



NAR's Quadrennial Code of Ethics Requirement Frequently Asked Questions

Who must satisfy the quadrennial ethics requirement? With the exception of REALTOR® Emeriti, all REALTORS® and REALTOR-ASSOCIATES® regardless of area of specialty (residential, commercial, appraisal, etc.).

What is the deadline for completing the quadrennial ethics requirement? December 31, 2012

What happens if a REALTOR® or REALTOR-ASSOCIATE® does not satisfy the quadrennial ethics requirement? He will be suspended from membership for two (2) months or until he satisfies the requirement, whichever is sooner. On March 1, 2013, if he still is not in compliance, then he will be terminated from membership.

TREC has grandfathered me from having to take CE, so why do I have to do this? While some real estate licensees are grandfathered from having to take CE to maintain their real estate license with TREC, no REALTORS® or REALTOR-ASSOCIATES® are grandfathered regarding NAR's quadrennial ethics requirement. This is an NAR requirement and can only affect your REALTOR® or REALTOR-ASSOCIATE® membership rights and privileges, not your real estate license.

I took NAR's online ethics course. Why do I not see it listed on TREC's website with my other CE credits? Many of the courses offered by MAAR that satisfy the quadrennial ethics requirement are also approved by TREC for CE credit. NAR's online courses are among those courses but the CE submission to TREC is not an automatic. Anyone who has taken one of NAR's online courses and would also like three (3) hours of CE credit should fax proof of course completion to MAAR's Education Manager, Nicci Lundquist (fax: 901-761-4003), who will submit your name to TREC.

I have satisfied the quadrennial ethics requirement but I don't see it listed on TREC's website with my other CE credits. Many courses that satisfy the quadrennial ethics requirement are also approved by TREC for CE credit. If you have taken such a course, then that course would be listed on TREC's website. However, MAAR (not TREC) maintains the records of those who have satisfied this quadrennial ethics requirement, regardless of CE credits.

What courses satisfy the requirement? Each local Association determines which courses satisfy the requirement. For the 2009-2012 cycle, MAAR accepts the following:

- **MAAR offers various ethics course listed on www.maar.org.** Any course that satisfies the requirement will be denoted with "This course will satisfy your NAR Quadrennial Ethics Requirement."
- **NAR's online ethics courses** (new member, commercial or residential) Visit www.realtor.org to register.
- **GRI I: Professionalism in Real Estate** Visit www.tarnet.com to register and for a list of online and classroom offerings available across Tennessee.
- **Annual Training for service on the 2009, 2010, 2011 or 2012 Grievance and Professional Standards Committees.**
- **SIOR's ethics and professional standards course.** If you have taken this course, please fax proof of course completion to 901-761-4003, Attn: Quadrennial Ethics Requirement.
- **CCIM's online ethics training program.** Visit www.ccim.com for more details.

How can I confirm that I have satisfied the quadrennial ethics requirement? As we get closer to the end of the 2009-2012 cycle, a list will be posted on www.maar.org of those who are in compliance. In the meantime, you may contact MAAR Staff at 901-685-2100 to confirm whether you are in compliance or to learn of the next available opportunity to satisfy the requirement.