

## NOTICE

### **Estate Agents/Salespersons Qualifying Examinations Revision to the Level of Penalty for Certain Breaches of Examination Regulations**

Applicable to qualifying examinations scheduled to be held after **1 January 2022**, the level of penalty for the below breaches of examination regulations will be revised as follows:

	Type of breach	Revised penalty
(a)	Electronic device(s) not placed according to the prescribed instructions.	Deduction of : (i) 5 marks if the device is on; and (ii) 3 marks if the device is off.
(b)	Failure to produce valid original identification document for verification during examination but the identity of the candidate in question can be verified within the next working day.	Deduction of 5 marks.
(c)	Starting to work before being instructed to start or continuing to work after being told to stop at the end of the examination.	Deduction of 3 marks.
(d)	Attending the wrong examination venue to take the examination.	Deduction of 3 marks.

In addition, with respect to qualifying examinations scheduled to be held after **1 January 2022**, a new penalty will be added to the examination rules such that any candidate convicted of an offence involving a dishonest or fraudulent act in relation to any qualifying examinations organized by the Estate Agents Authority (“EAA”) will be disqualified from the relevant examination and be prohibited from registering for any subsequent qualifying examination for a period of two years from the date of conviction.

A revised “Instructions to Candidates” will be published on the respective websites of the EAA and the Institute of Professional Education And Knowledge Examination Centre (PEAK Exam Centre) in or around mid-October 2021. Candidates who will be sitting for qualifying examinations after 1 January 2022 should refer to the abovementioned “Instructions to Candidates”.