

THE EUROPEAN PATENT ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION (EPAC)



What is EPAC?

EPAC enables patent and IP professionals to validate their knowledge of procedures associated with the filing, prosecution, grant and maintenance of European and international patent applications before the EPO, as well as post-grant procedures.

With an offer of free, specialised [training courses](#) and materials, the EPO makes it easy to study and build skills and confidence ahead of the exam.

Practical information

EPAC 2024 will be held as a **digital exam on 10 October** and can be sat from anywhere. Interested candidates can [register](#) and **enrol until 12 August**.

For more details, please visit the [EPAC](#) section on the EPO website or contact us via the [EQC portal](#).

What EPAC offers to employers

- **European level certification and enhanced credibility:** Certified expertise reflects high standards of professional competency, potentially attracting more clients and fostering customer-relationship management. The list of successful EPAC candidates is published on the EPO website.
- **Increased efficiency and quality:** EPAC-certified staff contribute to the effective management of patent procedures, enhancing operational efficiency and the quality of patent application processing.
- **Competence and trust:** EPAC certification confirms the competence of staff, fostering trust and reliability within the profession, facilitating smoother administrative processes.
- **Professional development:** Offering training and certification opportunities helps employers to attract, develop and retain talented staff who are committed to professional growth and development.

What EPAC offers to employees

- **Enhanced career opportunities:** EPAC certification makes paralegals, patent administrators and formalities officers more competitive in the job market by confirming their expertise related to European, international and national patent application procedures, increasing their earning potential.
- **In-depth knowledge:** EPAC training and examination covers formal aspects of filing, search, examination, opposition and procedures of limitation and revocation, reflecting a comprehensive understanding of the European patent system and its practices.
- **Professional trust:** The EPAC validates the knowledge and skills needed to manage administrative workflows independently, monitor fees and deadlines, and effectively assist patent attorneys. Those who receive this certification enhance their positions within the innovation landscape and intellectual property rights protection.
- **Quality management:** Certified professionals demonstrate the ability to handle complex patent applications, contributing to improved patent management and higher quality outcomes.