

The Patent Profession in the EPC Contracting States

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Country	Professional Representation	Associations	Basic Requirements	Practice Required	Examination
AL	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the Albanian Patent Office; http://www.dppm.gov.al/	Not applicable yet; effort are on-going to establish such association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Albanian resident' - university studies - also, any legal office which employs on a regular contractual basis a person who meets the above conditions 	Exercised an activity in the field of IP property for not less than 5 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APO organizes a test for the qualification as authorized representative (subject to payment of the respective fee) - The professional licence is to be renewed on a 5 year bases
AT	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the Austrian Chamber of Patent Attorneys; www.oepak.at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private practice: Österreichische Patentanwaltskammer Linke Wienzeile 4/1/9 1060 Wien Austria - Industry: RING der Industrie-Patentingenieure Österreichs c/o Andritz AG Statteger Straße 18 8045 Graz Austria - Non-unitary profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Austrian or EEA nationality - Technical, mathematical or natural scientific Master or Ph.D. degree from an Austrian or EEA university - Equivalent academic degrees from non-EEA universities need to be accredited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 years practice with registered Austrian patent attorney, examination may be taken after 4 years - 7.5 years practice in industry equivalent to patent attorney work for taking examination - For registered civil engineer 2 years practice for taking examination - For technical examiners at the NPO 10 years practice for taking examination - Technical examiner permanently employed at the NPO for 20 years may enter the list without examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The examination comprises a written and an oral part - The examination is organised and prepared by the NPO - The examination is held by a joint panel of members from the NPO and the Austrian Chamber of Patent Attorneys - Training is organised by the Austrian Chamber of Patent Attorneys - Passed EQE taken into account in examination
BE	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO; http://economie.fgov.be/en/entreprises/Intellectual_property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private practice: Chambre des Conseils de la Propriété Intellectuelle - Industry: UBCEPI/BVORIE - Unitary profession 	Scientific, technical or legal university degree or high school degree of more than 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 years of activity in the patent profession as assistant to a qualified [Belgian] patent attorney, or as an authorised employee - of which 2 years maximum may be equivalent activity before the EPO, or activity in EEA state 	<p>The examination comprises two written parts and one oral part</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The written parts comprise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) drafting of set of patent claims; 2) advice to client, opposition, infringement, etc.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The oral part relates to national law, EPC, PCT and basics of US and JP law - Released from part 1 of the written examination, if qualified European Patent Attorney - The same rules apply for private practice and industry
BG	<p>Industrial Property Attorney on register maintained by the NPO www.bpo.bg</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Association of Industrial Property Representatives 116 James Boucher Ave. 1407 Sofia Bulgaria - Chamber of Representatives of Intellectual and Industrial Property (CRIIP) - Unitary profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bulgarian citizenship, citizenship of a State – Contracting State of European Union and/or citizenship of a State - party to the EEA or Swiss Confederation; - permanent residence in the Republic of Bulgaria, in the State - Contracting State of the European Union, in the country - party to the EEA or Swiss Confederation; - a higher technical, natural science, IP economy or law education diploma, officially recognized in Bulgaria; - Examination before the NPO - State examiners and lawyers with at least 10 years practice at the NPO and attorneys at law with at least 10 years practice shall acquire the status of representatives by right 	2 years practice in the field of industrial property protection	The NPO provides a two-part examination with written and oral part

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CH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since 01.07.2011, a new law for a registered "Swiss Patent Attorney" came into effect. - The register is kept by the Swiss Patent Office (EIGE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verband der freiberuflichen Europäischen und Schweizer Patentanwälte (VESPA) - Private practice: Association des conseils en brevets suisses et européens de profession libérale (ACBSE); c/o Frei Patentanwaltsbüro, Postfach 1771, CH-8032 Zürich Switzerland www.frei-patent.ch - Verband Schweizerischer Patent- und Markenanwälte (VSP) - Private practice: Association Suisse des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (ASCPi) Postfach 638 3000 Bern 7 Switzerland mail@vsp.ch - Verband der Industriepatentanwälte in der Schweiz (VIPS) - Industry: Association des Conseils en Brevets dans l'Industrie Suisse (ACBIS); c/o Institut Straumann AG Peter Merian-Weg 12 CH-4002 Basel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For patent attorneys or European patent attorneys counseling or representing in Switzerland - Technical or natural scientific degree such as bachelor, master or higher or equivalent - Equivalent academic degrees from non-CH universities need to be accredited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 years of activity in the patent profession as assistant to a qualified registered patent attorney or a similar qualified non-registered person (special requirements) for persons having a master degree or higher, and - 6 years for persons with a bachelor degree; - practical work of at least one year needed with reference to Switzerland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organised by national chamber of examination - written parts: passed EQE parts A + B, Swiss patent and procedural law - oral part: trademarks, design, copyright, competition and civil law - training organised by Swiss patent office and an organisation of the three patent attorney associations
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		Switzerland www.acbis.org - Non-unitary profession			
CY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only lawyers may practice - Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver www.mcit.gov.cy/drc or the website of the Cyprus Bar Association www.cyprusbarassociation.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presently no association - Unitary profession 			No examination
CZ	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the Chamber of Patent Attorneys	Chamber of Patent Attorneys in Brno	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Czech or EEA nationality - University education - Examination - Oath to the President of the Chamber of Patent Attorneys 	3 years practice in industrial property for taking Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two-part examination with written and oral part provided by the NPO - The examination board comprises two members nominated by the Chamber of Patent Attorneys and two members nominated by the NPO
DE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patent Attorney on register maintained by the Patent-anwaltskammer; www.patentanwalt.de - Patent Attorney may represent on his own before the NPO, the Federal Patent Court (validity) and in appeals (validity) before the Federal Supreme Court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patentanwaltskammer (PAK) Tal 29 80331 München Germany www.patentanwalt.de - VPP Uhlandstr. 1 47239 Duisburg Germany www.vpp-patent.de - Bundesverband der Deutschen Patentanwälte e.V. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific or technical university degree - 12 months practical technical experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 years in patent department of industry (reduced to 8 years for qualified European Patent Attorneys) or - 34 months of training including 26 months under supervision of patent attorney or patent agent in patent department and additionally 2 months at the NPO and 6 months at the Federal Patent Court (of the 26 months, two months can be spent at a patent litigation chamber) 	The examination comprises two written parts and one oral part

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		<p>Geschäftsstelle Deichmannhaus am Dom Postfach 10 22 41 50462 Köln Germany www.bundesverbandpatentanwaelte.de</p> <p>- Non-unitary profession</p>		<p>- in both cases the candidate has to pass a basic legal education comprising a 2 year distance learning course (Fernuniversität Hagen) and a final exam</p>	
DK	No register of Patent Attorneys	<p>- Private practice: Association of Danish Intellectual Property Attorneys (ADIPA); www.adipa.dk</p> <p>- Industry: Dansk Forening for Industriens Patent- og Varemærkespecialister; www.dipinfo.dk</p> <p>- Non-unitary profession</p>	Scientific or technical university degree	<p>- Private practice: 3 years practice for entering Association as full member, 1 year practice to become an associate member</p> <p>- Industry: To become a member the person has to be employed in a Danish industrial enterprise or institution related thereto (industry organizations) and has to deal with IPR (patents, trademarks, etc.) in their normal work.</p>	<p>- No examination</p> <p>- Institutions engaged with education:</p> <p>1) DIFI; www.difi.dk</p> <p>2) CEIPI Denmark: www.ceipi.dk</p> <p>3) EPCtutors.dk www.epctutors.dk</p>
EE	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO	<p>- Estonian Association of Patent Attorneys Kompanii 1C 51004 Tartu, Estonia</p> <p>- Unitary profession</p>	<p>- Is capable</p> <p>- Citizen of Estonia or EEA</p> <p>- Permanent residence in Estonia</p> <p>- University education</p> <p>- Command of spoken and written Estonian</p> <p>- Command of two foreign languages in relation to professional work; one language has to be one of the official languages of the EPO</p> <p>- No criminal sentences</p>	At least four years employment with registered patent attorney or patent attorney firm	<p>- Written examination comprising</p> <p>1) theoretical knowledge part</p> <p>2) part of solving of case exercises of industrial property</p>

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ES	<p>Industrial Property Agent on register maintained by the NPO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colegio Oficial de Agentes de la Propiedad Industrial (COAPI) Calle de la Montera, 13 28013 Madrid Spain - Asociación de Agentes Españoles Autorizados ante Organizaciones Internacionales de Propiedad Industrial e Intelectual (AGESORPI) Paseo de Gracia, 65 bis 08008 Barcelona Spain - Unitary profession 	University degree	No practice required for taking examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The examination is organised and prepared by the NPO - The examination is held by joint panel comprising members of the NPO and the COAPI - Training course provided by COAPI - Same rules apply for private practice and industry
FI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO; www.prh.fi - Finnish Lawyer is also entitled for the professional representation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private practice: Suomen Patenttiasiamiesyhdistys r.y. P.O. Box 595 00101 Helsinki Finland www.spay.fi - Industry: Patentti-Insinöörit r.y.; www.patentti-insinoorit.fi - Non-unitary profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patent Attorney: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Scientific or technical university degree; exceptions possible b) Permanent residence in the EEA - Finnish Lawyer: law degree from University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practise required (for enrolling for examination) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The candidate may enrol after obtaining at least one year experience in the field. b) Patent law module requires a Master's degree in the field of technology or other appropriate higher education. Trademark or design rights module requires a Master's degree in Law or other applicable degree. c) Intellectual Ombudsman Board may grant exemption from the required education, provided a person has handled intellectual property issues for a minimum of five years and passed an examination which the Board considers sufficient for the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From July 1, 2014 the Intellectual Ombudsman Board organizes IP attorney examination, which consisting of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a common part with the IP legal system part and intellectual property attorney ethical conduct part; 2) three IP modules, which includes the patent law, trademark law and design law modules. Modules are optional, however at least one module has to be passed for receiving respective qualification.

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				applicant to demonstrate the required skills.	
FR	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO; with notice of specialization (engineer, lawyer) and field (patents, trademarks, designs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private practice: Compagnie Nationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (CNCPI) 92 rue d'Amsterdam 75009 Paris France www.cncpi.fr - Private practice: Association des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (ACPI) 92 rue d'Amsterdam 75009 Paris France - Industry: Association de Spécialistes en Propriété Industrielle (ASPI) 20 rue Vignon 75009 Paris France - Non-unitary profession 	Engineer diploma or at least University degree (Master) and CEIPI diploma (or equivalent) is required	3 years professional practice should be done under the control of a registered patent attorney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two separate examinations; patents and trademarks/ designs - The patent examination comprises two written parts and one oral part - Having passed the EQE it is necessary only to take the 2nd written part and the oral part - Examination is organised by the NPO - The examination is drafted and examined by a jury chaired by a magistrate and comprising a lawyer, a university professor and other persons qualified in industrial property - ASPI and CNCPI organise training sessions - A person having the CEIPI diploma, 8 years of professional practice and having passed an oral control on deontology could be registered without passing the examination
GB	Patent Attorney on register administered on behalf of the NPO by the IPREG; www.ipreg.org.uk/abou_t_us.php	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) 95 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1DT United Kingdom www.cipa.org.uk/pages/home - Unitary profession 	A degree from a UK University or Polytechnic degree or other qualification considered equivalent by the Joint Examination Board (JEB) conducting the examinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No previous practice is required for taking the examination - For entry onto the national register there is a requirement to have completed either at least two years full time practice under the supervision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The examination comprises a six part foundation examination and a four part final examination. Exemption from some or all of the foundation papers may be obtained by attendance on designated University

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				<p>of a Patent Attorney, barrister or solicitor, or having completed four years full time practice in the field of intellectual property including patent agency work in the UK</p>	<p>courses (e.g. the QMW certificate in intellectual property gives exemption from all foundation papers).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A pass in Paper A of the EQE gives exemption from one of the advanced level papers and a pass in Paper B of the EQE gives exemption in another of the advanced level papers. The two advanced level papers that cannot get such exemption relate to the interpretation / validity of patents, and to general patent attorneys' practice. - The national Examination is organised and marked by the JEB which comprises members from CIPA and the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (ITMA). The standard of the examination is under the formal control of the NPO. - CIPA students arrange their own training and tutorials with the support of CIPA
GR	Only lawyers may practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presently no association - Unitary profession 			No examination
HR	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO	<p>Hrvatska komora patentnih zastupnika i zastupnika za žigove [Croatian Chamber of Patent and Trademark Attorneys] Ulica grada Vukovara 78 10000 Zagreb</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HR resident and - Minimum university degree (Master) from natural or technical science, or Attorney-at-Law + examination passed before the NPO 	<p>Only if academic degree is different from technical or natural science; with minimum duration of 5 year practice in IP field; except in case of already chartered Attorney-at-Law</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The examination comprises a written and an oral part - The examination is organised and prepared by the NPO

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		Croatia	or - Equivalent academic degree + examination passed before the NPO + 5 year of IP practice		
HU	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys	- Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys Kálmán Imre u. 14, 1054 Budapest, Hungary www.szabadalmikamara.hu - Unitary profession	-Hungarian or EEA nationality or an immigrant or a settled person - Having a clean record - University degree or master degree in engineering, informatics, or in other health or natural sciences (specifically medical, veterinarian, biologist, chemist, pharmacist, mathematician, physicist) - Patent attorney examination	- At least 3 years practice as a patent attorney candidate - Graduation from a two years training course organised by the NPO	- National examination comprises: 1) two written parts: one of the topics should be in patents, the other in trademarks; and 2) one oral part: topic selected from national IP law, IP related parts of Civil law and civil procedural law, IP related parts of criminal law; EPC, PCT, International and Community trademark law, basics of national copyright and unfair competition law, TRIPS and other international treaties and patent laws of foreign countries.
IE	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO	- Association of Patent & Trade Mark Agents c/o F.R. Kelly & Co 27 Clyde Road Dublin 4 Ireland www.apmta.ie - Unitary profession	- University degree in science or engineering, exceptions possible - Examination required for entry on the national register	No time limit imposed for taking examination	- The examination comprises two parts, CIPA (GB) and Irish legal part - Ministerial waiver required for compensating CIPA parts with papers of the EQE
IS	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the Icelandic Patent Office	Private practice and industry: Private practice:	Private practice: Icelandic nationality, Scientific or technical university degree or law	Private practice: employment for 5 years	No examination

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		<p>Association of Patent and Trademark Attorneys FUVe www.fuve.is</p> <p>Industry: Association of Patent Practitioners FEIS www.feis.is</p>	degree		
IT	<p>Patent Attorney on register maintained by the Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private practice and industry: Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale Via G. Donizetti 1/A 20122 Milan Italy www.ordine-brevetti.it - Private practice: Collegio Italiano dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale Via Nino Bixio 7 20129 Milan Italy Email: collegio@ficpi.it - Industry: A.I.C.I.P.I., Associazione Italiana dei Consulenti ed Esperti in Proprietà Industriale di Enti o Imprese; www.aicipi.it - Non-unitary profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University degree obtained in Italy or abroad and recognised in Italy - Degree issued by a university or high school institute of EEA state with at least three years education in industrial property, after high school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 months training with company, offices or services specialised in industrial property under the supervision of a registered patent attorney with at least 5 years of experience. Enrollment with the Register of Trainees is compulsory for access to the qualifying examination - Examination not required for Italian citizens with employment for 5 years as an EPO examiner - Examination not required for chief examiners at the NPO with at least 5 years of employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The examination comprises two written parts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) patent drafting and 2) patent law and 3) one oral part on <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) public and private law and civil procedure b) patent law c) EU and international law in industrial property, d) comparative law in industrial property e) English, French or German as foreign language and f) technical knowledge in chemistry, electricity or mechanics - Having passed the EQE allows for taking examination without practice
LI	<p>Patent Attorney on register maintained by the government</p>	<p>Liechtensteinischer Patentanwaltsverband (LIPAV)</p>	<p>National of the EEA or recognized by international treaty</p>	<p>Practice requirements given by EQE</p>	<p>National examination; admittance to oral examination only upon</p>

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	agency FMA (Finanzmarktauf- sicht)	Kappelestrasse 15 9492 Eschen Liechtenstein - Non-unitary profession	- National examination - Educational background in engineering or natural sciences		success in preceding written examination (8 hours: patent, trademark, design, copyright and competition law) - EQE prerequisite for taking national examination
LT	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO	- Association of Patent Attorneys in Lithuania Sv. Ignoto g. 6 01107 Vilnius Lithuania nemlietuva@hotmail.com o.klimaitiene@aaalaw.eu - No compulsory membership for practitioners (patentinis patikėtinis) - Unitary profession	- Lithuanian nationality or EU nationality - University degree in law and/or engineering, natural sciences, mathematics - Passing examination organised by the national patent office	5 years of experience in intellectual property (patent attorney firm, NPO, industry IP department, law firm)	Examination comprises 3 parts: 1) theoretical part on national and international IP laws 2) theoretical part on Civil Code and Civil Proceeding Code of the Republic of Lithuania 3) practical part on patent claim drafting, responding to communications, oppositions, etc.
LU	IP attorneys on Register maintained by "Ministère de l'Economie"	- Fédération des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle au Luxembourg c/o Office Freylinger 234 rte d'Arlon 8010 Strassen Luxembourg Tel.: +352 313830-1	- University degree (law, scientific or technical) - Three years training with patent attorney registered in LU or other EU national state; and - National examination	See column to the left	National examination on LU patent law and Benelux trademark and designs law
LV	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO; www.lrpv.lv	Association of Latvian patent attorneys - Latvijas Patentpilnvaroto Asociācija (LPPA) Ausekļa 2-2 1010 Rīga Latvia www.lppa.lv Tel: +371-67820107 Email: info@lppa.lv	- Latvian nationality or EU nationality - academic or vocational higher education of the second level (the diplomas issued in the relevant specialties by foreign higher educational institutions have to be recognized in Latvia);	Candidate who is not a lawyer shall have a minimum of 3 years of practice in the patent field.	- Examination has one written part and one oral part, choice between all or one of the fields: patents, trademarks, industrial designs - Latvian IP legislation, International conventions and treaties, practical tasks

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			- Examination organized by the national patent office		
MC	<p>Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO http://service-public-entreprises.gouv.mc/Propriete-intellectuelle/Principaux-mandataires/Liste-des-principaux-mandataires/Liste-des-principaux-mandataires-aupres-de-la-Propriete-Intellectuelle</p> <p>(MC and selected FR patent attorneys having their place of business close MC)</p>	Unitary profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No requirements for Monegasque citizens - Requirements for Non-Monegasque citizens in the discretion of the Ministry of Economic Expansion (minimum requirement de facto French Patent Attorney Exam or French Trademark Attorney Exam or EQE) 	MC is not a member of the EEA, therefore no free movement of professionals. Ministry of Economic Expansion limits numbers of authorisations granted to foreign Patent Attorneys to the actual demand in MC.	No examination
MK	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the State Industrial Property Office	<p>Zdruzenie na zastapnici za intelektualna sopstvenost na Republika Makedonija (Associations of Intellectual Property Representatives of Republic of Macedonia – Skopje St. "Orce Nikolov" b.b. 1000 Skopje Macedonia</p>	<p>1) Natural person who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is a citizen of the Republic of Macedonia; - has registered to perform representation in the field of industrial property; - has graduated at Law School, one of the technical faculties and Faculty of Pharmacy; - has passed the specialised exam in accordance with the provision of this Law; and - has knowledge of at least one of the official languages of the organisations in this area inhere Republic of 	No practice requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The examination comprises a written and an oral part - The examination is organised and prepared by the State Industrial Property Office (SIPO) - The examination is held by a Commission of members from the SIPO and scientific and expert community - Training is organised by the SIPO and by Association of Intellectual Property Representatives

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			<p>Macedonia is a member state;</p> <p>2) a lawyer registered in the Bar Association of the Republic of Macedonia who fulfils the conditions of item 1 and lawyers' association or lawyers' office registered in the Bar Association of the Republic of Macedonia that has employed an individual who fulfils the conditions of item 1</p> <p>3) Legal person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that has a registered office in the Republic of Macedonia; - that is registered for representation in the area of industrial property protection; - has employed at least one individual who fulfils the conditions of item 1. 		
MT	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the Comptroller of Industrial Property of Malta	None	Nothing laid down by law	Nothing laid down by law	No examination
NL	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO	<p>- Orde van Octrooigemachtigden Prinses Beatrixlaan 2 2595 AL Den Haag The Netherlands www.octrooigemachtigde.nl</p> <p>- Unitary profession</p>	<p>- University degree in science, technology, engineering or agriculture for taking examination</p> <p>- Anybody having passed the national examination and having three years practice may enter the</p>	<p>- 3 years practice at office of NL patent attorney</p> <p>- Exemption for EEA patent attorneys or qualified European Patent Attorneys (provided they pass an aptitude test)</p>	<p>- The examination is in writing and comprises 6 modules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) general law (3.5 hours) 2) patent law (3hours) 3) other IP-law, European law, competition law (3 hours)

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			national register		<p>4) writing an advice regarding a patent-related problem (8 hours)</p> <p>5) writing of a patent application and</p> <p>6) defending the same (4 hours each)</p> <p>- The examination is examined by an examination committee appointed by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and comprising representatives from the NPO, the patent profession and the legal profession</p> <p>- Training is provided in the form of a two years course</p> <p>- Examination modules form a part of the course, but are also open to persons not following the course</p> <p>- Modules 5 and 6 may be compensated by Paper A and B of the EQE respectively</p>
NO	No register of Patent Attorneys	<p>Private Practice: Norske Patentingeniørers Forening (NPF) – a FICPI associated union</p> <p>Industry: Norsk Forening for Industriens Patentingeniører (NIP) – a FEMIPi associated union</p>		<p>Requirements as defined by the two patent attorney associations (NPF and NIP respectively):</p> <p>Private Practice: At least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 years practice in total - 5 years IPR practice - 3 years in private practice <p>Industry: - Persons employed by</p>	No examination

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				industry or institutions having IPR as a main activity in their work	
PL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IP Attorney on register administrated by NPO - Unitary profession for patent and trademark attorneys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polska Izba Rzeczników Patentowych (PIRP) (Polish Chamber of Patent Attorneys) ul. Madalińskiego 20/ 2 02-513 Warszawa Poland www.rzecznikpatentowy.org.pl - Unitary profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University degree from faculty useful for practicing the profession (e.g. technical, legal) - Citizenship of EU or EFTA - Knowledge of Polish language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 years training organized by PIRP - 3 years practice under supervision of experienced patent attorney 	<p>Qualifying examination organized by PIRP under supervision of NPO, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 written parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Preparing specification of patent application; b) Solving legal issue or preparing legal documents - Oral part (10 questions); Oath before the NPO
PT	IP Attorney on register maintained by the NPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Associação Portuguesa dos Mandatários Europeus de Patentes (AMEP) Rua Vitor Córdon, 14 1249-103 Lisboa Portugal - Associação dos Consultores em Propriedade Intelectual (ACPI) Rua do Salitre, 195 1269-063 Lisboa Portugal www.acpi.org.pt - Unitary profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PT or EEA citizens having passed the national examination - University degree or high school degree of, at least, 3 years - Office located in PT or in the territory of a EEA Member State 	No practice required for taking examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The examination comprises one written part and one oral part - The examination is organised, drafted and examined by the NPO
RO	Patent Attorney on register maintained by NPO and also member of the Romanian Chamber of IP Attorneys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camera Nationala a Consilierilor in Proprietate Industriala din Romania (Romanian Chamber of IP Attorneys) Str.Matei Voievod, nr.103- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RO, EU or EEA nationality - Business place in RO, EU or EEA - Technical, scientific or law university degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 years experience in the basic profession - 3 years training in the IP field - Patent examiner permanently employed at NPO for at least 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examination organised by the NPO - Examination comprises 3 written parts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) One theoretical part on

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		<p>113, bloc O3, sc.C, parter, ap.92 sector 2 - Bucharest Romania www.patent-chamber.ro</p> <p>- Unitary profession</p>		<p>5 years may be granted patent attorney title without further practice or examination</p>	<p>national patent law, PCT, EPC and other international patent treaties, and</p> <p>2) Two practical parts comprising:</p> <p>a) Drafting a specification and claims including filing a patent application</p> <p>b) Replying to an official action or drafting an opposition paper or appeal or replying to an opposition paper</p>
RS	<p>Attorney at Law or Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO</p>	<p>No associations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural person, RS resident; - Command of one language of international communication - Faculty of Law graduates + examination before NPO - University degree in Technologies, or Science and Mathematics or Pharmacy + examination before NPO - University degree in Technologies, or Science and Mathematics or Pharmacy + at least five years of working experience with the NPO - Legal persons having seat in RS and employing at least one Law faculty graduate and one 	<p>2 years practice in IP, except for Attorneys at Law</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The examination comprises 2 parts: written and oral part - The examination is organized and prepared by the NPO

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			Technology or Sciences and Mathematics or Pharmacy graduate who fulfill conditions to represent clients on a professional basis i.e. who passed Patent Attorney examination		
SE	<p>No mandatory authorization.</p> <p>Voluntary authorization gives privileged status under the Swedish act on authorisation of patent attorneys (SFS 2010:1052), and Chapter 36, Section 5 of the Swedish Code of Judicial Procedure.</p> <p>A register of authorised patent attorneys is kept by Patentombudsnämnden: www.patentombudsnamnden.se</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private practice: Svenska Patentombudsföreningen c/o Trona Patentrådgivning AB, Box 102, 129 22 Hägersten Sweden www.spop.se - Industry: Svenska Industrins IP Förening (for a postal address, please contact the secretary: veronica.liedberg@sg.se) www.sipf.se - Non-unitary profession 	Person living in Sweden with a technical or legal degree from a university involving at least 4 years studies	4 years practice in Sweden relating to patent matters	<p>National examination planned to be held yearly.</p> <p>Technical and legal matters will be tested. Passing EQE can replace the technical parts, but legal matters relating to Swedish national law and code of conduct need to be tested.</p>
SI	<p>Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO; http://www.uil-sipo.si</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Association of Slovenian Patent Attorneys (ASPA) c/o ITEM d.o.o. Resljeva cesta 16 1000 Ljubljana Slovenia - Unitary profession 	Natural person with university diploma in the technical field or natural science and who passed the examination	No practice required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National examination for patent attorneys is organized by the NPO and consists of a written part which usually takes appr. 8 hours and an oral part which takes appr. 3 hours - The examination covers Slovenian national legislation and international treaties valid in Slovenia concerning patents, trademarks, industrial designs and geographical indications

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					- The EQE has no formal influence on this examination
SK	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the Chamber of Patent Attorneys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slovak Chamber of Patent Attorneys Ružová dolina 6 821 08 Bratislava Slovakia www.patentattorneys.sk - Unitary profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tertiary education - Professional examination - Oath to President 	3 years practice by patent attorneys or 4-years practice in industrial property department of companies required for taking examination	Professional examination given by the NPO comprises written and oral parts
SM	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO; www.usbm.sm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No association - Unitary profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrolment on register of Italian or European patent Attorneys - SM citizen or IT/EU citizen having elected business place in SM 	No practice required	No examination
TR	Patent Attorney on register maintained by the NPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patent ve Marka Vekilleri Derneği (PEM) www.pem.org.tr (Association, not national) - Unitary profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turkish citizenship with place of residence in Turkey - University degree of 4 years 	No practice required for taking examination	The examination comprises a single written part comprising questions related to national patent law and regulations, international treaties, agreements. Also there are questions related to general knowledge in commercial code, economics, mathematics, law in general, political history, and Turkish language.

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- EQE (European Qualifying Examination)
- EEA (European Economic Area)
- NPO (National Patent Office)

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