

Additional Written evidence from Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (PRA0004)

Further information: licensing of estate agents and property managers in other jurisdictions

Australia

All states require real estate agents and property managers to hold a licence.

All the licensing schemes tend to share the following characteristics:

1. Proper training (generally provided by nationally recognised providers consistent with prerequisite content set by government)
2. Suitable person
 - a. Not been insolvent, a director of a company that has gone into receivership or liquidation
 - b. Not disqualified from holding a licence previously
 - c. Not convicted of a serious offence in the last five years
3. Must be a citizen or permanent resident
4. Must be at least 18 years old
5. Continuous professional development (CPD) requirements generally apply

Germany

Sales and letting agents are required to register for a licence at a local office or chamber of industry and commerce, at a cost of €300-500. Proof of lack of a criminal record, and tax and financial good standing is required. Post-registration, twenty hours of education must be carried out within three years and proof of this kept for five years.

Republic of Ireland

The Property Services Regulatory Authority (PRSA) licenses estate agents, auctioneers and management agents. Requirements include confirmation of a recognised property qualification, tax clearance, an accountant's report, evidence of professional indemnity insurance and a €1000 fee.

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