

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

South Carolina Real Estate Commission

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BROKER-IN-CHARGE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

If you have not passed the SC Broker Exam, you must first apply for and pass the SC Broker licensure exam.

Before calling in to the Commission Office – You may check your application status online at: https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/SSO/Login/LoginPage.

Licensure Requirements:

A person is qualified to receive a Broker-In-Charge license when the following requirements are met:

- **1.** You must meet the licensure requirements for Broker license. (See <u>Broker Licensure Requirements</u>)
- 2 You must either:
 - Have ownership interest in the company specified on the application; or
 - Actively engaged in the operation and management of the company

Application Process:

Your application is good for one (1) year from the date of receipt. If all required information is not received within this one (1) year period, you must begin the application process from the beginning. This includes, but is not limited to, the application fee, transcripts, license verifications, etc.

If you do not hold an active Broker license with South Carolina, or have not passed the SC Broker Exam, you must first apply for a Broker license/pass the SC Broker Exam. If you hold an active Broker license or have passed the SC Broker exam, the following will apply.

- 1. Application In addition to a completed application, the following must also be sent:
 - **Application Fee**: \$250 application fee (via <u>Document Submission</u>). Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. A returned check fee of up to \$30, or an amount specified by law, may be assessed on all returned funds.
 - **Identification**: Copy of your valid driver's license, state-issued ID, passport or military ID.
 - Legal documentation of all name changes (marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.)
 - **Personal History Questions:** For any "Yes' answers in the Personal History Information, a written explanation must be provided. For explanation of criminal history, completion and submission of the <u>Explanation Form</u> is required. Additional information may be requested by the Commission Office or an appearance before the Commission may be necessary.

- **BIC Transfer**: If you take over as the BIC for a currently registered company, attestation of transfer is required (Addendum attached to application). The attestation must be signed by the existing BIC or owner of the company.
- **Bank Information**: If the company you are becoming a Broker-in-Charge for is maintaining trust funds and authorized to do business in SC, the name and address of the bank in which an escrow account has been established must be reported to the Commission (Section V of the application). (SC Code Ann. §40-57-136(A)(3)).
- **2.** Licensure: Upon approval of application an updated license card will be mailed to the company mailing address.