



**The EAA announces results of
the Estate Agents Qualifying Examination**

(29 August 2005) The Estate Agents Authority (EAA) has enhanced the standard of the Estate Agents Qualifying Examination from July 2005. The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority has distributed the result slips on 26 August, to candidates of the Qualifying Examination held on 21 July.

A total of 1,222 candidates took part in the 21 July Estate Agents Qualifying Examination, of whom 243 passed, representing a pass rate of around 20%. One candidate passed the examination with commendation.

The Estate Agents Qualifying Examinations are usually held in March, July and November every year. The next Estate Agents Qualifying Examination will be held on 10 November 2005. In the previous three Qualifying Examinations, the average pass rate was about 37%.

Mr. Joseph Tsang Hon-ping, Chairman of the EAA Professional Development Committee, said, “Enhancing the standard of the Qualifying Examinations helps to ensure that members of the estate agency trade possess a considerable level of professional knowledge and skills. This can enhance the protection for consumers, and is in line with the long-term goal of ‘professionalisation’ of the trade.”

Earlier, the EAA announced the arrangement for the enhancement of the standard of the Qualifying Examinations from July 2005, which features an increased number of questions on case study with a view to



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testing candidates' practical knowledge in estate agency including interpretation of land search, completion of the prescribed forms, compliance with the legislative regime, practical issues such as estate agency law, conveyancing and tenancy. The duration of the examination has also been increased from 2 hours to 3 hours.

Candidates who took the 21 July Qualifying Examination but who have not received the result slips within one week's time may contact the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (Tel: 23280061 ext. 322) for enquiry.

Passing the Qualifying Examinations is one of the requirements for obtaining the licence. For enquiries regarding examinations, please call the EAA hotline at 2112777 or visit the EAA web site <http://www.eaa.org.hk>.

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