20.5</u> and <u>230-RICR-30-20-02</u>, the Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons Regulation.

Please be advised that consistent with recent amendments to <u>R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-20.5-6</u>, all licensees applying for renewal of their licenses starting on January 1, 2022, or after, must complete a minimum of three (3) hours of approved continuing education about federal, Rhode Island or local fair housing laws or treatment of any individuals in a protected class as designated in the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act, <u>R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 34-37</u>.

This requirement must be completed during every two-year cycle for the licensee to be able to renew beginning with any renewal occurring in calendar year 2022.

Pre-licensing candidates are not required to complete an additional three-hour fair housing class as they will be tested as part of their pre-licensing class and examination procedure.