

FAQs - Multiple Education Providers Launch

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Why has RECO changed from a single provider to multiple providers?

Moving to multiple education providers is a longstanding element of RECO's strategy to elevate real estate education in Ontario. Multiple education providers will help provide more diverse learning opportunities and empower learners across the province with a greater degree of flexibility and choice to meet their educational needs.

Which schools have been added as options for real estate education?

RECO has approved four accredited post-secondary institutions to deliver real estate registration education in Ontario: Algonquin College, Career College Group, Fleming College and Humber Polytechnic. These providers were chosen after a robust application and evaluation process to ensure they meet RECO's requirements and standards.

How were the new providers selected?

Applications were evaluated by a team of cross-disciplinary experts from RECO using 46 standards and requirements as criteria. The selection process included written submissions, reference checks, in-person presentations, and risk assessments.

Will every provider offer the same standard curriculum?

Yes. One of RECO's key responsibilities is to set requirements for real estate education in Ontario through its high-quality, industry-leading curriculum. Each approved institution will deliver RECO's comprehensive program. RECO's program was redeveloped in 2019 and includes experiential learning through mandatory simulation sessions based on real-world transactions that better prepare learners for real-world demands of working in the real estate sector. The program is designed to give future agents the foundation they need to start their real estate careers and to facilitate a strong understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements of the profession.

Along with this comprehensive standard curriculum, each of the providers will have the opportunity to offer unique features that can further enhance the learning experience for their learners. This may include value-add courses beyond those required by RECO to meet compliance obligations and networking opportunities. For more details on RECO's education requirements and programs, be sure to visit: reco.on.ca/education/education-programs



Will there be standardized testing?

Yes. This will begin by mid-2025 for learners of RECO's approved real estate education providers. Last fall RECO appointed Meazure Learning as the independent exam provider that will begin delivering all real estate exams for learners of new providers by mid-2025. Having a single, centralized exam provider ensures that all learners undergo the same rigorous, standardized examination process. Learn more about <u>RECO's selection of Meazure Learning to administrate all real estate exams.</u>

I am a current learner at Humber Polytechnic. What does this mean for me?

Learners currently enrolled in the NIIT/Humber Polytechnic program will be able to complete their course work until early September 2025. Humber and NIIT are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for current learners as the program begins to wind up its operations. Current learners should reach out to Humber directly for more details about their specific circumstances.

I had planned to enroll in Humber this spring. Am I still able to do so?

Learners wishing to begin their real estate education up to June 2025 may do so by enrolling in the NIIT/Humber Polytechnic program, which will accept new applicants until then. Learners should reach out to Humber directly for more details about their specific circumstances.

When can I sign up with one of the new providers?

The new providers will begin accepting new learners in the summer of 2025. For more details, please contact the specific institution directly.

Why is the NIIT/Humber Polytechnic program ceasing operations?

The contract between RECO and NIIT in partnership with Humber was originally set for five years and was extended for an additional year to mid-2025, with the understanding that RECO would be moving from a single education provider to multiple providers.

Education institutions from across the province were invited to participate in the application process to become a provider of real estate education in Ontario, including the incumbent. Following this process, one of the incumbent partners, Humber Polytechnic, was selected to be among the four providers, along with Algonquin College, Fleming College and Career College Group.



RECO's decision to move from a single provider to multiple education providers is part of the organization's longstanding strategy to elevate real estate education in Ontario and provide learners with more choice and flexibility to complete their education requirements.

Will any of the new providers be offering in-person classes?

As with the current program, the majority of instructions will remain online to allow for a seamless, consistent and streamlined learning experience. However, the program will continue to include in-person simulation sessions and options for in-person examinations and facilitated review sessions to support learner choice.

What if I am already taking the program with Humber?

If you are currently enrolled in the Humber Polytechnic/NIIT program, you will be able to complete your coursework until early September 2025. Humber and NIIT are working to ensure a smooth transition for current students as the program phases out.

You can continue your studies at Humber; they will keep you informed about specific deadlines related to course completion and examinations.

Can I enroll now, or do I need to wait until July?

If you prefer to start your real estate education now, you can enroll in the Humber Polytechnic/NIIT program until June 2025. This would allow learners to begin coursework sooner. Learners should contact Humber directly for more details regarding their specific circumstances.

If you prefer to enroll with one of the new education providers, please check their website for more information on registration timelines.

Starting in summer 2025, learners will have the flexibility to choose from four different providers. Moreover, new providers may offer different learning experiences, such as unique course features or additional support services. By mid-2025, standardized exams will be implemented to ensure a consistent and uniform examination process across all providers.

How can I become an approved provider of the new program (for schools and individuals)?

Education institutions from across the province were invited to participate in the application process to become providers of real estate education in Ontario. RECO has now selected four institutions—Algonquin College, Career College Group, Fleming College, and Humber Polytechnic—to deliver real estate registration education in Ontario. These institutions were chosen through a rigorous application process that evaluated providers



against 46 standards and requirements, covering education quality, finance, legal compliance, IT, and risk management.

RECO intends to periodically provide additional opportunities for institutions to apply, once the implementation of the new providers is complete. Interested organizations should monitor RECO's website for future announcements regarding applications for new education providers. They can also express their interest by emailing REProgram@reco.on.ca to be added to the mailing list and contacted when RECO starts accepting new applications.

How do I become a facilitator?

Those interested in facilitating should contact one of the four education providers (Algonquin College, Career College Group, Fleming College, or Humber Polytechnic) directly to inquire about available positions, qualifications, and the application processes.