

Real Estate Salesperson Examination FAQs

1. Which category of individual are not allowed to enter the examination venue(s) and take the RES examination?

Candidates who tested positive for COVID-19 seven days before the first date of the exam will not be allowed to take the examination. Candidates may apply for deferment to the next examination.

2. I did not manage to register for the RES examination. The next RES examination may take place after the expiry of my RES course completion certificate validity. Do I have to retake the RES course then?

To ensure currency of knowledge, course participants are required to attempt and pass the examination within the validity period of the course completion certificate. Candidates will have to retake the course if they are unable to pass the examination after multiple attempts and their course completion certificates have expired.

3. CEA had previously made announcements on extending course certificate validity. Is my course certificate validity extended?

On 30 April 2020, when we announced the cancellation of the Jun 2020 RES examination, we stated that we would be extending the course certificate validity period by one year for course participants who had completed the RES course on any date from 22 February 2018 to 30 April 2020 (both dates inclusive).

On 14 Sep 2021, when we announced plans for the Oct/Nov exams, we stated that CEA would offer a one-off extension of one year for the validity of their course certificates for those who completed their course between 1 May 2020 and 30 April 2021 (both dates inclusive).

Please note that no further extension will be provided.

4. I do not fall under the above categories. Can CEA extend the validity of my course certificate to enable me to register and sit for more examinations?

The extensions of validity of course certificates in both instances were to address the cancellation of examination in Jun 2020 and provide more chances to affected course participants at the 2021 examinations, hence the special course extension would only apply to course participants who completed the course during the periods stated.

5. Why can't CEA conduct the RES examination online for the safety of all candidates?

CEA is committed to upholding the integrity of the RES examination while ensuring the safety of candidates. We are therefore exploring alternate modes of conducting the RES examination to complement the onsite examination, such as conducting computer-based examinations, in which candidates sit for the RES examination at designated location(s).

CEA will consider computer-based examinations carefully, including the authentication and security safeguards and standards that such modes of examination offer.

6. Can CEA conduct RES examinations more frequently?

As we move towards COVID-19 resilience, we will continue to conduct the RES examinations three times a year, similar to pre-COVID times. Please continue to check CEA's and LHUB's websites for updates on the next RES examinations, tentatively scheduled in Aug 2022 and Nov 2022.

7. Will COVID-19-related laws and regulations be tested in the RES examinations?

The COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act and Regulations 2020 will be tested in the RES examinations as the legislation and its implications are covered in Papers 1 and 2 of the examination syllabus.

Only new regulations, policies and guidelines announced or implemented within one month before the date of examination will not be tested.

Candidates are required to be familiar with the latest laws and regulations relating to and affecting estate agency work in order to serve your clients professionally when you are successful in joining the real estate agency industry.

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