



EAA endorsed the examination syllabus and format designed for Mainland candidates under the scheme of mutual recognition of professional qualifications of estate agents in the Mainland and Hong Kong

(30 May 2011) With the agreement on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications of estate agents in the Mainland and Hong Kong finalized, the Estate Agents Authority (EAA) is organizing the training course and examination for the Mainland applicants of the first phase of the scheme this July. The EAA held its Board meeting today and reviewed the proposal of organizing the training course and examination. The EAA decided that the examination syllabus and format should follow that of the Estate Agents Qualifying Examination for prospective licensees in Hong Kong. This is to ensure that the agents from Mainland who are qualified to practise in Hong Kong through the scheme would reach the required professional standard.

The eligible Hong Kong estate agents applying for the scheme can also participate in the training course and examination this July. They can apply for a qualification to practise in the Mainland upon completing the course and passing the examination.

According to the scheme, the EAA and the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents (CIREA) would recommend to each other qualified estate agents to participate in the training course and sit for the examination held by the other party. Upon attending the course and passing the examination, estate agents can apply for the qualifications to practise in the other party's territory. In the meeting today, the EAA Board reviewed the syllabus of the training course and examination held for applicants from the Mainland.



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To ensure that the agents from Mainland obtaining the qualification to practise in Hong Kong would reach the required professional standard, the Board decided that the examination syllabus and format should be adapted from the Estate Agents Qualifying Examination. The training course also intends to bridge the possible knowledge gap due to the differences of the legal systems and local practices. Through the course, Mainland applicants will learn the differences in the estate agency system, relevant laws, regulations and procedures of property transaction between both places. They will also gain a basic understanding of the key elements of the estate agency system in Hong Kong.

Under the scheme, the EAA can nominate qualified licensees from Hong Kong to participate in the scheme. Candidates nominated by the EAA and CIREA are expected to take part in the training course and the examination, which will be held from 18 to 20 July 2011 in Shenzhen. Upon completing the course and passing the examination, candidates can apply, within 12 months, for a qualification to practise in the Mainland or Hong Kong.

The EAA Board meeting today also discussed and endorsed other administrative matters. It also received progress reports from various EAA Committees and the Administration.

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