



TREC Duties and Powers Exam Cheat Sheet

Texas State Law | 3 scored items | about 3% of all scored items

STUDY RULE

Keep the institutions separate. The Legislature enacts TRELA, TREC adopts and enforces rules within its authority, and SOAH can conduct contested-case hearings.

What Pearson Tests

- TREC composition, general powers, duties, advisory committees, and rulemaking authority
- Complaints, investigations, hearings, appeals, and disciplinary action
- Unlicensed activity, administrative penalties, and the Real Estate Recovery Trust Account

Exam Traps

- TREC does not write TRELA. The Texas Legislature enacts the statute.
- A complaint does not itself prove a violation. Investigation and due process come before final discipline.
- The Recovery Trust Account can compensate qualifying claimants under statutory conditions. It is not ordinary transaction insurance.

Essential Vocabulary

- TREC: The Texas Real Estate Commission, the state agency that administers and enforces Texas real estate licensing law.
- TRELA: The Real Estate License Act in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 1101.
- TREC Rules: Administrative rules adopted by the Commission, principally in Title 22, Part 23 of the Texas Administrative Code.
- Complaint: An allegation submitted for agency review, not a final finding by itself.
- SOAH: The State Office of Administrative Hearings, which conducts specified contested-case hearings.
- Administrative penalty: A monetary sanction TREC may impose when authorized by law.
- Disciplinary action: Agency action such as reprimand, suspension, or revocation when legally supported.
- Recovery Trust Account: The statutory account that may pay qualifying claims subject to eligibility and limits.

Recall Check

- Who enacts TRELA? Answer: The Texas Legislature.
- Which agency enforces Texas real estate licensing law? Answer: TREC.
- Does filing a complaint establish that a violation occurred? Answer: No. A complaint begins a review process.

My Miss Log

Write the rule you missed, then schedule the next rep.
