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**Real estate profession revises Professional Development Program for BC's REALTORS®**

**Vancouver, BC – January 2, 2020** – With a redesigned Professional Development Program now in place, REALTORS® across BC are working to meet new professional development requirements.

The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) and BC's 11 real estate boards revised the Professional Development Program for REALTORS® in BC effective January 1, 2020. The changes help to strengthen education requirements in the profession and give REALTORS® access to more diverse learning opportunities throughout their careers.

"Ongoing education is an important part of REALTOR® professionalism and an example of REALTORS® commitment to serving consumers," says Darlene Hyde, BCREA Chief Executive Officer. "We're excited to launch a new Professional Development Program that reflects this commitment and offers REALTORS® more choice and flexibility in their education."

The new Professional Development Program incorporates best practices in professional development and adult learning. Under the new program, REALTORS® in BC are required to complete a minimum of 18 hours of professional development over their two-year licensing cycle. These requirements go beyond what's required by the Real Estate Council of BC to earn and maintain a real estate services license.

To give REALTORS® access to a wider variety of professional development opportunities, BCREA and boards will introduce more courses online and across the province in 2020.

To learn more about REALTOR® professional development in BC, [click here](#).

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**About BCREA**

BCREA is the professional association for about 23,000 REALTORS® in BC, focusing on provincial issues that impact real estate. Working with the provinces 11 real estate boards,

BCREA provides continuing professional education, advocacy, economic research and standard forms to help REALTORS® provide value for their clients.

To demonstrate the profession's commitment to improving Quality of Life in BC communities, BCREA supports policies that help ensure economic vitality, providing housing opportunities, preserve the environment, protect property owners and build better communities with good schools and safe neighbourhoods.