



Increase of Qualifying Examination Fees

(29 June 2021) The Estate Agents Authority (“EAA”) announced today that the qualifying examination fees will be increased with effect from 1 January 2022 (“Effective Date”). The fee for the Estate Agents Qualifying Examination (“EAQE”) scheduled to be held after the Effective Date will be increased from \$800 to \$900, and the fee for the Salespersons Qualifying Examination (“SQE”) scheduled to be held after the Effective Date will be increased from \$550 to \$650.

The increase of examination fees was endorsed by Practice and Examination Committee of the EAA Board earlier and it was announced at the regular liaison meeting between the EAA Administration and major trade representatives today. The EAA explained to the trade representatives that the current level of examination fees for both the EAQE and the SQE have remained unchanged since January 2018. In order to cover the continuing rising costs of organising qualifying examinations, the Practice and Examination Committee endorsed to increase the examination fees with effect from 1 January 2022.

The EAA’s Chief Executive Officer Ms Ruby Hon said, “The Administration has been using its greatest efforts to absorb the rising costs of administering examinations over the years but inevitably the EAA has had to adjust the examination fees in order to maintain its financial stability. The increase is moderate as the fees have not been adjusted for years, and we implement the new fees in January 2022 so as to allow potential candidates sufficient time for consideration and preparation.”

As the gatekeeper of the estate agency trade in Hong Kong, the EAA organises qualifying examinations to ensure that only qualified candidates can enter the trade. There will still be two EAQEs and eight SQEs



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available for interested candidates to register this year before the Effective Date.

The EAA held a liaison meeting with major trade representatives regularly to keep a continuous communication with the trade. At the meeting today, other issues were also discussed and views exchanged, such as the latest trade practices and the EAA's initiatives.

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