

QPIP examination

Information session

16 December 2020



Examination

- Online examination via new website
- Tuesday 23 and Thursday 25 February 2021
- Exams available for five time zones
(GMT+8, GMT+4, GMT 0, GMT-5, GMT-8)
- Fee € 100 for entire exam



Exam parts

Day 1 – Search paper

1. 1 case study for a novelty/opposition/validity search with choice of chemical, engineering or life science topic (*4 hours*)
2. 1 case study for a patent infringement risk search with choice of chemical, engineering or life science topic (*4 hours*)

All case studies require candidates to give explanations!



Exam parts

Day 2 – Analysis paper

3. general theory questions (*0.5 hour*)
short answers and multiple choice questions
4. 1 technology neutral case study to categorise provided documents as being of interest or not (*3 hours*)
for either a novelty/opposition/validity study or a patent infringement risk study - be prepared for either
5. essay questions related to patent landscaping (*1 hour*)
6. 1 technology patent landscaping case study (*3 hours*)



All case studies require candidates to give explanations!

Exam schedule

1. 23 February 9:00-13:00 - novelty/opposition/validity search
2. 23 February 14:00-18:00 - patent infringement risk search
3. 25 February 9:00-9:30 - general theory questions
4. 25 February 10:00-13:00 - novelty/opposition/validity study *or* patent infringement risk study analysis
5. 25 February 14:00-15:00 - patent landscaping theory questions
6. 25 February 15:00-18:00 - patent landscaping case study



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Examination A

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Start date

2021.02.23

Start time

09:00

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Europe/Belgrade

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Examination C

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Examination E

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2021.02.23	09:00

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Requirements to enrol

- At least 3 years of work experience with at least 60% of that time spent on searching patent information, optionally in combination with mentoring, outsourcing or overseeing search work of others
- Completed at least 45 search projects in the 3 years preceding the application
- Have a technical qualification
- Provide evidence:
 - Written letter(s) from employers on company letterhead specifying
 - Number of years of employment
 - Percentage of time spent on 'searching related' activities
 - Number of search projects
 - Curriculum vitae



Requirements to enrol

See <https://www.qpip.org/examination-application>

Preview registration form

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Work Experience Statements Form

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CV example

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Employment letter example

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Tip: prepare the employment letter(s) yourself, based on the example, then ask the responsible person to (print and) sign



Requirements to participate

- Exam is in English only
- Use your own databases/tools (with English interface) (*)
- Have a webcam in or connected to your computer
- Register by 15 January 2021 (23:59 CET)
- Pay the examination fee after acceptance

() If not available, contact secretariat@qipip.org well in time!*



Preparing for Examinations

- There is not one course or set of courses that prepares for the exam – experience is important
- Compare your skills and knowledge with Schedule I & II
- Look for training to fill your knowledge gaps (courses/colleagues/reading list)
- Check examples (patent landscaping missing)
- Practise explaining your approach when conducting your day-to-day searches and analyses as the bulk of the marks for each of the four case studies will be for your explanations!



See [Documentation](#) on QPIP website

Questions?



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