

Request for exemption from the nationality requirement for entry on the list of professional representatives before the European Patent Office

(to be submitted to the Legal Division of the EPO (Dept. 5.3.2.1))

Use this form to request an exemption from the nationality requirement. It complements the request for entry on the list of professional representatives (**MyEPO representative area**, or Form 52300 if you are not using EPO online services) and cannot be processed as a standalone request.

Help us process your request quickly – please ensure the form is filled out accurately and submitted with the supporting documents as evidence. Failure to provide and, if required, properly certify this evidence will result in the issuance of a deficiency notice.

1 I,

Last name

First name(s)

request exemption from the nationality requirement under Article 134(2)(a) EPC pursuant to Article 134(7)(a) EPC because I am not a national of an EPC contracting state and consider that special circumstances exist.

I am a national of the following state:

2 I have my place of business or employment in a contracting state, namely at (full **business/employment address**, including company name of employer, in line with the requirements for postal delivery; no PO boxes; **not a private address** unless it is identical to the business/employment address):

3 For the last four years, I have resided and worked in one or more EPC contracting states. My places of business or employment and states of residence during this period are detailed in the table below.

Full employer/business name and address

Job title

State of residence

From/to

For each period, I include evidence of (see note 3):

authorisation to reside and work in the contracting state(s) specified

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my employment or self-employment status

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I intend to stay and practise as a European patent attorney in an EPC contracting state on a permanent basis: ☐

I have submitted additional information/evidence as an annex to this request: ☐

Place

Date

Signature

Notes

- 1 The European Patent Office (EPO) is committed to respecting and protecting your personal data and ensuring your rights as a data subject. If you have any questions on the processing of personal data for entry on the list of professional representatives before the EPO, please consult the [data protection statement](#).

Exemptions are granted at the discretion of EPO Vice-President Directorate-General 5. When evaluating a request, they typically consider whether the applicant has been employed at a patent law firm or in a patent department and resided in an EPC contracting state for a period of at least four years, and has demonstrated a genuine intention to stay there on a permanent basis to practise as a European patent attorney.

- 2 Please insert your **full business/employment address**, including company name of employer, street, postcode and city (written in the national language of the relevant country) in line with the requirements for postal delivery. **Please do not use your private address** if it is not identical to your business/employment address. Note that indicating only a PO box number is not accepted.

- 3 Please provide your employment or self-employment history for the last four years.

For each position listed, please provide evidence of your authorisation to work in the EPC contracting state concerned during the specified period (**certified** copies of visas, residence permits or work permits) **as well as** proof of your professional activities (confirmation from the relevant employer or institution). **Please note that uncertified copies of visas, residence permits or work permits will not be accepted.**

Copies can be **certified** by a professional representative before the EPO (European patent attorney), by a legal practitioner (provided they are entitled to do so under national law) or by a public authority of an EPC contracting state through a signed attestation on the relevant document.