



GEORGIA REAL ESTATE EXAM GLOSSARY

Associate broker

An associate broker is an individual who holds a Georgia broker license but works on behalf of another broker or licensed firm rather than serving as the qualifying broker responsible for that brokerage.

OFFICIAL AREA

State Laws and Rules

KNOWLEDGE CLUSTER

Georgia brokerage roles

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 Associate broker mean?

An associate broker is an individual who holds a Georgia broker license but works on behalf of another broker or licensed firm rather than serving as the qualifying broker responsible for that brokerage.

CLOSEST DISTINCTION

How do you separate the nearest exam answer?

The associate broker has broker-level licensure. The qualifying broker carries the firm's ultimate statutory and rule-based supervisory responsibility.

GEORGIA APPLICATION

What changes or stays the same in Georgia?

Broker-level education and examination do not automatically make a licensee the qualifying broker of the affiliated firm.

WORKED EXAMPLE

A broker-license holder joins a brokerage as an affiliated licensee while another named broker remains responsible to GREC for the firm's operations.

EXAM TRAP

Do not infer qualifying-broker authority from the word broker in the title associate broker.

Memory cue: Do not infer qualifying-broker authority from the word broker in the title associate broker.



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 Associate broker?

- A** An associate broker is an individual who holds a Georgia broker license but works on behalf of another broker or licensed firm rather than serving as the qualifying broker responsible for that brokerage.
- B** A Georgia broker is a person licensed at the broker level to perform brokerage activities and exercise the authority allowed to that license class.
- C** A qualifying broker is the broker designated to GREC as responsible for a licensed firm's brokerage activity, affiliated licensees, trust funds, records, advertising, and compliance with Georgia license law and Commission rules.
- D** A Georgia salesperson is an individual licensed to perform real estate brokerage activity on behalf of a broker.

CORRECT ANSWER: A

Associate broker is correct. An associate broker is an individual who holds a Georgia broker license but works on behalf of another broker or licensed firm rather than serving as the qualifying broker responsible for that brokerage. The associate broker has broker-level licensure. The qualifying broker carries the firm's ultimate statutory and rule-based supervisory responsibility. Broker-level education and examination do not automatically make a licensee the qualifying broker of the affiliated firm.

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

Broker

A Georgia broker is a person licensed at the broker level to perform brokerage activities and exercise the authority allowed to that license class.

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

RELATED TERM

Qualifying broker

A qualifying broker is the broker designated to GREC as responsible for a licensed firm's brokerage activity, affiliated licensees, trust funds, records, advertising, and compliance with Georgia license law and Commission rules.

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

RELATED TERM

Georgia salesperson

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

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RELATED TERM

Firm license

A firm license is the Georgia license issued to a business entity conducting brokerage activity through a qualifying broker.

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

RECOMMENDED NEXT COMPLETE LESSON

State Laws and Rules complete lesson

<https://www.passgeorgiarealestate.com/study-guide/georgia-laws-and-rules/license-types>

EXAM SOURCES AND AUTHORITY NOTES

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Official exam administration and content-outline source.

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

2. Georgia Real Estate License Law, O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 40

GREC's official portal to Title 43, Chapter 40 and related real estate laws.

<https://grec.state.ga.us/information-research/license-law/>

3. 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>