QPIP examination

Information session

16 December 2020



Examination

- Online examination via new website
- Tuesday 23 and Thursday 25 February 2021
- Exams available for five time zones (GMT+8, GMT+4, GMT 0, GMT-5, GMT-8)
- Fee € 100 for entire exam



Exam parts Day 1 – Search paper

- 1. 1 case study for a novelty/opposition/validity search with choice of chemical, engineering or life science topic (4 hours)
- 2. 1 case study for a patent infringement risk search with choice of chemical, engineering or life science topic (4 hours)



All case studies require candidates to give explanations!

Exam parts Day 2 – Analysis paper

- 3. general theory questions (0.5 hour) short answers and multiple choice questions
- 4. 1 technology neutral case study to categorise provided documents as being of interest or not (3 hours) for either a novelty/opposition/validity study or a patent infringement risk study be prepared for either
- 5. essay questions related to patent landscaping (1 hour)
- 6. 1 technology patent landscaping case study (3 hours)



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Exam schedule

- 1. 23 February 9:00-13:00 novelty/opposition/validity search
- 2. 23 February 14:00-18:00 patent infringement risk search
- 3. 25 February 9:00-9:30 general theory questions
- 4. 25 February 10:00-13:00 novelty/opposition/validity study *or* patent infringement risk study analysis
- 5. 25 February 14:00-15:00 patent landscaping theory questions
- 6. 25 February 15:00-18:00 patent landscaping case study



Check your time



COMPARE WITH YOUR TIMEZONE

Examination A

UTC/GMT+8

Start date Start time

APPLY

2021.02.23 09:00

Duration

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Examination B

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Start date Start time

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Australia/Hobart

Australia/Lindeman

Australia/Lord Howe

Australia/Melbourne

Australia/Perth

Australia/Sydney

Europe/Amsterdam

Europe/Andorra

Europe/Astrakhan

Europe/Athens

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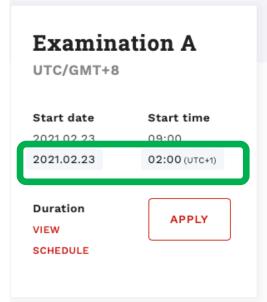
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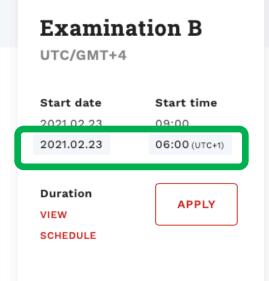
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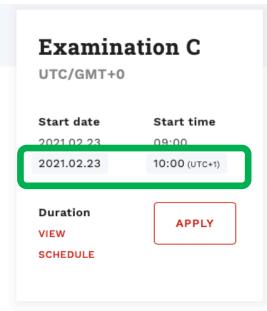
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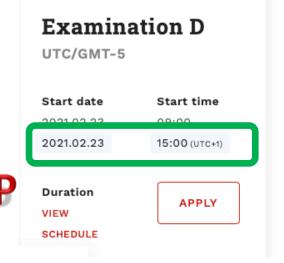


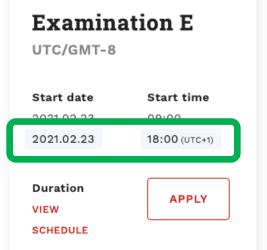
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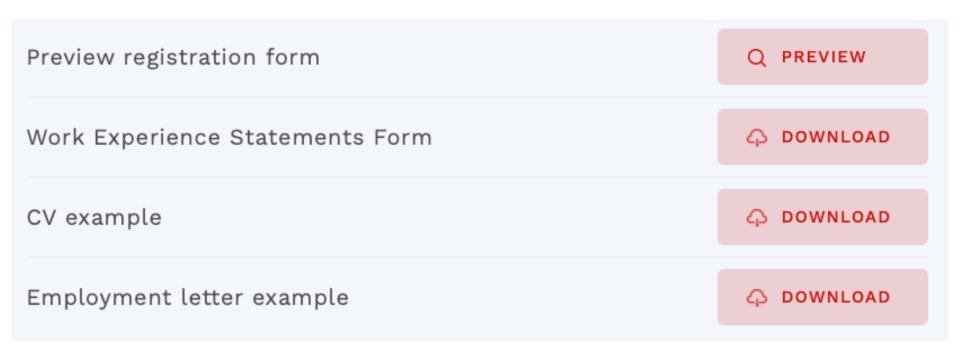
Requirements to enrol

- At least 3 years of work experience with at least 60% of that time spent on searching patent information, optionally in combination with mentoring, outsourcing or overseeing search work of others
- Completed at least 45 search projects in the 3 years preceding the application
- Have a technical qualification
- Provide evidence:
 - Written letter(s) from employers on company letterhead specifying
 - Number of years of employment
 - Percentage of time spent on 'searching related' activities
 - Number of search projects
 - Curriculum vitae



Requirements to enrol

See https://www.qpip.org/examination-application



Tip: prepare the employment letter(s) yourself, based on the example, then ask the responsible person to (print and) sign

Requirements to participate

- Exam is in English only
- Use your own databases/tools (with English interface) (*)
- Have a webcam in or connected to your computer
- Register by 15 January 2021 (23:59 CET)
- Pay the examination fee after acceptance

(*) If not available, contact secretariat@qpip.org well in time!



Preparing for Examinations

- There is not one course or set of courses that prepares for the exam – experience is important
- Compare your skills and knowledge with Schedule I & II
- Look for training to fill your knowledge gaps (courses/colleagues/reading list)
- Check examples (patent landscaping missing)
- Practise explaining your approach when conducting your dayto-day searches and analyses as the bulk of the marks for each of the four case studies will be for your explanations!



Questions?





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