



ESTATE AGENCY AFFAIRS BOARD
OF SOUTH AFRICA

PRACTICE NOTE ETD01/2013

ON THE USE OF APPROVED PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS BY ESTATE AGENTS

1. Definitions

'Education Regulations' means The Standard of Training of Estate Agents Regulations, 2008, contained in Government Notice R.633 published in Government Gazette No. 31125 on 4 June 2008.

'EAAB' means the Estate Agency Affairs Board.

'Professional Designation Examination' or 'PDE' means the Professional Designation Examination conducted by the EAAB in accordance with the provisions of regulation 7(3) of the Education Regulations.

'PDE 4' means the Professional Designation Examination for non-principal estate agents conducted by the EAAB.

'PDE 5' means the Professional Designation Examination for principal estate agents conducted by the EAAB.

2. The use of professional designations by estate agents

- 2.1 The approved professional designations (more fully referred to in paragraph 3 below) may only be used by estate agents who have passed a Professional Designation Examination (whether PDE 4 and/or PDE 5) and who, in addition, hold a valid fidelity fund certificate issued to them by the EAAB.
- 2.2 Estate agents who, for whatever reason, were granted an exemption from the PDE are not entitled to, and may not, use the approved professional designation(s). Estate agents granted an exemption from the PDE may, however, at any time elect to undertake the PDE (whether PDE 4 and/or PDE 5) to earn the entitlement to use the relevant approved professional designation(s).
- 2.3 Estate agents who have passed a Professional Designation Examination (whether PDE 4 and/or PDE 5) but who do not hold a valid fidelity fund certificate issued by the EAAB are not entitled to, and may not, use the approved professional designation(s).

3. The professional designations that may be used by qualifying estate agents

- 3.1 Estate agents who have passed the PDE 4, and who hold a valid fidelity fund certificate issued by the EAAB, are entitled to use the designation of Professional Practitioner in Real Estate (“PPRE”).
- 3.2 Estate agents who have passed the PDE 5, and who hold a valid fidelity fund certificate issued by the EAAB, are entitled to use the designation of Master Practitioner in Real Estate (“MPRE”).
- 3.3 Estate agents who have passed the PDE 4 as well as the PDE 5, and who hold a valid fidelity fund certificate issued by the EAAB, are entitled to use both the PPRE and MPRE designations.

4. Undertaking to abide by the provisions of relevant legislation and the Code of Conduct for Estate Agents

Estate agents entitled to use the professional designation(s) provided for herein confirm and undertake, when using such professional designation(s), strictly and conscientiously to abide by the provisions of the Estate Agency Affairs Act, 112 of 1976 (“the Act”), all regulations promulgated in terms of the Act including, especially, the Code of Conduct for Estate Agents (“the Code of Conduct”) and all other relevant legislation impacting on the functions and duties of estate agents. Such persons specifically acknowledge, furthermore, that they have read, know and understand the provisions of the Act and the Code of Conduct.

5. Effective date

This Practice Note shall be effective as from 19 March 2013.

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