

NEW CALIFORNIA LICENSING REGULATION

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I received a note from the Bureau of Real Estate about a new licensing regulation that will be effective January 1, 2016. This new rule will cover ALL licenses issued by the State. The bill that passed was called Senate Bill 1159; check it out by googling that title.

This is being submitted for your information with no comment whatsoever. So many people are saying, "I never heard of this." Well, it has been here for many months and CAR, BRE, DCA, and others have been sending out information. In about 178 days it will be the law of the land, at least in California.

"This is to inform you that all individuals who submit an application for a real estate license received on or after January 1, 2016 will no longer need to submit proof of legal presence in the United States.

On September 28, 2014, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1159 (Lara, Chapter 752, Statutes of 2014), which adds Section 135.5 to the Business & Professions Code (BPC), changing the legal presence requirements to obtain a real estate license. Current law requires an individual to provide proof of legal presence (proof of U.S. citizenship or legal alien status), in the United States in order to obtain a real estate license. SB 1159, which becomes effective on January 1, 2016, will remove the legal presence requirement from the application process. Applicants will still be required to provide a social security number or an individual taxpayer identification number for licensure. Please make appropriate changes to your materials and inform your students of the changes to the requirements for licensure. California Bureau of Real Estate."
