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Dear Members

Cadastral Law Examination 2023 – Results Summary

The 2023 Cadastral Law Examination results have now been notified to candidates. Congratulations to those candidates who passed the exam this year.

A total of 58 candidates sat this year's examination, a pleasing increase back to more traditional numbers after a low of only 39 candidates sitting the examination in 2022.

This year represented a change in both the focus and format of the exam. The questions included more interpretation and application of the legislation, rather than rote learning and regurgitation, and tended to be more quick fire in nature. While the candidates were informed of the proposed changes, this was a source of anxiety for a number of them. It is pleasing to note that the majority of candidates were able to respond to the challenge and demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and ability.

This year 76% of candidates achieved a pass of 60% or higher. The exam had a mean and median score of just over 67%, with the highest scoring candidate achieving 90.5%. This compared favourably with the average over the preceding 5 years, where 64% of candidates achieved a pass mark of 60% or higher and the highest score averaged 87.5%.

The question on the Cadastral Survey Rules was clearly the best answered of all the questions, with candidates achieving an average mark of over 80%. Given that the Resource Management Act is a key piece of legislation for surveyors, it was surprising that this question was not better answered. Future candidates would be advised to ensure that they have suitable knowledge, understanding and ability in this area of legislation before choosing to sit the exam.

The Examinations Committee now look forward to seeing the candidates that passed attending the Professional Examinations in the near future.

A big thank you to the Laws and Regulations Panel examiners who dedicated many volunteer hours preparing and marking the exam papers. This year there were two examiners who prepared the questions and an independent moderator who reviewed the exam. Without their dedication to the exam process the profession would not be able to maintain the high standards we set for ourselves. Thanks to all the businesses who provided a venue and support persons who supervised the exam.

Yours sincerely



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