

Support for EPAC candidates

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Description

This course for the European patent administration certification (EPAC) comprises five modules, with one module scheduled per month.

Each module starts with a self-study phase of approximately two weeks followed by two online sessions. In the first online session, two EPO tutors will present the key takeaways from the training material and answer the main points raised in the forum. There will also be time for questions and answers. The second online session will focus on participants' questions.

Each online session will last around two hours. Candidates will be invited to perform a self-evaluation of their understanding of the module after the second online session. The online sessions will be held in English, but participants can also interact with the tutors in French and German.

Overall, the course is expected to last 64 hours: with eight hours of self-study and four hours of online sessions per module, plus four hours for the new module on the Unified Patent Court and the Unitary Patent.

Training overview

Module

1 Understanding patents

- 4 March 2024 Start of self-study phase
- 13 March 2024 Live session 1
- 20 March 2024 Live session 2
- 25 March 2024 Online self-assessment opens

2 EPO procedure from filing to search results

- 2 April 2024 Start of self-study phase
- 10 April 2024 Live session 1
- 17 April 2024 Live session 2
- 22 April 2024 Online self-assessment opens

3 EPO procedure from entry into examination to validation

- 2 May 2024 Start of self-study phase
- 7 May 2024 Live session 1
- 14 May 2024 Live session 2
- 20 May 2024 Online self-assessment opens

3a The Unified Patent Court and the Unitary Patent

- 2 May 2024 Start of self-study phase
- 28 May 2024 Live session
- 29 May 2024 Online self-assessment opens

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4 PCT procedure

- 3 June 2024 Start of self-study phase
- 12 June 2024 Live session 1
- 19 June 2024 Live session 2
- 24 June 2024 Online self-assessment opens

5 Entry into the national/regional phase after PCT

- 1 July 2024 Start of self-study phase
- 10 July 2024 Live session 1
- 17 July 2024 Live session 2
- 22 July 2024 Online self-assessment opens

The tutored phase ends on 31 July 2024 and the forum will not be moderated by tutors after this date. However, participants will still be able to access training material and their self-assessments, and use the forum to exchange views right up until the EPAC examination takes place.