Work Experience Statements by the Applicant

Please describe your experience showing that you meet the requirements as specified in Rule 4.2 (**Minimum work experience requirements**: At the date of the certification examination, the candidate must have at least three (3) years of work experience with at least 60% of that time spent on searching patent information or a combination of searching and mentoring or a combination of searching and outsourcing or a combination of searching and overseeing search work of others according to the definitions in RULE 4.2 in each and every year of the 3 year period preceding the date of application. If in the 3 year period preceding the date of application, there is one or more gaps in the 3 year period, the applicant must explain the reason(s) for the gap(s)[[1]](#footnote-2), provide supporting evidence and provide details about additional work experience in searching patent information that occurred beyond the preceding 3 year period from the date of application in order to establish that the applicant has a total of 3 non-consecutive years of work experience.)

***Required****: Please outline your experience in searching patent information (most recent first)*

*including the applicable period in years and preferably also months (e.g. October 2012 – March 2016) and per period please provide*

* *A rough indication of the amount of time spent on searching (percentage)*
* *A rough breakdown of the time spent on different types of search projects as defined in Rule 4.3 (percentages adding up to 100%)*

If in addition to searching experience, you have experience in mentoring, please describe.

***When applicable****: please outline your experience in mentoring (most recent first) including the applicable period in years and preferably also months (e.g. October 2012 – March 2016) and per period please provide a rough indication of the amount of time spent on mentoring (percentage).*

If in addition to searching experience, you have experience in outsourcing, please describe.

***When applicable****: please outline your experience in outsourcing (most recent first) including the applicable period in years and preferably also months (e.g. October 2012 – March 2016) and per period please provide a rough indication of the amount of time spent on outsourcing (percentage).*

If in addition to searching experience, you have experience in overseeing search work of others, please describe.

***When applicable****: please outline your experience in overseeing search work of others (most recent first) including the applicable period in years and preferably also months (e.g. October 2012 – March 2016) and per period please provide a rough indication of the amount of time spent on overseeing search work of others (percentage).*

Please list the number of search projects that you have completed within the three (3) years preceding the application according to Rule 4.3.

The total must be at least forty-five (45).

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| Type of search project(*for definitions of each type of search project see next page*) | Number of search projects completed in the preceding three (3) years |
| Novelty |  |
| Patentability |  |
| Opposition |  |
| Validity |  |
| Patent Landscape |  |
| Patent Infringement Risk  |  |
| Freedom to Operate |  |
| ***Total (must be >45)*** |  |

Please describe your technical qualifications showing that you meet the requirements according to Rule 4.4.

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1. Possible reasons for gaps may include but are not limited to voluntary or involuntary termination of employment of the applicant, temporary assignments, temporary role changes, maternity leave, paternity leave, adoption, carer’s leave, sabbatical, secondment or illness. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)