

Notice of Proposed Regulations Changes – Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development/Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (DCCED/CBPL), dealing with occupational licensing fees for professions regulated by the Real Estate Commission. Notice Published: October 4, 2017

Below are responses to questions received on the DCCED/CBPL proposed regulations. The period for written comments ends November 6, 2017. To be considered, comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2017

**Regulatory Questions**

1 10/13/2017	<b>Why do you not state what the changes in fees will be?</b>
You will find the proposed changes in fees on this link: <a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/rec-fees-2017.pdf">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/rec-fees-2017.pdf</a> . This link was also provided in the public notice.	

2 10/13/2017	<b>Why is our profession charge so much in license and change fees?</b>
The entire fees were reviewed by an independent audit firm in 2013 and were measured against time staff spent on these tasks. It was revealed that the Commission was running at a deficit for a number of these licensing tasks. It was therefore recommended by the Commission, to increase a number of these fees to make sure that staffs time was charged adequately to cover these various licensing tasks. If they did not do this then ALL licensees would have to cover the cost (through a higher renewal fee) for those (fewer) licensees who utilize REC services on a regular basis such as transfers, office changes, broker changes, license histories, inactivation and reactivation etc..	