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## **EAA announces results of September qualifying examinations**

(30 October 2007) The Estate Agents Authority (EAA) today announced the results of the Estate Agents Qualifying Examination (EAQE) and Salespersons Qualifying Examination (SQE) held on 20 and 21 September 2007 respectively.

A total of 892 candidates sat the EAQE and 331 candidates passed, representing a pass rate of 37.1%. Among them, five candidates passed with commendation. Separately, 1,288 candidates sat the SQE and 46.9% or 604 candidates passed. The pass rates of the last EAQE and SQE held in June 2007 were 44% and 46.3% respectively.

If candidates who took the September qualifying examinations have not received notification of their results by 31 October, they are advised to contact the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (Tel: 3628 8787).

EAA Chief Executive Officer Ms Sandy Chan said, "EAA attaches importance to the professional knowledge of the fresh entrants. To encourage more capable people to join the trade, EAA will increase the frequency of the SQE from four to six times a year, starting from 2008. Separately, since September, the fee of the SQE has been reduced from \$500 to \$400."

EAA would like to remind candidates that passing the qualifying examination is only one of the requirements for obtaining an estate agent's or salesperson's licence. Candidates must also have completed Form 5 or its equivalent, reached a minimum age of 18 and be considered "fit and proper" to hold a licence.



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The next EAQE and SQE will be held on 20 and 21 December 2007 respectively. Application forms for the December examinations are available at EAA and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority. For enquiries about the examinations, the public may call the EAA Professional Development hotline 2150 2468 or visit the EAA website at <a href="https://www.eaa.org.hk/development/qe\_paperbased.htm">www.eaa.org.hk/development/qe\_paperbased.htm</a>.