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Free class will help make you a smarter homebuyer

June is National Homeownership Month, and education is the best way to prepare to buy a home. Idaho Housing and Finance Association is celebrating Homeownership Month by offering free in-person Finally Home! Homebuyer Education classes throughout the state.

Buying a home is one of the most significant purchases most people will ever make. For first-time homebuyers, the process can be especially intimidating, confusing, or just plain scary. But, it doesn't have to be that way. Finally Home! Homebuyer Education is a resource to help make first-time buyers more confident in finding and purchasing a home. The class helps future homeowners understand budgeting, credit, loan types, closing costs and home maintenance. It will also help them avoid common pitfalls during the homebuying process.

Register for the course at finallyhomecourse.com.

Free Finally Home! Homebuyer Education classes

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., June 8, Nampa Civic Center, 311 3rd St. S., Nampa

9 a.m. – 3 p.m., June 8, Bonner Community Housing Agency, 120 S. 2nd Ave., Unit B, Sandpoint

5 p.m. – 9 p.m., June 12-13, NeighborWorks Pocatello, 206 N. Arthur Ave., Pocatello

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., June 17-18, Greater Idaho Falls Association of REALTORS®, 1508 Midway Ave., Idaho Falls

6:00 p.m. – 9 p.m., June 25-26, NeighborWorks Boise, 3380 W. Americana Terrace, Suite 120, Boise

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., June 25 & 27, College of Southern Idaho, Taylor Building, Room 276, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls

5:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m., June 26, Coeur d'Alene Association of REALTORS®, 409 W. Neider Ave., Suite A, Coeur d'Alene

"The Finally Home! Homebuyer Education course gives borrowers insight into how the homebuying process actually works. It provides them with the tools and knowledge they need to become successful homeowners," said Heather Bowman, Idaho Housing's national homebuyer education manager. "The class answers questions and provides facts borrowers can use in working with their lender and REALTOR® to make smart decisions during the home-buying process."

Students can take the class in English or Spanish online at finallyhomecourse.com for a \$50 fee. More than 70,000 people have graduated and used the Finally Home! course in their homebuying process.