

Training for EPAC candidates

Dates | 12 March to 31 July 2025

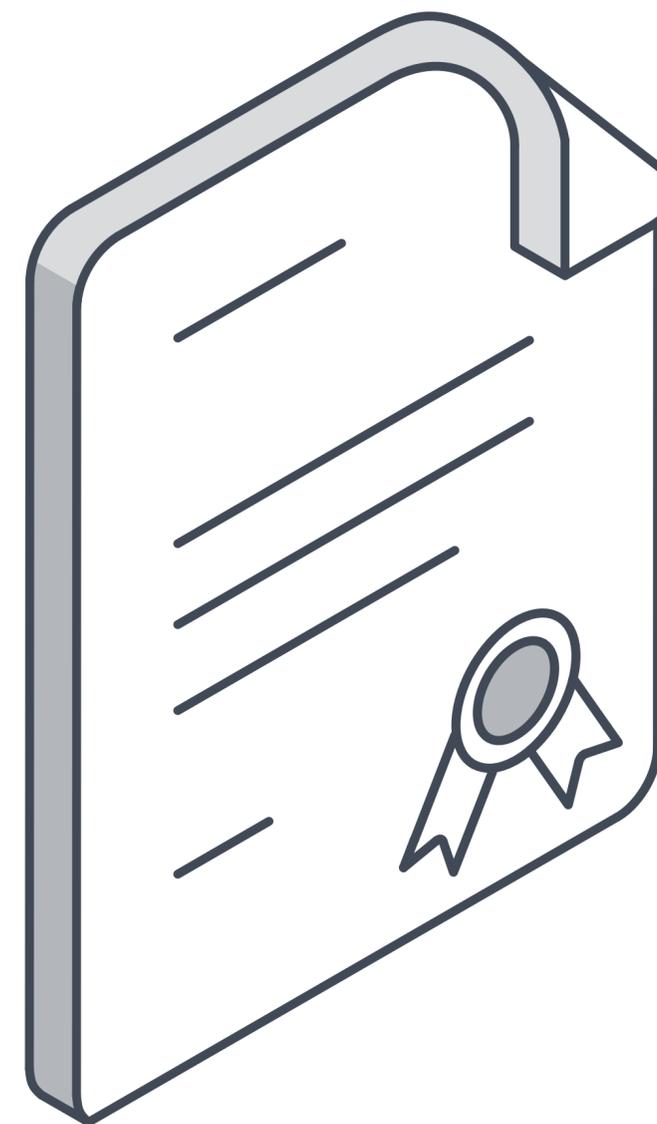
Format - **Online seminars with self-study of training material**

Time required- **64 hours**

Seminar reference - **PV03-2025**

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Description

This course comprises five modules addressing the topics of the syllabus of the European patent administration certificate (EPAC), including the UP/UPC. The modules each last one month.

The modules include a self-learning phase of approximately two weeks, a first online session where EPO tutors summarise the main takeaways and a second online session approximately one week later to answer any remaining questions. Self-assessment tests are available at the end of each module.

The course is in English, but participants can also interact with the tutors in French and German.

Training overview

Module

1 Understanding patents

5 March 2025	Start of self-study phase
12 March 2025	Live session 1
19 March 2025	Live session 2
24 March 2025	Online self-assessment opens

2 EPO procedure from filing to search results

28 March 2025	Start of self-study phase
2 April 2025	Live session 1
9 April 2025	Live session 2
22 April 2025	Online self-assessment opens

3 EPO procedure from entry into examination to validation

1 May 2025	Start of self-study phase
7 May 2025	Live session 1
14 May 2025	Live session 2
26 May 2025	Online self-assessment opens

3a The Unified Patent Court and the Unitary Patent

15 May 2025	Start of self-study phase
21 May 2025	Live session
26 May 2025	Online self-assessment opens

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4 PCT procedure

2 June 2025	Start of self-study phase
18 June 2025	Live session 1
25 June 2025	Live session 2
30 June 2025	Online self-assessment opens

5 Entry into the national/regional phase after PCT

1 July 2025	Start of self-study phase
9 July 2025	Live session 1
16 July 2025	Live session 2
21 July 2025	Online self-assessment opens

The tutored phase ends on 31 July 2025 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.