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Key Decision Summary

- **Edition Fit:** ISBN 9780357358375 matches the eighth-edition hardcover of *Practical Real Estate Law*.
- **Best Short-Term Value:** The 180-day digital option is the cheapest clean route in this snapshot.
- **Best Ownership Value:** The current hardcover listing is priced almost the same as the observed marketplace copy and far below the official new-print comparator.
- **Coursework Risk:** Check whether your section uses MindTap or other bundled courseware before treating the cheaper print route as the full course cost.
- **Price Snapshot Date:** April 14, 2026

If you only need the buying answer

If your goal is to get through one paralegal or real-estate-law course at the lowest clean price, the 180-day digital option is the cheaper route at **\$58.99**. If you expect to keep working with deeds, title assurance, financing, leases, closing documents, and transaction workflow after the term ends, the current hardcover listing at **\$88.96** is a much stronger ownership decision than paying the official new-book price.

Store	Format	Condition	Price	Link
Merybook	Hardcover	New	\$88.96	Check listing
eCampus	Marketplace	Marketplace	\$88.08	Check price
eCampus	Digital	180-day access	\$58.99	Check price

Store	Format	Condition	Price	Link
eCampus	Hardcover	New	\$232.77	Check price

The numbers here create a clean split. The temporary digital license wins on pure short-term cost. The hardcover wins on ownership logic because it is priced almost exactly with the observed marketplace copy and dramatically below the official new-print comparator. That matters for a law text built around repeatable workflow rather than one-time reading.

What this book actually teaches

Practical Real Estate Law is not a loose survey of property doctrine. It is built around the applied side of real-estate practice: contracts, deeds, title examination, financing, settlement work, leasing, agency issues, and the sequence of a transaction from agreement to closing. That is why the book tends to stay useful after the final exam. Readers come back to it when they need to remember how the pieces of a transaction fit together, not just when they need to memorize vocabulary.

Cengage positions the title alongside a MindTap option, and current course documents show this ISBN assigned in paralegal and real-estate-law sections. That is a good clue about the book's real role: it is meant to support applied coursework, forms-based reasoning, and procedural understanding rather than abstract property theory alone.

When the hardcover makes more sense than digital

If you are moving toward paralegal practice, real-estate support work, or any role where you may revisit transaction steps after the class ends, the hardcover is the more sensible long-horizon choice. Books like this become working references. They are often most useful when the reader can tab sections, compare examples, and return to specific chapters without a countdown clock.

If this is just one course requirement and you do not expect to revisit the material, the 180-day digital option is the better economic decision. The important caution is access-code dependency: if your syllabus requires MindTap, the cheapest standalone print copy is no longer the whole story.

Sources checked

- Cengage product page for *Practical Real Estate Law*, 8th edition: [cengage.com](https://www.cengage.com)
- VitalSource listing for the digital ISBN and format mapping: [vitalsource.com](https://www.vitalsource.com)
- Recent course-adoption examples showing this ISBN in real-estate/paralegal classes: [course syllabus](#) and [textbook affordability list](#)
- Current marketplace and format pricing reviewed on April 14, 2026.