

Exam Day Checklist

What to bring, what to expect, and how to pace 75 questions in 90 minutes.

The week before

- Confirm your exam date, time, and the exact test-center address in eAccessNY.
- Take at least two full-length, timed practice tests. Pacing is a separate skill from knowledge.
- Review your weakest two topics only — not everything. Your diagnostic score breakdown tells you which.
- Plan your route and travel time. Add a buffer for traffic or transit delays.

What to bring

Photo ID	Valid, government-issued, with a signature. Name should match your registration.
Exam confirmation	Your booking details from eAccessNY.
Calculator	A basic four-function calculator, if permitted — confirm current rules when you book.

Phones cannot be used as calculators. Personal items are usually stored outside the testing room.

At the test center

- Arrive early. Late arrivals are typically turned away and forfeit the fee.
- Expect ID verification, a photo, and secure storage of personal belongings.
- Listen to the proctor's instructions on navigation, flagging, and reviewing answers.

Timing strategy — 75 questions, 90 minutes

That is roughly 72 seconds per question. Most people do not run out of time because questions are hard; they run out because they get stuck.

- First pass: answer everything you know quickly. Flag anything that takes more than ~90 seconds and move on.
- Second pass: return to flagged questions with the time you saved.
- Never leave a blank. There is no penalty for a wrong answer — always guess.
- Aim to finish the first pass around the 60-minute mark, leaving ~30 minutes for review.

Reading the questions

- Watch for NOT, EXCEPT, LEAST, BEST, MOST — these flip the whole question.
- For math, write the numbers down. Solve the total first, then split it.
- Check whether the question wants the brokerage's share or the agent's share.
- Eliminate obviously wrong answers first — most questions become a 50/50 quickly.

Common avoidable mistakes

- Skipping math during prep, then guessing on 7–8 questions.
- Studying only the 77-hour course material — the exam re-words concepts.
- Using generic national prep and missing New York's specific rules.
- Never practising under a real clock.

Verify current exam-day policies at dos.ny.gov — rules on identification, calculators and personal items can change.

Put it into practice. 891 exam-style questions, 16 practice tests, 24 video lessons and 484 free flashcards at nyrealestateprep.com — start with the free 10-question diagnostic.