



Registration for Estate Agents Qualifying Examinations

(10 October 2005) The third paper-based Estate Agents and Salespersons Qualifying Examinations of the year will be held on Thursday, 10 November 2005. Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority ("HKEAA"), which administers the examination, will accept registration in person from 12 to 18 October.

The paper-based Estate Agents and Salespersons Qualifying Examinations are held three times every year, usually in March, July and November, while the computer-based Salespersons Qualifying Examinations are held several times a week.

In 2003, a total of 770 candidates registered for the Estate Agents Qualifying Examinations. For the whole of 2004, there were a total of 1,739 registrants. In March and July 2005, the total number of registrants reached 3,472.

Chairman of the Professional Development Committee of the Estate Agents Authority (EAA), Mr. Joseph Tsang Hon-ping, said, "The number of candidates for the qualifying examinations has increased in the last two years, indicating that more people consider the estate agency profession as a career opportunity. Our past records showed that candidates included not only fresh graduates from schools but also individuals of various occupational backgrounds, such as property management, banking, accounting, financial investment, construction and surveying, and the wholesale/retail business. Career in estate agency is becoming attractive to people of a wide range of professions."

Registration procedures for the 10 November 2005 Qualifying Examination are given below.

Entry forms may be obtained at the following locations:

Estate Agents Authority: 48/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (Southern Centre): 12/F, 130 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong



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Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (San Po Kong Sub-office): 3/F, 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon

The period for registration by post has ended on 3 October 2005, but applicants may register in person or through a representative by paying the examination fee first and submitting the examination fee receipt (HKEAA copy) of the demand note, the completed and signed entry form and a photocopy of the applicant's Hong Kong Identity Card or passport to the San Po Kong Sub-office of the HKEAA from 12 to 18 October 2004. The office hours are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (opens during lunch hour).

The HKEAA also accepts late registrations. Late registrants may obtain entry forms and "application forms for late entry" at the Hong Kong Examination and Assessment Authority (San Po Kong Sub-office): 3/F, 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon, Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (Southern Centre), or the Estate Agents Authority, 48/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Late registrants should submit the completed and signed entry form and the "application form for late entry", together with a photocopy of the applicant's H.K. Identity Card or passport to the San Po Kong Sub-office of the HKEAA in person or through a representative from 3 to 4 November. Applicants are also required to pay the examination fee and a HK\$200 administration fee in cash.

Passing the qualifying examination is one of the requirements for obtaining the licence. Other licensing requirements include: be at least 18 years of age, completed Form 5 or its equivalent, and fulfil the "fit and proper" requirement.

For enquiries regarding the Qualifying Examinations, please telephone the Hong Kong Examination and Assessment Authority at 2328 0061 (ext. 322) or the EAA's Professional Development Hotline 2150 2468. The EAA's web address is <http://www.eaa.org.hk>.

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