



GEORGIA REAL ESTATE EXAM GLOSSARY

Active license

An active Georgia real estate license authorizes the holder to perform acts within that license class while properly affiliated, supervised, renewed, and compliant with applicable education and legal requirements.

OFFICIAL AREA

State Laws and Rules

KNOWLEDGE CLUSTER

Georgia licensing

LEARNING SYSTEM

Define, distinguish, apply, retrieve

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01 / COMPLETE LESSON

Build the complete exam definition

Learn the rule, separate it from the nearest distractor, then apply it to a Georgia fact pattern.

CORE DEFINITION

What does Active license mean?

An active Georgia real estate license authorizes the holder to perform acts within that license class while properly affiliated, supervised, renewed, and compliant with applicable education and legal requirements.

CLOSEST DISTINCTION

How do you separate the nearest exam answer?

Active describes current authority to practice. A person can hold an inactive license and still be a licensee, but cannot perform licensed brokerage activity.

GEORGIA APPLICATION

What changes or stays the same in Georgia?

A Georgia salesperson's active status depends on affiliation with the proper broker and Commission records, not merely on possession of a license certificate.

WORKED EXAMPLE

A newly licensed salesperson affiliates with a qualifying broker and completes the activation process before advertising, showing, or negotiating for compensation.

EXAM TRAP

Passing the exam or receiving a license number does not necessarily prove that the license is active for a particular transaction date.

Memory cue: Passing the exam or receiving a license number does not necessarily prove that the license is active for a particular transaction date.



02 / PRACTICE AND MASTERY

Retrieve the rule under exam conditions

Answer before reading the explanation. Then explain why every distractor belongs to a different term.

ORIGINAL PRACTICE CHECK

Which statement correctly explains Active license?

- ☐ A An inactive Georgia real estate license is current but not authorized for brokerage activity.
- ☐ B A Georgia salesperson is an individual licensed to perform real estate brokerage activity on behalf of a broker.
- ☐ C An active Georgia real estate license authorizes the holder to perform acts within that license class while properly affiliated, supervised, renewed, and compliant with applicable education and legal requirements.
- ☐ D A sponsoring broker is the Georgia broker with whom a salesperson or certain other licensee affiliates so the license can be active and the licensee can perform brokerage activity through that broker.

CORRECT ANSWER: C

Active license is correct. An active Georgia real estate license authorizes the holder to perform acts within that license class while properly affiliated, supervised, renewed, and compliant with applicable education and legal requirements. Active describes current authority to practice. A person can hold an inactive license and still be a licensee, but cannot perform licensed brokerage activity. A Georgia salesperson's active status depends on affiliation with the proper broker and Commission records, not merely on possession of a license certificate.

MASTERY TRACKER

Mark each box only when you can perform the skill without looking.

- ☐ I can define the term in one precise sentence.
- ☐ I can separate it from the closest look-alike.
- ☐ I can explain the Georgia rule or confirm that the national rule applies.
- ☐ I can answer the practice check and explain every option.



03 / CONNECTIONS AND AUTHORITY

Connect the term to the wider exam

Use these relationships to move from isolated recall to a connected exam model.

RELATED TERM

Inactive license

An inactive Georgia real estate license is current but not authorized for brokerage activity.

<https://www.passgeorgiarealestate.com/glossary/inactive-license>

RELATED TERM

Georgia salesperson

A Georgia salesperson is an individual licensed to perform real estate brokerage activity on behalf of a broker.

<https://www.passgeorgiarealestate.com/glossary/georgia-salesperson>

RELATED TERM

Sponsoring broker

A sponsoring broker is the Georgia broker with whom a salesperson or certain other licensee affiliates so the license can be active and the licensee can perform brokerage activity through that broker.

<https://www.passgeorgiarealestate.com/glossary/sponsoring-broker>

RELATED TERM

Post-license education

Post-license education is the Commission-approved 25-hour course a newly licensed Georgia salesperson must complete within the first year of original licensure to maintain the license as required.

<https://www.passgeorgiarealestate.com/glossary/post-license-education>

RECOMMENDED NEXT COMPLETE LESSON

State Laws and Rules complete lesson

<https://www.passgeorgiarealestate.com/georgia-real-estate-license-active-vs-inactive>

EXAM SOURCES AND AUTHORITY NOTES

1. PSI Georgia Candidate Information Bulletin, 7/1/2026

Official exam administration and content-outline source.

<https://test-takers.psiexams.com/api/content/bulletin/4672>

2. Georgia Real Estate Commission Rules, Chapter 520-1

Official Georgia Secretary of State publication of Commission rules governing licensure and brokerage.

<https://rules.sos.ga.gov/gac/520-1>