

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® CODE OF ETHICS

When the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) was formed in the early 1900s, a primary goal of the association was to improve the business practices in place and to provide guidelines for ethical standards for the future. NAR released the Code of Ethics in 1913. Adherence to the Code has been a requirement for membership since 1924. The Code is regularly revised to reflect current developments.

New members joining NAR must take a 2½-hour orientation course on the Code of Ethics and pledge to conduct their real estate practices professionally and ethically, as set forth in the Code. All members of NAR are also required to complete a minimum of 2½ hours of continuing education ethics training in every two-year cycle. Every real estate board and association must provide access to courses on ethics through classroom, correspondence, or internet-based instruction.