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The Council for Estate Agencies (CEA) was established as a statutory board on 22 October 2010 to regulate and develop the real estate agency industry.

In pursuit of its mission to raise the professionalism of the real estate agency industry and safeguard consumer interest, CEA focuses on three strategic thrusts: effective regulation, industry development, and consumer education.

For effective regulation of the industry, CEA administers the licensing of estate agents and registration of salespersons, and regulates the practice of estate agents and salespersons in property transactions. It also conducts industry compliance checks and investigations, as well as disciplinary proceedings in respect of offences and unsatisfactory conduct or misconduct in relation to estate agency work.

CEA works closely with the industry to raise professionalism, expand capabilities and promote business excellence. It administers the mandatory examination and continuing professional development framework, as well as appoints course providers.

It identifies opportunities and fosters collaborations with strategic partners in industry development programmes to achieve business productivity.

To protect the interests of consumers, CEA plans and implements public education programmes to equip consumers with the necessary information to make informed decisions in property transactions. It facilitates access to consumer resources and provides channels for complaints and dispute resolution.

CEA is governed by a Council which comprises professionals and academicians from sectors related to the real estate agency industry, as well as representatives from government agencies involved in the administration of the property market.

The Council advises and provides strategic guidance to the management of CEA to meet its objectives. The Council is assisted by four Committees - Licensing & Practice Committee, Examination & Professional Development Committee, Disciplinary Panel, and Audit Committee.