



**Estate Agents Authority reviews Qualifying Examination
to promote agents' standards**

(5 October 2004) The last paper-based Estate Agents and Salespersons Qualifying Examinations in 2004 will be held on Thursday, 4th November.

Chief Executive Officer of the Estate Agents Authority (the Authority), Ms Sandy Chan Pui-shan, pointed out that “in order to provide greater protection to public interest, the Authority will seek to enhance the standard of newly qualified estate agents. One of our core tasks in the future is to review the existing Qualifying Examinations for those who wish to join the profession. Specifically, we will consider introducing greater depth to the examinations with a view to upgrading the overall standards of the new recruits.”

Ms Chan anticipated that the results of the review will be implemented in the Qualifying Examinations to be held next year.

Ms Chan added, “on the other hand, the Authority will be implementing the Continuing Professional Development Scheme early next year to encourage licensees to advance with the time and commit themselves to self-enrichment through lifelong learning.”

The Authority's figures show that the number of registrants for the Estate Agents and Salespersons Qualifying Examinations this year has increased considerably compared to those of last year. In 2003, a total of 3,305 candidates registered for the Estate Agents and Salespersons Qualifying Examinations. In the first three quarters of this year, the number of registrants has reached 5,758.

Those interested in taking the Qualifying Examination should note that the passing of a Qualifying Examination is only one of the requirements for obtaining the licence. For enquiries regarding licensing requirements please telephone the Authority's licensing hotline at 2111 3883 or visit the Authority's website at <http://www.eaa.org.hk>.

Registration procedures for the 4 November 2004 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 (Southorn Centre): 12/F, 130 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

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

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 H.K. Identity Card or passport to the San Po Kong Sub-office of the HKEAA from 5 to 11 October 2004. The office hours are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (opens during lunch hour).

Some institutions of tertiary/vocational education are offering courses to candidates who wish to prepare for the Qualifying Examinations by classroom training. For enquiries regarding these courses, please call 2151 2900 or 2598 9550.

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