

GRI Designation Q & A

What does the GRI designation stand for?

GRI (Graduate, REALTOR® Institute) is the most recognized professional designation in the real estate industry. The designation is conferred on qualified individuals by the state association of REALTORS®, with educational requirements established the National Association of REALTORS®.

Are there any prerequisites for earning the GRI designation?

Only that you are a member of the National Association of REALTORS®.

Once I get my designation, do I have to pay an annual fee or do anything to renew it?

No, GRI is the only REALTOR® designation that does not require a payment of an annual renewal fee. No renewal is required. Once you have received your GRI, you can use the designation as long as you are a member in good standing of the National Association of REALTORS®.

What classes do I have to take to earn the GRI designation?

Members of NCAR may obtain the designation by completing twelve classes and passing tests on the material. Each class is comprised of approx. 7.5 hours of instruction, totaling 90 hours for the designation.

Do I have to take the classes in order? No, you can take any class at anytime.

How long will it take me to complete the designation?

It is up to you. If you choose to travel to different locations to complete the coursework you could finish in less than 1 year. If you wait for the classes to come to your location it could take longer. You have a limit of 5 years to complete it from when you start.

Do I earn Continuing Education credit?

Yes, some of the classes contain four hours of Elective CE credit for an additional \$25.

Are meals and hotel costs included in registration fees?

No. Hotel accommodation information is sent with the confirmation E-mail. You are not required to stay at the hotel, but if you are considering commuting, be sure to allow ample time for travel. Be aware that winter weather may require more travel time. Courses start on time!

Invest 12 days in yourself and your career to potentially double your income!