



## **EAA announces results of December qualifying examinations**

(23 January 2008) The Estate Agents Authority (EAA) announced the results of the Estate Agents Qualifying Examination (EAQE) and Salespersons Qualifying Examination (SQE) held on 20 and 21 December 2007 respectively.

A total of 982 candidates sat the EAQE and 382 candidates passed, representing a pass rate of 38.9%. Among them, seven candidates passed with commendation. Separately, 1,412 candidates sat the SQE and 48.1% or 679 candidates passed, with nine passing with commendation. The pass rates of the previous EAQE and SQE held in September 2007 were 37.1% and 46.9% respectively.

In 2007, four EAQEs and four SQEs were held. The average pass rates of the EAQEs and SQEs were 39.3% and 47% respectively.

If candidates who took the December 2007 qualifying examinations have not received notification of their results by 31 January 2008, they should contact the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (Tel: 3628 8787).

EAA Chief Executive Officer Ms Sandy Chan said, “In 2007, a growing number of people took the Salespersons Qualifying Examination, a clear sign that more and more people were interested in joining the estate agency trade. This year, the frequency of the SQE will be increased from four to six times.”

Ms Sandy Chan added, “EAA will continue to act as the ‘gatekeeper’. We seek to ensure that, through the qualifying examinations, all new



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entrants meet a certain professional level. We hope to enhance the overall standard of practitioners in the long run.”

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 and 22 February 2008 respectively, but registration for the examinations has already been closed. Those who wish to take the qualifying examinations may consider the EAQE and SQE to be held on 24 and 25 April 2008 respectively. For enquiries about the examinations, the public may call the EAA Professional Development hotline 2150 2468 or visit the EAA website ([www.eaa.org.hk](http://www.eaa.org.hk)).

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