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Notice from the Examination Board for the European Qualifying Examination

The Examination Board is looking for new members of the Examination Committees of the European Qualifying Examination (EQE).

Applicants for membership of an Examination Committee (EC) must have passed the EQE papers pursuant to Rule 6(4) of the Implementing provisions to the Regulation on the European qualifying examination (IPREE) presently in force. New EC members are appointed with effect from 1 January 2025 for a term of two years and may be re-appointed for further terms of two years upon expiry of each term.

There are currently five ECs, each comprising **epi** and EPO members. EC I is responsible for papers A and B, EC II for paper C, EC III for paper D and EC IV for the pre-examination (discontinued as of 2025). EC V is responsible for harmonisation and quality of papers and procedures and is made up of experienced members of ECs I-IV. The duties of the ECs are set out in Article 8 REE. A list of Examination Committee members and other information can be found here: <https://www.epo.org/learning/eqe.html>

The duties of EC members mainly concern the marking of candidates' answer papers, which will require a minimum commitment of 120 hours per year, including a minimum of four days of meetings. New EC members are also expected to participate in other duties, such as the testing and checking of new papers, bench marking or acting as an EQE invigilator during the examination, which might require further or different time commitments. Once EC members have gained approximately 2 years' experience, they may also be required to take on the task of drafting future examination papers.

The EPO Administrative Council has with decision of 14 December 2023 amended the REE ([Supplementary publication 3 – Official Journal EPO 2024](#)). This new regulation will enter into force on 1 January 2025. EC members will also actively take part in the implementation of the new Regulation in drafting and marking of new papers F & M1-M4 in addition to the other duties as outlined above.

How to apply:

If you are interested in becoming a member of one of the ECs, you can apply by filling in the [application form](#) and submitting it to the Examination Secretariat.

Applications which are received by **11 October 2024** will be taken into consideration for the term starting 1 January 2025.

Based on the needs of the ECs, the EB will draw up a shortlist of applicants. These applicants will be contacted between September-October and a short interview, usually by telephone or videoconference, might be held. The EB will then submit a list of applicants to the President of the EPO for appointment.

For the Examination Board
The Chairman

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