



**Enthusiastic response to**  
**Estate Agents Qualifying Examination**  
**The Authority strictly performs the role of a “gate-keeper”**

(23 March 2005) Registrations for the EAA’s upcoming Estate Agents Qualifying Examinations to be held on 24 March 2005 were enthusiastic. The number of registrants hit 2,210, scoring the highest since 2000.

The Estate Agents Qualifying Examinations are held three times every year, usually in March, July and November. For the whole of 2004, there were a total of 1,739 registrants of whom 638 registered for the examination held in November 2004.

Ms. Sandy Chan Pui-shan, Chief Executive Officer of the EAA, said, “The number of candidates for the qualifying examinations has been increasing, indicating that more people wish to obtain the qualification as a licensed practitioner. This phenomenon also reflects that estate agency work is on its way to gaining more of the society’s recognition. In order to enhance protection for the consumers and the general public, the Authority sees the need to keeping the gate strictly, so as to ensure that all new practitioners have reached a certain professional standard.”

Starting July 2005, the EAA will enhance the standard of the qualifying examinations. The Estate Agents Qualifying Examination will feature an increased number of questions on case studies in order to test candidates’ practical knowledge in estate agency. Its duration will also be extended from the current two hours to three hours. There will be no change to the format of the Salespersons Qualifying Examination.

Besides, in order to ensure that practitioners keep themselves informed of new laws and developments in the real estate market, the EAA will update the syllabi for both the Estate Agents Qualifying Examination as well as the Salespersons Qualifying Examination from July this year. The revision will include adding the essentials of the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344), covering the latest amendments of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap.7), and covering the new Integrated Registration and Information



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System (“IRIS”) introduced by the Land Registry in February 2005 which replaced the Direct Access System.

Apart from that, prospective candidates who are interested in joining the profession are to be reminded that passing the qualifying examination is only one of the requirements for obtaining the licence. Other licensing requirements include at least 18 years of age, completion of Form 5 or its equivalent, and fulfilling the “fit and proper” requirement.

For enquiries regarding licensing, please telephone the EAA hotline at 21112777 or visit the EAA website <http://www.eaa.org.hk>.

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