



Estate Agents Authority once again reminds non-local students to exercise caution in renting property

(5 May 2026) As the new academic year is approaching, the Estate Agents Authority (“EAA”) once again reminds non-local students and their parents to exercise caution in renting accommodation in Hong Kong.

The EAA advises that it is better to appoint licensed estate agents in seeking rental accommodation in Hong Kong, as EAA investigates into complaints against improper professional conducts of licensed estate agents and takes disciplinary actions if required, thus providing better protection to consumers.

The EAA encourages non-local students and their parents, as well as other persons who are not familiar with renting properties in Hong Kong, to peruse the booklet “*Tenancy Guide for Non-local Students in Hong Kong*”, which is available at the EAA’s website at:

www.eaa.org.hk/Portals/0/Sections/CC/TenancyGuideForNonLocalStudentsInHongKong.pdf

QR code of the booklet:



In the light of previous concerns about newcomers and non-local students falling prey to frauds when renting property in Hong Kong, the EAA has been proactively working with local higher education institutions, concerned Government departments and non-governmental organisations



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(“NGOs”), to raise non-locals’ awareness in the key matters to watch out while seeking to rent accommodation. The EAA’s consumer education campaigns include organising and participating in webinars, and participating in education expos, etc. Recently, the EAA has written to the concerned Government departments, higher education institutions and NGOs again, to invite them to disseminate the cautionary messages to the new non-local students and their parents, and other newcomers.

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