

**State Real Estate Commission Learns its Web Site is No. 1**  
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A recent study by the Maryland Real Estate Commission shows the agency's Web site is the most popular among those posted by the state's 23 licensing units.

Commission staff members said the site receives about 7,500 hits monthly. Real Estate professionals use it to learn about new laws affecting the industry as well as required fees and licensing requirements.

Real estate agents and brokers also can apply and renew their licenses at the site – a record 88 percent of them are renewing their licenses via the Internet.

Commission members have worked to communicate with agents and brokers through the 7-year-old Internet site and by e-mail. The agency currently working to offer continuing education courses online.

The Real Estate Commission oversees the state's 36,000 agents and brokers. It's administers exams, issues licenses and investigates consumer complaints.

"It's really nice that we are communicating so well through the Internet," Commission Chairman Steven VanGrack said at the agency's monthly board meeting last week.

The agency's Web site is accessed at [www.dllr.state.md.us](http://www.dllr.state.md.us) under occupational and professional electronic licensing.