

**December 18, 2009**

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### **NOMAR and GSREIN Offices Closed**

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holidays. We wish you and your families to have a safe and "Happy Holidays".

### **Bringing the Dream of Homeownership Within Reach**

As part of its plan to stimulate the U.S. housing market and address the economic challenges facing our nation, Congress has passed new legislation that:

Extends the First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit of up to \$8,000 to first-time home buyers until April 30, 2010.

Expands the credit to grant up to \$6,500 credit to current home owners purchasing a new or existing home between November 7, 2009 and April 30, 2010.

Here is more information about how the Extended Home Buyer Tax Credit can help prospective home buyers become part of the American dream. If you have specific questions or need additional information, please contact a tax professional or the **Internal Revenue Service at 800-829-1040**. For more information click on link below.

[http://www.realtor.org/home\\_buyers\\_and\\_sellers/2009\\_first\\_time\\_home\\_buyer\\_tax\\_credit](http://www.realtor.org/home_buyers_and_sellers/2009_first_time_home_buyer_tax_credit)

## ***EDUCATION***

### **Year End CE Questions**

At this time of year we get a lot of questions about tracking, reporting, CE requirements, and upcoming classes. Here are the answers to the most often asked questions:

#### **CE class hours tracking:**

1. NOMAR does not track your CE classes. We do, however, have a record of classes that you have taken with NOMAR.
2. You can check your NOMAR class record at [www.nomar.org](http://www.nomar.org). Click on "Member Accounts", then "NOMAR", put in your logon and password, then, under "Personal Information", click on "Your Education History".
3. As a courtesy, the LREC will add your class history to your LREC record, but it may take awhile. Go to [www.lrec.state.la.us](http://www.lrec.state.la.us) to check your CE class history.
4. The very best way to track your CE classes is to do it yourself. Keep a file with all of your certificates in it. Keep the certificates for 3 years.

#### **Reporting:**

1. You **never** have to report your class attendance to the LREC. The LREC gets a class attendance report from the CE provider.

2. You **never** have to fax a copy of your certificate to the LREC. The LREC gets a class attendance report from the CE provider.

**CE requirements:**

1. Yearly CE requirements for the LREC, NAR, and NOMAR, are always posted at [www.nomar.org](http://www.nomar.org) under "Education", then "2009 Continuing Education Requirements".
2. You need 12 hours of CE this year, including 4 hours of "Residential Agreement to Buy or Sell".
3. We are in Cycle 3 of "Quadrennial Ethics". Cycle 3 covers 2009 through 2012. So, you have until Dec. 31, 2012 to take Cycle 3.

**Class schedule:**

1. Members are mailed a schedule of upcoming classes on Mondays.
2. This list is also posted at [www.nomar.org](http://www.nomar.org) under "Education", then "2009 Continuing Education Schedule".

**LR Online Continuing Education**

Louisiana REALTORS® has partnered with [McKissock, LP](http://www.mckissock.com) to offer online courses for continuing education credit. McKissock has been a provider of continuing education for over a decade. These courses will help you fulfill your CE requirements – easily and affordably. If you are not satisfied for any reason, simply contact McKissock within 24 hours of completion for a full refund or discount toward future courses. *All courses listed on the platform have been approved by the Louisiana Real Estate Commission for CE credits.*

For more information or to get started, [click here](#).

Or copy and paste the following into your address bar.

[http://www.mckissock.com/MP/Search/MP\\_OnlineCourses.aspx?MST='LA'&MLT=2](http://www.mckissock.com/MP/Search/MP_OnlineCourses.aspx?MST='LA'&MLT=2)

**NOMAR's CE Schedule**

is emailed on Mondays. It is also posted weekly on [www.nomar.org](http://www.nomar.org) under "Education". Click here for the latest schedule <http://www.nomar.org/coned/2009/ceschedule.pdf>.

**OTHER**

**Invitation to Join NOMAR**

Please extend the invitation to agents of other REALTOR® Associations to join NOMAR. We are waiving the \$10 Transfer Fee and the pro-rated Local dues for the remainder of 2009 for current REALTORS® in Good Standing with any other Association. [Click Here for Membership Application](#)

**Be a Part of Our Permanent History! The "Friends of NOMAR" House**

Was created by a local artist and installed in the reception area of our new building. Your permanent advertising may display your name, company name, or may be a memorial in the name of a deceased member of our REALTOR® family. Information and offer prices on house components are on our home page at [www.nomar.org](http://www.nomar.org).

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[www.nomar.org](http://www.nomar.org)

**NOMAR Staff Directory** <http://www.nomar.org/Staff%20Directory.pdf>

**NOMAR Affiliates - Services Directory** <http://www.nomar.org/affiliates.html>

**NOMAR Calendar of Events** <http://www.nomar.org/Calendar/2009%20Calendar/2009%20Calendar.pdf>

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