



## **Frequently Asked Questions about the GRI Professional Designation Program**

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### **What Does "GRI" stand for?**

*GRI stands for "Graduate [of the] REALTOR® Institute. It is the most recognized professional designation in the real estate industry. The designation is conferred on qualified individuals by the state association of REALTORS® who have completed the prescribed coursework.*

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### **Are there any pre-requisites for starting the GRI Designation Program?**

*Only that you are a member in good standing with the National Association of REALTORS®.*

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### **How do I begin my GRI Designation Program?**

*Simply by attending a course that is offered in the GRI program series or by submitting an optional GRI Candidacy form to the SD Association of REALTORS which indicates to SDAR that you would like information about earning your GRI Designation.*

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### **When I have completed all required courses, what do I do?**

*At the completion of the prescribed course subject matter, proof of completion and a "Designation Application" needs to be submitted to SDAR to earn the GRI Designation. The Designation Application is posted on the SDAR website at: [www.sdrealtor.org](http://www.sdrealtor.org), click on Education, then GRI.*

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### **Do I receive CE towards real estate or appraiser license renewal when I attend a GRI course?**

*Yes! Each course is evaluated by the SD Real Estate Commission who determines the appropriate amount of CE available for attendees.*

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**Who keeps record of the amount of credits I have earned?**

SDAR keeps a record of all GRI candidates and the amount of credits earned towards the GRI designation. However, each candidate is responsible for retaining class completion letters. When an individual finishes their GRI Designation Program the letters are then used as verification that all criteria has been met.

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

Unlike other designations, the GRI Designation has no additional usage fee, no annual education requirement, and only your membership in the National Association of REALTORS® is required!

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**How long will it take to earn my GRI?**

Although there is no limit on the amount of time one may take to complete the program, it is strongly recommended by NAR that the GRI designation program be completed over a period of two years. Since SDAR has re-established the two year rotation schedule of classes, it is possible to complete the program in the recommended amount of time and avoid any potential loss of credit or incongruence's in transfer of subject matter due to changes in accreditation requirements.

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**Do I need to take the prescribed courses in order?**

No. South Dakota's REALTOR® Institute (GRI) Program is designed so that the courses may be taken in any order.

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**Are meals and hotel costs included in my registration fees?**

No. If hotel accommodations are necessary, they are the responsibility of the attendee. Lunches are not provided but, as a courtesy, SDAR usually provides food items and beverages at each course at no additional cost.

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**Who do I contact if I have questions?**

If you have any questions about South Dakota's REALTOR® Institute (GRI) Program, you may contact the SDAR Education staff to assist you:

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