



EAA announces results of March qualifying examinations

(26 April 2007) The Estate Agents Authority (EAA) today announced the results of the Estate Agents Qualifying Examination (EAQE) and Salespersons Qualifying Examination (SQE) held on 22 March and 23 March 2007 respectively.

A total of 833 candidates sat the EAQE and 313 candidates passed, representing a pass rate of 37.6%. Separately, 1,108 candidates sat the SQE and 46.6 % or 516 candidates passed. The pass rates of the last EAQE and SQE held in November 2006 were 21.7% and 44.7% respectively.

Seven candidates passed the latest EAQE with commendation, a record high since the level of the examination was raised in July 2005. Five candidates passed the March 2007 SQE with commendation.

Among those who registered for the March EAQE, 51.2% were on their first attempt to pass the examination. Similarly, 63.3% of those who signed up for the March SQE took the examination for the first time.

Chairman of the EAA Professional Development Committee Mr Joseph Tsang said, “Many candidates took the March examination for the second or third time, and this clearly demonstrates their interest and perseverance in joining the trade.

“Indeed, the pass rates have risen, apparently because candidates had worked harder for the examination. They had made an effort to equip themselves with the legal knowledge and practice skills. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate all those who have passed, in particular those who passed with commendation. We hope the estate agency trade will continue to attract entrants of high calibre so as to enhance the overall standards of service for customers.”

Candidates who took the March qualifying examinations but have not received notification of their results by the end of next week are advised to contact the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (Tel: 3628



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EAA would like to remind candidates that passing the Qualifying Examination is only one of the requirements for obtaining an estate agent's or salesperson's licence. Candidates must also have completed Form 5 or its equivalent, reached a minimum age of 18 and be considered "fit and proper" to hold a licence.

The next EAQE and SQE will be held on 21 June and 22 June 2007 respectively. For enquiries about the examinations, the public may call the EAA Professional Development hotline 2150 2468 or visit the EAA website at www.eaa.org.hk.

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